Email: kovanda@alltel.net FirstName: Dale LastName: Kovanda Address1: PO Box 147 Address2: 350 E 3rd St City: Nelson State: Nebraska zipcode: 68961-0147 Question1: Question2: Question3: As the County Executive Director of the Nuckolls County FSA (Farm Service Agency) Office in Nelson, Nebraska, my comment deals with the ability to administer and timely and efficiently serve the producers of our area, regardless the program offered.

We have met the challenges time after time. Some programs are announced with signup starting days or weeks before we have rules, regulations, and/or software capable of doing our job.

But now, due to budget cuts, we face more challenges. We keep cutting employees but do not reduce the amount of work to be done, number of programs offered, or deadlines to issue payments to eligible applicants.

The "e-gov" inititative is years away from being a way of life for US farmers and ranchers. So many of our programs are so complicated, producers will still visit USDA Service Centers to obtain details or information regarding a program or application they wish to file - meaning that they won't be doing much of it at home.

Please see that under the next Farm Bill that all agencies (not just FSA) are provided funding to administer the programs that will be offered!!

We are more than willing to do your jobs to the best of our ability, but we can only do so much!

Thank you. Question4: Question5: Question6: