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MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO.260-7-18

SUBJECT: INF – NEWS RELEASES FOR LOCAL USE

Purpose. To distribute two versions of a news release and several Public Service Announcements dealing with the potential increase in corn production this spring

Expiration Date. September 30, 2007

Attached are two versions of a news release, dealing with the potential environmental impacts of an increase in corn being planted by farmers in response to higher corn prices.

- A short, one-page news release titled *Protect your USDA Program Eligibility and Benefits: Remember Conservation When Preparing for Spring Planting*. This version has blanks where the article can be localized with the name of the District Conservationist and the county.
- A slightly longer, state-wide version of this same topic, with quotes from Mr. Hunt, State Conservationist; Gene Hugoson, MDA Commissioner; and LeAnn Buck, MASWCD Executive Director.

Also attached are four PSAs that may be used locally.

In addition, two front page articles have been developed for the Minnesota NRCS web page to coordinate this information.

Please feel free to use these news releases as you wish with your local media. Questions on this bulletin may be directed to Julie MacSwain, Public Affairs Specialist, (651) 602-7859 or Robin Martinek, State Agronomist at (651) 602-7866.

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Attachments

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