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SUBJECT: FNM – Sustainable Farming Association 13th Annual Conference

Purpose: To announce the Sustainable Farming Association of Minnesota’s 13th Annual Conference.

Expiration Date: February 27, 2004.

Action Required by February 6, 2004

The Annual Sustainable Farming Association (SFA) will be held on Saturday, February 21 at Waldorf School, 70 County Road B in Maplewood. This year’s conference theme is *The New Pioneers: Breaking Ground with Wisdom and Innovation*. The SFA is a farmer-run, nonprofit organization based in Minnesota. The SFA was founded in 1988, in Southeast Minnesota by farmers wishing to create an information-sharing network about sustainable farming practices. In the spirit of cooperation, we offer mutual support and fellowship to strengthen our families and communities. <http://www.sfa-mn.org/>

NRCS employees are authorized to attend on government time and expense. Funds for reimbursing travel expenses and the registration fee are available through the State training budget for eight conference registrations. Employees must have approval of their ASTC (FO) or principal state office staff member. Each ASTC (FO) must submit the names of employees they would like approved to attend through Charles Montgomery, State Administrative Officer, by [February 6, 2004](#).

Remember, travel of 12 hours or less where there is no entitlement to per diem does not require a travel authorization unless overnight is required. To receive reimbursement for expenses such as mileage and parking, but not per diem, it is normally reimbursed on a SF 1164, *Claim for Reimbursement for Expenditures on Official Business*.

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