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## COUNTY BANK RECOGNIZED BY USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Anita J. (Janie) Dunning, Missouri State Director for USDA Rural Development, recognized County Bank as the top lender for the five county area with a Certificate of Appreciation. Their accomplishments included assisting 31 individuals/families with housing financing representing an investment of \$2,475,484 for fiscal year 2009.

“These are some outstanding accomplishments,” said Dunning. “I want to truly thank the County Bank financial institution and their staff for partnering with USDA Rural Development to deliver housing programs in this five county area of north central Missouri.”

The Moberly, Missouri Sub Area Office, also had a banner year by assisting 170 recipients during FY 2009 in the five county areas of Chariton, Macon, Monroe, Randolph and Shelby Counties. This represented an investment of \$10,194,707. There were a total of 103 loans made for \$8,298,199 by other financial institutions and guaranteed by USDA Rural Development. In addition, in the Rural Housing direct program 67 were assisted representing \$1,896,508.

The rural housing program is designed to provide financing to eligible applicants in rural areas. Funds can be used to purchase, build or repair homes. For low income applicants, low interest loans or grants are available to repair the home they now own to remove safety and health hazards. About ten years ago, the agency partnered with conventional lenders for guaranteeing loans to buy or build homes. This has been a successful partnership and now represents a substantial part of the rural housing financing efforts.



Pictured in the attached picture is from left to right:  
Front Row: Natasha Schultz and Dana Lucas, County Bank Customer Service Specialists  
Middle Row: Nicole Young, County Bank Customer Service Specialist; Tammy Breid, County Bank Vice President; Tricia Stoneking, County Bank Mortgage Loan Processor; Janie Dunning, USDA Rural Development Missouri State Director; Catherine Linneman, USDA Rural Development Area Specialist – Moberly Office; Randy Griffith, USDA Rural Development Single Family Housing Program Director;  
Back Row: Steven Gerrish, USDA Rural Development Area Specialist – Moberly Office; Tom Robison, County Bank Mortgage Loan Specialist; Tim Brubaker, County Bank President; Janet Bottoms, USDA Rural Development Area Technician – Moberly Office; Rande Bryan, USDA Rural Development Area Director.

“I know there are many more rural residents that also have the dream of home ownership,” said Dunning. “I invite you to contact your lender and pursue a guaranteed housing loan or contact Catherine Linneman, Moberly Area Specialist, to discuss your situation and dream of owning your own home. Additional funds have been included by the Obama administration for rural housing direct programs for next year. In addition, the tax incentive for first time home buyers is another valuable reason to consider home ownership.”

USDA Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. Rural Development fosters growth in homeownership, finances business development and supports the creation of critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on the housing program or any of the rural development programs is available at the Moberly USDA Rural Development office, USDA Service Center, 2995 County Road 1325, Moberly, Missouri 65270 or calling 660-263-7400 or visiting the Missouri homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/>.

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