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## **Under Secretary Dallas Tonsager to Release Report Outlining Job Creation and Economic Impact of the Recovery Act on Rural America**

**WASHINGTON**, October 19, 2010 – **TOMORROW**, Agriculture Under Secretary for Rural Development Dallas Tonsager will host a national media conference call to announce the release of a report outlining how Recovery Act programs administered by USDA Rural Development have affected the rural economy and created or saved jobs.

The report highlights how Recovery Act funds will create or save an anticipated 300,000 jobs by funding projects in almost 3,000 counties. The report also shows that USDA staff approved 95,000 loans, made 2,500 grants and assisted 2,000 rural businesses with loan guarantees. USDA staff assisted 93,000 American families to close home loans, and approved Internet projects that will provide an estimated 7 million people with improved broadband Internet access.

**WHAT:** Agriculture Under Secretary for Rural Development Dallas Tonsager to host national media conference call to discuss a report outlining Recovery Act investments by USDA Rural Development.

**WHEN:** Tomorrow, Wednesday, October 20, 2010  
1:00 p.m. EDT

**HOW:** Audio Bridge Number: 800-857-5233

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