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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT STAFF RESCHEDULES OFFICE DAY

COOPER, TEXAS, November 15, 2004 – Due to the upcoming holidays, the USDA Rural Development staff has rescheduled the November 25, 2004 and December 23, 2004, office day in Cooper, Texas. USDA Rural Development staff will be available on Tuesday, December 14, 2004, at the Delta County Courthouse, 200 West Dallas Street, Cooper, Texas, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. USDA Rural Development representatives will also be available to assist individuals with applications and provide information about the various housing, community, and business and industry programs, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., at our office located at 1809 Ferguson Road, Suite E, Mount Pleasant, Texas.

USDA Rural Development's housing programs offer loans and grants to very low, low, and moderate income persons in towns and cities meeting certain population requirements. Programs offered assist qualified persons to buy, build, repair or maintain a home.

USDA Rural Development's community programs provides funds to governmental entities, nonprofit organizations and Indian Tribes to enlarge, improve or construct schools, libraries, medical clinics, assisted living centers, public buildings, community centers and fund new and improved water and wastewater facilities.

USDA Rural Development's business and cooperative programs provide the needed capital to expand economic opportunities and development in rural areas throughout Texas by working with banks and community lenders. There is no minimum loan size and the maximum loan size is up to \$25 million.

USDA Rural Development was created in 1994 to help enhance the quality of life and increase economic opportunities for the nation's rural residents. For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, please contact the Mount Pleasant Local Office at (903) 572-5411, Ext. 4, or visit our website at www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/.

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