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SUBJECT: CPA – Energy Crop Poster

Purpose. To distribute a poster concerning crops grown for bio-energy production.

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Over the last several months National interest in the production and use of bio-energy crops as a substitute for imported oil has soared. With interest in ethanol at an all-time high, 2007 will include a record number of acres planted to corn.

USDA fully supports the production of bio-energy crops, and the likelihood that it will result in higher farm profitability. However, with more production and more profit, we also need to be aware of the need for greater protection of the natural resources used to grow these crops.

Pending Farm Bill legislation will include an extensive Energy Title and contain new initiatives for the production of bio-energy crops. NRCS employees will be counted on to broaden our technical capabilities to include conservation planning technical assistance for the production of sustainable farming systems that include bio-energy crops.

Attached to this bulletin is a poster reminding farmers to “Keep Conservation in your Energy Crop Equation.” Field offices should print and display this poster in an appropriate location in your Service Center.

Questions on these materials can be directed to Paul Flynn, State Resource Conservationist at (651) 602-7870.

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