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### **USDA MAKES FUNDS AVAILABLE TO MEET URGENT CREDIT NEEDS OF PRODUCERS**

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announces there's a high demand for guaranteed farm ownership and direct farm operating funds has prompted the USDA to transfer appropriated funds between programs as authorized by law, to meet the urgent credit needs of producers, including beginning and minority farmers and ranchers.

"Demand is strong for direct operating loans and guaranteed farm ownership loans, while demand for subsidized guaranteed operating loans has stabilized," says Vilsack. "With these funds, we can help thousands of producers establish and maintain their family farming operations and obtain long-term credit assistance through a commercial lender."

The transfer will make an additional \$100 million in loan funds available for the direct operating loan program, providing 1,600 small, beginning and minority farmers with resources to establish and maintain their family farming operations. In addition, \$400 million in loan funds will be made available for the guaranteed farm ownership loan program giving an additional 1,000 family farmers access to commercial lending backed by USDA. Both programs had run out of funds resulting in a backlog of approved but unfunded loan applications.

This measure will allow all of the backlogged loans to be funded and provide sufficient funds to meet the needs of new loan applicants for these programs while at the same time leaving sufficient funding for the subsidized guaranteed farm operating loans program to meet the expected demand for fiscal year 2011. Producers needing additional direct operating or longer term guaranteed farm ownership loans funds are encouraged to make application at their local Farm Service Agency office.

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## **AGRICULTURE SECRETARY VILSACK ADDRESSES NATIONAL FFA LEADERS ABOUT NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN AGRICULTURE**

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack told state officers from the National FFA Organization today that, as the next generation of America's farmers, they face a bright but rapidly changing future and USDA is committed to partnering with them to achieve their goals. The Secretary also announced the release of a new field guide to assist entrepreneurs looking to build successful farming operations that take advantage of new local and regional markets.

"The Obama Administration recognizes that the face of American agriculture is rapidly changing, with access to new markets, opportunities and innovative ways of providing products to consumers," said Vilsack. "At the same time, the average age of the American farmer is now 57, so it will soon be up to the next generation to pick up the mantle, produce our nation's food and fiber and manage the risks that are inherent to agriculture. At USDA, we are committed to working with these young farmers to ensure they have the support they need to be successful in this industry that is so vital to the safety and security of our nation."

The Secretary noted that nearly half of the USDA direct operating loans provided in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) went to beginning farmers. He noted that the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) continues to work with the National FFA and supports research, education and outreach projects that directly benefit small and medium size farmers. Working with the National FFA and the 4-H, the Farm Service Agency makes loans to rural youth to help them start agricultural operations. Earlier this year the Secretary signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the National FFA to find ways to strengthen American agriculture by developing new farming opportunities for young owners and producers. Additionally, Rural Development each year helps fund the FFA Agri-Entrepreneurship Award which honors FFA members who recognize market opportunities and develop solid business plans.

The USDA is also working with partners to support young, motivated entrepreneurs who are looking past traditional ways of bringing products to market. Through the efforts of the Farm Credit Council and with funding provided with a grant from the USDA's Risk Management Agency, the Secretary said a new Internet tool has been developed to assist the growing numbers of direct-market farms and ranches and also the lenders, accountants and other businesses who work with them. Titled the "Field Guide to the New American Foodshed" it was inspired by the "Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food" initiative.

The Guide describes the business relationships between farms, processors, distributors, and business advisors and includes case studies showing how farms and ranches are utilizing a growing number of regional food marketing channels. There is also a "decision tree" to help develop a business plan. This effort, said the Secretary, is part of the Obama Administration's commitment to investing resources and energy to not only recruit the next generation of farmers, but provide them with the tools to help them be successful. To learn more see: <http://foodshedguide.org/>

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**SECRETARY VILSACK URGES PHILANTHROPISTS TO SEEK PARTNERSHIPS,  
SMART INVESTMENTS TO MAXIMIZE IMPACT IN RURAL AMERICA**

At the Council on Foundations Rural Philanthropy Conference, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack called on representatives of philanthropic organizations from across America to "step up, take risks and work creatively to create jobs, improve quality of life and make an impact on rural America." During his keynote address, the Secretary urged philanthropists to partner with the Obama Administration, through the newly-announced White House Rural Council to drive smart investment strategies in rural America. "Rural America wants faster, more reliable telecommunications services; improved educational resources, health services and reliable police and fire protection. While the government can provide assistance, we need you to work with us in full partnership to maximize limited resources."

