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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT RECOGNIZES INGRAN, LP AND APISPEDIGREE, LP AT VALUE ADDED PRODUCER GRANT TRAINING

BRYAN, TEXAS, January 31, 2006—USDA Rural Development Area Director, Rusty Krueger, today recognized Maurice Rosenstine, General Manager of Ingran, LP and representative of Apispedegree, LP, which have received two Value Added Producer Grants totaling \$300,000. Ingran, LP received a \$150,000 working capital grant to support their efforts to market and sell gender-sorted semen in the beef industry. Apispedegree, LP received a \$150,000 working capital grant to produce, market, and sell pre-determined gender embryos in the beef industry. Value Added Producer Grants are available to agricultural commodity producers who refine their products in order to increase the value of these products to customers.

“USDA Rural Development promotes efforts to bring together agricultural producers and rural businesses to spur economic opportunities for rural communities” said Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director. “During Fiscal Year 2005 Texas USDA Rural Development awarded over \$1 million in Value-Added Producer Grants.”

Since 2001 the Bush Administration has committed over \$115 million to support value-added agricultural investments, including over 110 energy-related projects. Value-Added Producer Grants may be used for planning activities, such as feasibility studies or business plans, or to provide working capital for marketing value-added agricultural products and for farm-based renewable energy projects. Eligible applicants are independent producers, farmer and rancher cooperatives, agricultural producer groups, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures.

USDA Rural Development strives to ensure that 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 regarding USDA Rural Development programs, call the Bryan Local Office at 979-846-0548, Extension 4, or visit us on the web at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.



(Left to Right) Rusty Krueger, USDA Rural Development Area 6 Director, presents ceremonial checks for two Value Added Producer Grants to Betsy Bradley, a representative of Ingran, L.P. and Apispedegree L.P.

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