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OKLAHOMA BULLETIN NO. OK310-4-1

SUBJECT: LNU – Farmland Protection Policy Act Annual Progress Report

Purpose. To request the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Field Offices and Technical Offices transmit their Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) Annual Report to Oklahoma State Office by November 19, 2003.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2004

ACTION REQUIRED BY: November 19, 2003

Background. The Food Security Act of 1985 amended FPPA to require the Department of Agriculture to make an annual report to Congress beginning January 1, 1987. Contents of the report are to address: (a) the effects, if any, of Federal programs, authorities, and administration activities with respect to the protection of farmland in the United States and (b) the results of reviews of existing policies and procedures by Federal agencies to determine if provisions of the programs prevent the Federal Government from taking appropriate action to comply fully with FPPA. In response to the amendment of FPPA, NRCS published a Final Rule that requires Federal agencies to report not only the acres proposed for conversion but also the number of acres actually converted, to the appropriate NRCS State Office. Section 403.15 (b) (12), Part 310, of the General Manual states that the State Conservationist will make an Annual Report to the Deputy Chief for Programs with regard to the outlined items.

The Annual Report, prepared by each office, should include the number of NRCS assisted activities subject to FPPA and related information as outlined in the General Manual. The report should be completed on Form NRCS-CPA-2 (attached). Report only one agency per column on the CPA-2. Additional state specific information on farmland protection is welcomed.

Please send your report by mail to Charles Cail, FPPA Coordinator, 100 USDA Suite 208, Stillwater, Oklahoma 74074-2655, or by fax (405) 742-1201.

Contact. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Ford, State Soil Scientist, or Charles Cail on the Soils Staff at (405) 742-1247.

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Attachments

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