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Nebraska FSA Announces Public Meetings

Lincoln, NE, March 27, 2007 -- Brian Wolford, State Executive Director of the Nebraska Farm Service Agency, recently announced the proposal to consolidate 12 FSA County Offices in Nebraska.

FSA will conduct information meetings in each of the 12 counties to review why the office was chosen for consolidation, how the consolidation will happen, and options for farmers and ranchers in the county. Wolford, in conjunction with the five-member State FSA Committee, will also hear comments from the public on the proposed consolidations.

Nebraska FSA is striving to maintain an optimum network of FSA facilities, staffing, training, and technology with a declining budget and shrinking staff. When the review of FSA County Offices began in 2006, there were 81 Nebraska FSA County Offices. The goal of the State Review Plan Proposal is to address the Agency's challenges, to better support staff and to improve efficiency and service to producers.

The public is invited to attend the following meetings being held the week of April 2:

April 2, 2007, 2:30 P.M., Millard Social Hall, 10508 So. 144th St., Millard, NE

April 3, 2007 10:30 A.M., Ponca State Park, River Bluff Rm., 88090 Spur 26E, Ponca, NE

April 3, 2007 6:30 P.M. Spencer-Naper High School, 106 E. Greig St. Spencer, NE

April 4, 2007 10:00 A.M. Greeley Courthouse Mtg Rm., 101 S. Kildare, Greeley, NE

April 4, 2007 3:00 P.M. Burwell Legion, 7th & G St. Burwell, NE

April 4, 2007 7:00 P.M. Thedford Rural High School, Old Gym, 304 Maple St., Thedford, NE

The Nebraska FSA County Office Restructuring Plan proposal can be obtained at www.fsa.usda.gov/ne. Comments can be provided by e-mail at FSA.Offices@ne.usda.gov during the 30-day comment period which ends April 27, 2007.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend this meeting should contact Mike Sander at 402-437-5581 or e-mail at mike.sander@ne.usda.gov at least 3 days prior to the meeting date.