Vilsack says that rural America faces a silent crisis of poverty, lack of education, outmigration, lack of opportunity and lack of capital and credit. Many challenges stretch across geographic and political boundaries. "We need your support in leading more communities to consider broadening their scope, and doing the necessary planning to leverage the resources around them. I challenge you to step up, take risks and work creatively to create jobs, improve quality of life and make an impact on rural America. That doesn't just mean increased investments – but smarter investments."

The Secretary says philanthropic organizations can forge new partnerships to remove barriers to rural investment. For example, in South Dakota, USDA provided a \$135,000 matching grant in 2010 to the Čokata Wičoni Teen Center. The Center then worked to complete the match requirement through donations from Running Strong for American Indian Youth, South Dakota Community Foundation, and private donations. The teen center serves a wide area and includes a library, classrooms, computer lab, and commercial kitchen.

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**LAWMAKERS HEAR FARM SAFETY NET  
SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT FARM BILL**

How should farm safety net programs be changed in the next farm bill? Rep. Frank Lucas chairs of the House Agricultural Committee and Bruce Nelson is the head of the USDA's Farm Service Agency.

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**OFFICIALS EXPECT BIG JUMP IN  
DISASTER PAYMENTS TO FARMERS**

While price support payments to farmers this year are down drastically from just four years ago, one other payment may be about to rise rapidly. Bruce Nelson, Administrator of the USDA's Farm Service Agency, telling lawmakers about shortcomings in the current SURE disaster program and how they might be corrected.

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**KEEPSEAGLE SETTLEMENT CLAIMS FILING PERIOD OPENS  
FOR NATIVE AMERICAN FARMERS AND RANCHERS**

Those eligible must file claims no later than December 27, 2011. The filing period opened June 29, 2011. "Now that the claims process is open, Native American farmers and ranchers who believe they are entitled to funds under the Keepseagle settlement must file a claim by the December deadline in order to have a chance to receive a cash payment or loan forgiveness," says Janie Hipp, Senior Adviser to Secretary Vilsack for Tribal Relations. "Tribal leaders may want to consider advising Tribal members of the requirement to obtain and submit a completed claims package if they wish to participate in the Keepseagle claims process."

Keepseagle v. Vilsack was a lawsuit alleging that USDA discriminated against Native American farmers and ranchers in the way it operated its farm loan program. The lawsuit was settled late last year and the settlement has been approved by the court. Up to \$760 million will be made available in monetary relief, debt relief, and tax relief to successful claimants. There are two tracks for claims: Successful Track A claimants may receive up to \$50,000; successful Track B claimants may receive up to \$250,000. The standard of proof for Track B claims is a higher standard than what will be applied to Track A claims.

Keepseagle class counsel is holding a number of meetings in the coming months throughout Indian Country and they will provide assistance to help Track A claimants fill out a claims package at those meetings. The dates and times of the meetings are posted on the Keepseagle claims website: [www.indianfarmclass.com](http://www.indianfarmclass.com).

Claimant services representatives can also be reached through calling 888-233-5506. Claimants must register for a claims package (by calling the number or visiting the website) and the claims package will be mailed to claimants. All those interested in learning more or receiving information about the claims process and claims packages are encouraged to attend a meeting and contact the website or claims telephone number. The website is: [www.indianfarmclass.com](http://www.indianfarmclass.com). The call number is: 888-233-5506

This announcement does not relate to claims for African American, women or Hispanic farmers. Those claims will be subject to different processes, and information will be forthcoming in the coming months.

