

For: FFAS Employees

Gift Certificate and Savings Bond Programs

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Management



1 Gift Certificates and Savings Bonds

A Background

USDA:

- does not want the Gift Certificate Program implemented at this time
- sees the following 2 problems associated with implementing the Gift Certificate Program:
 - assuring awards are reported to NFC
 - using government credit cards to purchase gift certificates and the possibility for abuse.

Since these concerns also apply to the Savings Bond Program, FFAS has decided not to pursue either program at this time.

B Purpose

This notice informs all employees that the Gift Certificate Program and Savings Bond Program will not be implemented at this time.

C Labor Relations Obligations

Where exclusive representation exists, this notice does not apply until bargaining takes place. Where contract language addresses these policies and procedures for bargaining unit employees, contract language prevails.

<p>Disposal Date</p> <p>October 1, 2003</p>	<p>Distribution</p> <p>All FAS, FSA, and RMA employees; State Offices relay to County Offices</p>
--	--