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USDA Rural Development Hosts Local Program Meetings *Presentations Held In Stafford, Pratt, and Kinsley*

Topeka, KS – USDA Rural Development State Director Chuck Banks announced the completion of a series of three program informational meetings during the month of June to help assist Kansans in the region. The presentations, held in Stafford, Pratt and Kinsley covered USDA Rural Development programs available to promote affordable housing, along with supporting community and business development.

“USDA Rural Development of Kansas has recognized significant community and economic development opportunities present in this part of Kansas, along with addressing needs resulting from the 2007 and 2008 storms. USDA Rural Development’s programs provide an excellent opportunity for communities to expand affordable housing opportunities and job opportunities, along with enhancing local infrastructure. Whether it be improving local housing or upgrading community projects such as health care services, USDA Rural Development is positioned to assist in these important Kansas economic development goals,” commented State Director Banks.

Additional information regarding USDA Rural Development’s programs can be obtained by contacting the Agency’s Newton office at 316-283-0370, Garden City office at 620-275-0211, or the state headquarters at 785-271-2700. Additional USDA Rural Development program information is also available through the state’s Agency website at: www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks

USDA Rural Development’s mission is to deliver programs that support increasing economic opportunities and enhancing the quality of life for rural Americans. USDA Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure in rural America. Since 2001, USDA Rural Development has delivered over \$1.2 billion for Kansas covering all Agency programs, supporting well over \$6 billion in future economic development for the Sunflower State.

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