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## **NRCS AND ND STOCKMEN'S ASSOCIATION SIGN CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT**

Bismarck, ND, September 24, 2004— A first-of-its-kind contribution agreement between the North Dakota Stockmen's Association and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) was recently signed in Medora. J.R. Flores, NRCS State Conservationist, and Jeff Dahl, Stockmen's Association President, represented their organizations in the signing of the agreement.

"NRCS and the Stockmen's Association have a mutual interest in carrying out the programs administered by NRCS by helping North Dakota beef cattle producers in implementing sound environmental practices while increasing productivity and profitability. This agreement will align our efforts in delivering assistance to beef producers in implementing animal waste systems across the state," said J.R. Flores.

"We feel this is a good method of doing business," added Jeff Dahl. "Our Environmental Services Program is designed to prevent environmental problems. By pooling our resources, our conservation priorities will be addressed in a more efficient and effective manner."

NRCS and the Stockmen's Association will each contribute resources to assist beef producers in the assessment, design, and implementation of ag waste systems. The coordination between NRCS and the Association will create increased technical and financial assistance to install systems that will enhance water quality in North Dakota.

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