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## NEBRASKA FSA ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL PUBLIC MEETINGS

Lincoln, NE, April 19, 2007 – Nebraska Farm Service Agency announced plans today to hold two additional public meetings in an effort to gather information and to listen to producer comments regarding proposed FSA office consolidations. The agency recently completed twelve public meetings in potentially impacted communities.

Public meetings will be held in Dakota County and Hitchcock County during the first week of May.

May 3, 2007, 9:00 a.m. CDT – Fraternal Order of Eagles Club, 801 W. 13th St., South Sioux City, NE

May 4, 2007, 10:30 a.m. CDT – Trenton Community Development Commission Building, 402 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St., Trenton, NE

"The State FSA Committee wants to be very thorough in this process and feels two additional public meetings will help us to make the most informed decision possible when it comes to submitting the final proposal," said Brian Wolford, State Executive Director.

The format will be the same as prior meetings including a presentation by FSA followed by the opportunity for the public to offer comments and to ask questions about the FSA Office Structure proposal, according to Wolford.

"No decisions have been made on any of the proposed locations. Today begins a new 30-day comment period for Dakota and Hitchcock Counties," said Milt Rogers, State FSA Committee Chairman. The comment time for the original twelve locations ends on April 27, 2007.

The State FSA Review Plan Proposal is available at <a href="www.fsa.usda.gov/ne">www.fsa.usda.gov/ne</a>. E-mail comments can be sent to fsa.offices@ne.usda.gov</a> and letters can be sent to the Nebraska State FSA Office, 7131 A Street, Lincoln, NE 68510.

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.