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Housing Offered By USDA Rural Development To Tornado Survivors ***USDA Housing Relief Program Enacted For Kansas***

Topeka, KS – USDA Rural Development announced today that the Agency will offer housing assistance to eligible Kansans impacted by the recent tornados that have struck the State over the past weekend. The housing assistance, subject to availability, will utilize USDA-financed rental housing facilities located in rural communities across Kansas.

"USDA Rural Development wishes to assist Kansans who have lost their homes because of these devastating tornados. I encourage those who have lost their homes to contact USDA Rural Development to see if the Agency can assist them," remarked USDA Rural Development State Director Chuck Banks.

USDA Rural Development is working with the Rural Rental Housing Association of Kansas to place eligible Kansans in housing that will meet their individual and family needs. The Agency also offers homeownership financing assistance to eligible Kansans. During Fiscal Year 2006, USDA Rural Development provided \$100 million of housing assistance funding for Kansans.

Maximum income limits for USDA Rural Development housing programs in Kiowa County and surrounding counties for a family of two range from \$37,400 to \$38,900; and for a family of four range from \$45,350 to \$47,250.

Individuals interested in learning more about USDA Rural Development's housing programs may contact the Agency's Hays office at 785-628-3081, the Iola office at 620-365-2901, or the Manhattan office at 785-776-7582.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs that support increasing economic opportunities and enhancing the quality of life for rural Americans. As a venture capital entity, USDA Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure in rural America. Since 2001, USDA Rural Development has delivered over \$1 billion for Kansas covering all Agency programs, supporting well over \$5 billion in future economic development for the Sunflower State. For additional information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Agency's state office in Topeka at 785-271-2700 or visit the Agency's Kansas website at www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks

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