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Allen and Monroe Counties Eligible for FSA Emergency Loans

(LEXINGTON, February 21, 2006) --- Farmers in Allen and Monroe Counties are eligible for Federal disaster assistance, including Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency loans (EM) for eligible farmers.

On February 13, 2006, Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns declared eight counties in Tennessee as disaster areas due to losses caused by drought and above normal temperatures that occurred from May 1, 2005 and continuing. As a result, two counties in Kentucky qualify as contiguous counties and are eligible for EM loans through FSA.

FSA will make loans, up to \$500,000 per borrower, at a statutory 3.75 percent interest rate, subject to a test for credit. Applications must be filed with the local FSA County office not later than October 13, 2006.

For additional information on any FSA program, contact the local FSA County office or visit the Kentucky FSA web at:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/ky/>.

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