



News Release

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**Northwest Farm Credit Services Purchases Washington
Crop Insurance Businesses**

SPOKANE, Wash. – Northwest Farm Credit Services announces purchase of the crop insurance divisions of Whitman Insurance Agency, Inc., Big Bend Insurance Agency, and Associated Agency Group, located in Eastern Washington. Northwest FCS is the largest provider of federal and private crop insurance in the Northwest states including Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana.

Emily Gordon and Susan Henderson, previously with Whitman Insurance Agency, and Ed Long and Peggy Deilke, will join the Northwest FCS team. Gordon will be working from the AAG (previously Big Bend) office in Ritzville. Henderson, Long, and Deilke will be working from Northwest FCS' Spokane office.

“We are excited that this recent acquisition which will allow us to continue to service and grow our crop insurance offerings in Washington,” said Brad Wenz, senior vice president. “We are pleased to welcome Emily Gordon, Susan Henderson, Ed Long and Peggy Deilke to our staff and look forward to providing clients with the very best in crop insurance expertise and service.”

Northwest Farm Credit Services provides crop insurance and agricultural credit to farmers, ranchers, commercial fishermen, timber producers, and agribusinesses in Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska. Additional information is available at www.farm-credit.com.