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SUBJECT: INF - USDA EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT

Purpose. To remind employees to use the USDA Equal Opportunity Statement in all news releases.

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Below are two USDA Equal Opportunity Statements. Use of *either one of* these two statements is required on all news releases that are written or produced electronically. Communicating to others that the Natural Resources Conservation Service provides services on a nondiscriminatory basis is important.

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