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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTS RURAL TEXAS COMMUNITIES WITH ACCESS TO SAFE WATER SYSTEMS

Rural Texans know the importance of a safe, dependable water source. During Fiscal Year 2005, USDA Rural Development assisted nearly 90,000 rural households in obtaining access to safe and sanitary drinking water by providing more than \$80 million in grants and direct loans to rural water systems.

“If you are living in a rural community in Texas that needs to improve its water system, USDA Rural Development has a program designed for you,” said Bryan Daniel, State Director. “USDA Rural Development is committed to enhancing the quality of life for all rural Texans.”

USDA Rural Development’s Water and Wastewater Program is designed to bring fresh, clean drinking water and environmentally sound sewage facilities to rural America’s 53 million residents. Towns, corporations operating on a non-profit basis, and Indian tribes are eligible for assistance.

USDA Rural Development works to ensure that rural citizens can participate fully in the global marketplace, by providing programs that assist rural Americans in building strong economies and to improve their quality of life. For more information regarding USDA Rural Development Programs, contact the State Office at 254-742-9700, or visit our website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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