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Farm Credit Supports Agriculture and Rural America with More Than \$300,000 in National Contributions

\$2 million Earmarked for Agriculture and Rural America by End of 2011

DENVER, June 8, 2011 – [Farm Credit](#), a national provider of financing and related services to agricultural producers and agribusinesses, committed more than \$300,000 in contributions to local and national agricultural programs in the first and second quarters of 2011.

Farm Credit's [National Contributions Program](#) is aligned with the Farm Credit System's historic mission to serve agriculture and rural America, and commits \$2 million annually to support programs that improve the well-being of American farmers and ranchers. Additionally, Farm Credit's five banks and 84 associations give millions of dollars and thousands of volunteer hours annually to support local and regional programs.

"Farm Credit has a legacy of supporting programs that advocate for, educate, and benefit rural American communities in measurable ways," said Christina Bowen, director of national contributions for Farm Credit. "The national contributions program expands the concept of lending support to rural America beyond Farm Credit's expertise in financing farmers and ranchers."

"Thanks to Farm Credit's support, The Executive Program for Agricultural Producers (TEPAP) has educated more than 1,300 farmers and ranchers on business topics to help them thrive in today's economy," said Dr. Danny Klinefelter, TEPAP program director and a National Farm Credit grant recipient. "Made possible through Farm Credit's contributions, TEPAP is an educational program that enables farmers and ranchers to learn advanced agribusiness skills that are relevant and essential to remain competitive in today's international agribusiness sector."

The Farm Credit national contributions program's application deadline for the third quarter is Aug. 2, 2011. Qualified applicants are invited to apply today at www.farmcredit.com. Click on the "Apply for Grants and Sponsorships" button.

Recent beneficiaries of the Farm Credit national contributions program include:

- The Executive Program for Agricultural Producers (TEPAP) <http://tepap.tamu.edu/>
- National Agricultural Alumni & Development Association Inc. <http://www.naada.org/>
- New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau <http://www.nmfarmbureau.org/>
- Sand County Foundation <http://www.sandcounty.net/>
- Center for Rural Affairs <http://www.cfra.org/>
- International Institute for Research – Agriculture 2.0 <http://www.iirusa.com/agriculture20/agriculture20.xml>
- National 4-H Forestry <http://www.4hforestryinvitational.org/>
- Iowa State University of Science and Technology's Annie's Project for Farm and Ranch Women <http://www.anniesproject.org>
- U.S. Farmers & Ranchers Alliance <http://usfraonline.org/>
- National Dairy Producers <http://www.nationaldairyproducers.org/>
- National Association of State Departments of Agriculture <http://www.nasda.org/>
- American National Cattlemen <http://www.ancw.org/>
- Eastern States FFA <http://www.thebige.com/fair/>
- Extension Professional Association of Florida <http://epaf.ifas.ufl.edu/index.shtml>
- Langston University Annual Farmer's Conference <http://agblog.ok.gov/2011/05/26/20th-annual-langston-university-small-farmers-conference/>
- National Association of State Foresters <http://www.stateforesters.org/>
- Ohio Christmas Tree Association <http://ohiochristmastree.com/>
- American AgriWomen <http://www.americanagriwomen.org/>

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About Farm Credit: Lending Support to Rural America

Farm Credit is a national provider of credit and related services to rural America through a cooperative network of customer-owned lending institutions and specialized service organizations. Created by Congress in 1916, the Farm Credit System provides more than \$150 billion in loans and leases to farmers, ranchers, rural homeowners, aquatic producers, timber harvesters, agribusinesses, and agricultural and rural utility cooperatives. For more information about the Farm Credit System, please visit www.farmcredit.com.