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**FOUR NEW BIOMASS CROP  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROJECTS**

Farmers in six states may be able to get some help growing new crops for biofuels production. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack says the additional Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP) project areas expand the availability of non-food crops to be used in the manufacturing of liquid biofuels. The four project areas set aside acres in California, Kansas, Montana, Oklahoma, Oregon and Washington for the production of renewable energy crops. According to industry estimates, these projects will create more than 3,400 jobs in the biorefinery, agriculture and supporting sectors, and provide the feedstocks to produce more than 2 million gallons of biofuels annually when full production levels are achieved. "The selection of these project areas is another step in the effort to assist the nation's advanced biofuel industry to produce energy in commercial quantities from sustainable rural resources. This effort will create jobs and stimulate rural economies across the nation," says Vilsack.

Two of the new BCAP project areas, targeted for California, Montana, Washington and Oregon, will grow camelina at a significant scale. Camelina, an oilseed, is a rotation crop for wheat that can be established on marginally productive land. Biofuel from camelina is an ideal jet fuel substitute, and the announcement of these projects coincides with the first anniversary of a joint announcement by the USDA, the Boeing Corporation and the Air Transportation Association on an initiative to bring sustainable and renewable aviation fuels to the marketplace. The project has a target of 51,000 acres. The sponsors

are Beaver Biodiesel, LLC and AltAir Fuels LLC. The project areas are near biomass conversion facilities in Bakersfield, Calif., Tacoma, Wash., and Albany, Ore.

Another BCAP project area, part of an effort sponsored by cellulosic biofuels company ZeaChem, will encourage growth of hybrid poplar trees in Oregon. The project area surrounds a biomass conversion facility in Boardman, Oregon. Additionally, a BCAP project area in Kansas and Oklahoma, sponsored by Abengoa Biofuels, has been designated to grow up to 20,000 acres of switchgrass. The project area surrounds the future facility's biomass conversion facility in Hugoton, Kan.

The USDA has allocated approximately \$45 million for contracts that range between less than five years up to 15 years in the four project areas for producers who volunteer to enroll in BCAP. Producers who enter into BCAP contracts are eligible for reimbursements of up to 75 percent of the establishment costs of the perennial energy crop, and up to five years of annual maintenance payments for herbaceous crops and up to 15 years for woody crops. According to industry estimates, more than 3,400 jobs in the biorefinery, agriculture and supporting sectors will be created due to these new BCAP project areas, with more than 2 million gallons annually of biofuels manufactured when full production levels are achieved.

The sign-up period for these four new project areas will begin on Aug. 8, 2011. The deadline to sign up for the project areas is Friday, Sept. 16, 2011. The Farm Service Agency, administering the program on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation with conservation planning assistance from the Natural Resources Conservation Service and other partners, will enter into contracts with landowners and operators in these project areas. Producers interested in participating in the project areas should visit their local FSA county office. Information about BCAP may be found at [www.fsa.usda.gov/bcap](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/bcap).

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## BIOFUELS INDUSTRY VITAL TO THE ECONOMIC FUTURE OF RURAL AMERICA

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack says the continued support of the nation's biofuels industry is vital to the economic well being of rural America. Vilsack tell a biofuels conference in Baltimore that it's time to stop the negative thinking on the chances for biofuels to become a major energy source for America and a major income source for rural areas.

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## WINNER ANNOUNCED IN FIRST LADY'S RECIPES FOR HEALTHY KIDS CONTEST

Intermediate District 287, South Education Center Alternative in Richfield, Minnesota. captured the Grand Prize with its *Porcupine Sliders* in First Lady Michelle Obama's Recipes for Healthy Kids competition. The competition took place in a national cook-off held during the American Culinary Federation National Convention, from among 340 recipes originally submitted by schools across the country. White House chef Sam Kass acted as master of ceremonies for the cook-off.

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Administrator Audrey Rowe says, "Intermediate District 287, South Education Center Alternative and all of the schools that participated in the competition have demonstrated once again that school meals can be healthy – and taste great too. This is an outstanding achievement for our kids and for our efforts to bring healthier meals and healthier lifestyles to schools across the nation."

