UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency Washington, DC 20250 **Notice PM-2648**

For: FSA Employees

Length of Service (LOS) Keepsake Program

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1 Overview

A Background

LOS awards are given to recognize an employee's Federal and county service. Employees are recognized with a keepsake and a certificate at 5 years of service and at each 5-year increment thereafter. A variety of keepsakes have been stocked in the Kansas City warehouse to cover 5 to 40 years of service.

Pending funding availability, keepsakes for employees reaching 45 or more years of service should be purchased and personalized by the local office.

B Purpose

This notice:

- continues the LOS Keepsake Program
- updates the web site links.

C Obsolete Material

Notice PM-2625 is obsolete.

Disposal Date	Distribution
November 1, 2008	All FSA employees; State Offices relay to County Offices

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A Employees Covered

All FSA Federal and county employees (except COC/STC members) are covered by the LOS Keepsake Program.

B LOS Keepsakes

The following provides a list of available LOS keepsakes.

Years of Service	Keepsake	Warehouse Item Number
5, 10, 15, or 20	Presidential Mug	835
	Business Card Paperweight	836
	Piazza Crystal Box	837
	Card Holder	844
	Glass Plate with Stand	846
	Marble Card Holder	847
	Memo Clip	848
	Jade Glass Pen with Stand	849
	Letter Opener with Slip Case	853
	Flashlight and Keychain with Case	854
	Business Card Holder with Lid	855
	Ballpoint Pen/Pencil Set with Case	856
	* (5 yrs engraved) Crystal Mug	649
	* (10 yrs engraved) Paper Weight	650
	* (15 yrs engraved) Crystal Box	651
25, 30, 35, or 40	Crystal Gibraltar	838
	Jade Angle Clock	839
	Picture Frame with Photo	840
	Crystal Two Pen Holder	841
	Dove Ice Server	842
	Baltic Lectern Set	843
	Beveled Crescent	845
	Marbled Wing Clock	850
	Golosina Crystal Jar with Lid	851
	Balmaral Crystal Vase	852
	Planet Desk Clock	857
	Calculator	858
	Frosted Globe Paperweight	859
	* (25 yrs engraved) Crystal Tray	653
	* (30 yrs engraved) Coasters	654
	* (35 yrs engraved) Clock Plaque	655
	* (40 yrs engraved) Crystal Picture Frame	656
* Limited quantities avai	lable. Item will not be reordered.	

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C LOS Keepsakes for 45+ Years of Service

Office may spend up to \$200 per employee for a keepsake that recognizes 45 or more years of service pending funding availability. The keepsake **must**:

- be something that the recipient could reasonably be expected to value, but **not** something that conveys a sense of monetary value
- have a lasting value as a symbol of excellence
- clearly symbolize the employer-employee relationship in some fashion
- take an appropriate form to be used in the public sector and to be purchased with public funds.

Example: Purchasing a firearm would be inappropriate.

D LOS Certificates

The following provides a list of LOS certificates available.

Number of Years Service	Warehouse Item Number
5	660
10	661
15	662
20	663
25	664
30	665
35	666
40	667
45	668
50	669

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2 Procedure for Keepsake Program (Continued)

E Ordering Procedures

Employees shall order LOS keepsakes upon reaching an applicable anniversary date according to the following.

Step	Employee Action	
1	Go to http://content.ffas.usda.gov/offices/pmba/awardItems.htm and select the	
	keepsake of their choice within the appropriate group.	
2	Complete the LOS selection form at	
	http://content.ffas.usda.gov/offices/pmba/los_awards_selection.doc indicating	
	the keepsake chosen.	
3	FAX the LOS selection form to their appropriate Servicing Personnel Office	
	according to subparagraph F.	

F Contacts

The following provides contacts for submitting LOS selection forms.

IF the employee is located in	THEN send LOS selection form to
FSA National Office	HRD, EPB, Attn: Angela Jackson
	Phone: 202-401-0682
	FAX: 202-205-9140.
FSA Kansas City/St Louis Offices	KCHRO, ELRS, Attn: Dana Candler
• APFO	Phone: 816-926-6117
RMA Kansas City	FAX: 816-926-6156.
State and County Office	State Office, Administrative Division.

If there are questions about this notice, contact HRD, Employee Program Branch, at 202-401-0694 or 202-401-0682.