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Allen, Graves, Hickman and Simpson Counties Eligible for FSA Emergency Loans

(LEXINGTON, April 20, 2006) --- Farmers in Allen, Graves, Hickman and Simpson Counties are eligible for Federal disaster assistance, including Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency loans (EM) for eligible farmers.

On April 17, 2006, President Bush amended a disaster declaration for Tennessee to include 12 additional Tennessee counties and four in Kentucky as disaster areas due to damages and losses caused by severe storms and tornadoes that occurred from April 2 through April 8, 2006. As a result, Allen, Graves, Hickman and Simpson 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 December 18, 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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