Finalists included [Central Valley Harvest Bake](#), submitted by Joshua Cowell School in Manteca, California and [Tuscan Smoked Turkey & Bean Soup](#) submitted by Ira B. Jones Elementary School in Asheville, North Carolina. Competing teams submitted recipes in three categories: Dry Beans, Dark Green-Orange Vegetables, and Whole Grains. The top 10 recipes in each category will be published in a Recipes for Healthy Kids cookbook to share with schools, students and families.

The USDA and the First Lady launched the [Recipes for Healthy Kids](#) competition last September, challenging teams of school nutrition professionals, chefs, students, and community members to develop creative, nutritious, and kid-approved recipes that schools can easily incorporate into National School Lunch Program menus. The contest is a component of the First Lady's broader Let's Move! initiative that also includes Chefs Move to Schools, which encourages chefs to work with schools in their communities.

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### **EXPERTS STICK WITH THEIR PREVIOUS 2011 FOOD PRICE FORECAST**

This year Americans will likely have seen some of the biggest hikes in food prices in several years. Gary Crawford speaks with USDA economist Ephriam Leibtag.

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### **THE RAP ON HEAT IS NOT ALL BAD**

The heat in the Midwest hasn't been all bad when it comes to corn and soybean development. Susan Carter talks with USDA Meteorologist Brad Rippey.

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### **AG SEC JOINS THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF LA RAZA TO HIGHLIGHT IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NUTRITIONAL HEALTH OF HISPANICS**

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack joined local, state, and national partners at the National Council of La Raza (NCLR) Annual Conference to discuss efforts to combat hunger and improve the nutritional health of Hispanics, especially children. "USDA is committed to ensuring that all Latino families in the United States have access to nutritious foods, which will help them stay healthy, active and able to win their future," says Vilsack. "Our valued partners at La Raza and its affiliates are uniquely positioned to create and implement sustainable solutions to ending hunger and help us reach the most vulnerable members of our communities. We need to work together in setting a table for everyone to have access to healthy, affordable food."

Recent studies show 17.4 million American households were at risk for hunger in 2009, including one in four Latino families. Among them, Hispanic households with children were more likely than average to face very low food security among children. At the same time, obesity remains the fastest growing public health issue in the United States. Roughly one-third of American children are overweight or obese, putting that same proportion of children at risk for diabetes, with the rate in Latino communities reaching nearly one-half.

The USDA remains committed to addressing the dual challenges of childhood hunger and obesity – both fueled by a lack of proper nutrition. USDA provides nutrition assistance to 1 in 4 Americans, but there are still many people who are eligible for assistance programs and are not enrolled. SNAP, the

nation's largest nutrition assistance program, provides nutrition education and helps put healthy food on the table for more than 44 million people each month, half of whom are children. However, only 56 percent of eligible Hispanics access these critical benefits.

"At a time when 40 percent of Latino children are either overweight or obese, and a third of Latino families with children are threatened by hunger, it is important that Latino families know that USDA programs can make the difference in providing good food on the table," says Lisa Pino, the USDA's Deputy Director of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. "That's why it's imperative to work with partners like NCLR to reach more people in need and help them access critical nutrition benefits."

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## **BIOPREFERRED FINAL RULE DESIGNATES ADDITIONAL 14 BIOBASED CATEGORIES FOR PREFERRED FEDERAL PURCHASING**

More than 8,900 biobased products are now eligible for preferred federal purchasing with the recent designation. "This is an important milestone as increasing bioproduct demand and use helps create jobs in rural communities and adds value to agricultural commodities," says Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "According to a recent [Iowa State University](http://www.iastate.edu) study, survey respondents from the biobased product industry reported more than 100,000 jobs—largely domestic—associated with their biobased product lines."

