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Mr. Lawrence Kiesow  
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Dear Lawrence Kiesow:

You requested to bid in the 29<sup>th</sup> CRP sign-up three pieces of land. Enclosed are copies of land in question. Upon checking cropping history from 1996-2001 we find this land is ineligible for the following reasons:

T9492 - Both pieces were CRP in the years 1996-2001, which would qualify the land if you had not been broken ~~fr~~ up during recent years. Land previously enrolled in CRP that the grass cover continues to maintained as though enrolled in the program would be considered Conserving Use for cropping history purposes. The land in the scenario enclosed was tilled up and therefore it loses its Conserving Use status and is considered to have an ineligible cropping history.

T 10723 - According to our records was listed as State Land 1996-1997 with no report on file for cropping history. 1998-2000 it was listed as grass and hay. In 2001 it was listed as soybeans. Therefore, there is only one year of eligible cropping history and you need four out of six years from 1996-2001 to qualify.

The cropping history requirements will be in place and won't change through the current Farm Bill date of 2007.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call on this office. Thank you.

Sincerely,

JoDell Poolman  
County Executive Director

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