

**Statement of FCA Chairman and CEO Leland A. Strom  
Regarding the Proposed Rule on Diversity  
at the FCA Board Meeting  
April 14, 2011**

I believe this proposed regulation is extremely important because the mission of the Farm Credit System as a Government-sponsored enterprise is to serve *all* eligible, creditworthy borrowers. This includes women and minorities, as well as nontraditional producers such as those who operate within local food systems. I further believe that for System institutions to succeed in reaching diverse borrowers in all market segments, they should also reflect diversity within their own workforce, management, and governance structure.