The final rule, published in the Federal Register July 22, is part of a series of rules to designate biobased items. The new product categories designated under Round 7 include: animal repellent; bath products; bioremediation materials; compost activators and accelerators; concrete and asphalt cleaners; cuts, burns and abrasions ointments; dishwashing products; erosion control materials; floor cleaners and protectors; hair care products such as conditioners and shampoos; interior paints and coatings such as latex and waterborne alkyd and oil-based and solvent-borne alkyd; oven and grill cleaners; slide way lubricants; and thermal shipping containers - durable and thermal shipping containers as well as non-durable.

Biobased products are composed wholly or significantly of biological ingredients - renewable plant, animal, marine or forestry materials. A BioPreferred designated item is one that meets or exceeds USDA established minimum biobased content requirements. Visit <http://www.biopreferred.gov> for more information on Round 7 and a complete list and description of each BioPreferred designated item or follow BioPreferred at <http://twitter.com/BioPreferred>.

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## **STATEMENT FROM AGRICULTURE SECRETARY VILSACK ON THE PASSING OF AMBASSADOR CHARLES MANATT**

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack made the following statement on the passing of Ambassador Charles Manatt: "I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Ambassador Charles T. Manatt. I first met Chuck in 1985 - when he was already a prominent figure in national politics - but he was willing spend time to listen to and encourage me as a young lawyer. Chuck was raised in Iowa, where he learned the values of hard work and serving others on his father's farm and through his involvement in 4H, Boy Scouts and FFA. Throughout his life - which included professional work in the diverse fields of law, banking, politics, farming and Foreign Service - Chuck was successful thanks to those values. He will be remembered above all for his generosity and commitment to helping those less fortunate. My thoughts and prayers are with Chuck's wife, Kathy, and their three children and grandchildren."

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## OFF MIKE

**IT IS FREAKING HOT IN TEXAS** – Monday was the 24<sup>th</sup> consecutive day of 100+ degree temperatures and no rain in the big D also known as Dallas. **Tony Purcell** (Texas State Networks - Dallas, Texas <http://www.tsnradio.com/> ) tell us that in Abilene it will be the 44<sup>th</sup> consecutive day of high heat. **Purcell** says, "The Experts say there will be no dry land Cotton crop. Crop insurance agents expect every dry land cotton grower on the high and rolling plains to file a claim. Cattle are going to sale barns in record numbers." The heat has resulted in some cattle being turned away because the sales were going too long in the scorching heat. "They are harvesting cotton in the Coastal Bend region. Early reports are average quality and reduced yields."

**NAFB SELECTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** – The new head of the National Association of Farm Broadcasting is farm broadcasting veteran **Tom Brand** (KFEQ Radio – St, Joseph, Missouri [www.680kfeq.com/](http://www.680kfeq.com/)). NAFB President **Tom Steever** (Brownfield Ag New – Jefferson City, Missouri <http://brownfieldagnews.com/>) says **Brand** brings extensive experience in farm broadcasting and agriculture which will afford NAFB members the opportunity to have a seasoned leader. “Tom has a wealth of knowledge of the many facets of the very broad and diverse agricultural industry,” says **Steever**. “He knows the challenges and opportunities this industry faces and he knows how to tell the story of American agriculture. Above all, he is a passionate leader who sincerely cares about the future of farm broadcasting, its' viability to station and network management and the direct connection to association's allied industry members.”

A native of Nodaway County, **Brand** grew up on a diversified family livestock and grain operation. He's presently the farm director at KFEQ. His farm-broadcasting career at the Brownfield Network began in 1993. He also served as NAFB president in 2003.

Agriculture is **Brand's** blood and he says, “I'm excited about opportunities available for farm broadcasters. While we will always serve rural America and those directly involved in production agriculture, we also have opportunities to reach a broader audience who may not understand the role farmers and ranchers play to providing food and fiber to the world. NAFB has a rich history and a bright future. Although farm broadcasting has evolved, the organization is still made up of passionate individuals dedicated to serving U.S. agriculture and all involved in feeding a growing global population.”

Brand begins his new role August 1.

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We love to hear about what you're doing and  
share it with others in the farm broadcaster family.***

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