

*DRAFT AGENDA*  
**RURAL DEVELOPMENT & FINANCIAL SECURITY POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**Roger Johnson, Chairman**  
**Commissioner, North Dakota Department of Agriculture**  
**2004 Annual Meeting, St. Paul, Minnesota**  
**Sunday, September 26, 2004**  
**1:30 pm – 5:00 pm**

- I. Roll Call, Introductions and Overview of Agenda**  
*Commissioner Johnson*
- II. Update from USDA Farm Service Agency**  
*Farm Bill Implementation, Disaster Legislation and Outlook on Farm Credit*  
*James R. Little, Administrator, Farm Service Agency (confirmed)*
- III. Panel Discussion on the Farm Bill --- Implementation, Outlook and Funding**  
*Tom Buis, Vice President, Government Relations, National Farmers Union (confirmed)*  
*Mary Kay Thatcher, Director, Public Policy, American Farm Bureau Federation (confirmed)*  
*Mark Gage, President, National Association of Wheat Growers (confirmed)*
- IV. Current Views on the Farm Credit System and the Rabobank Offer to Acquire Farm Credit Services of America (based in Omaha, Nebraska)**  
*Bill Collins, CEO, AgriBank FCB (confirmed)*
- V. Update from Risk Management Agency**  
*RMA official to be designated*
- VI. Discussion on the Future of Disaster Legislation**  
*Ad Hoc Funding or Permanent Farm Disaster Assistance Program?*  
*Tom Buis, National Farmers Union*
- VII. Farm Labor Legislation Update**  
*New York Commissioner Nathan Rudgers*  
*Farm Labor Task Force, Chair*
- VIII. Grain Warehouse Update**  
*Members of NASDA' Warehouse Working Group*
- IX. Consideration of Policy Amendments, Priorities for NASDA, Other Business**