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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR TEXAS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Temple, Texas, September 13, 2005--USDA Rural Development State Director, Bryan Daniel, announced Texas Cooperative Extension Service received a \$298,416 Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) to improve the quality of life for rural Texans through the development of sustainable cooperative businesses.

“One of the goals of USDA Rural Development is to provide funding to rural communities to spur economic development,” said Daniel.

The Rural Cooperative Development Grant program is administered through USDA Rural Development business programs. The grants are awarded to facilitate the creation or retention of jobs in rural areas through the development of new rural cooperatives, value-added processing and other rural businesses. The maximum award per grant is \$300,000 and matching funds are required.

USDA Rural Development strives to ensure rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help rural Americans build strong economies to improve their quality of life. For further information, or to find the office nearest you, please contact the State Office at (254)742-9700 or visit us on the web at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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