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**Northwest Farm Credit Services Purchases Crop Insurance  
Portfolio from Duda Hodges Agency's in Quincy, Wash.**

SPOKANE, Wash., – Northwest Farm Credit Services, the single, largest crop insurance provider in the Northwest, has expanded their operations with the recent purchase of the crop insurance portfolio from Duda-Hodges Insurance, Inc., located in Quincy, Wash. The sale was effective May 15, 2010.

“We are excited to welcome the Duda-Hodges crop insurance customers to Northwest Farm Credit,” says Fred DePell, Executive Vice President-Financial Services. “Our organizations share a commitment to providing the very best in crop insurance expertise and service to customers in central Washington.”

“Although we have made the decision to leave the crop insurance marketplace, this change does not affect our agency’s property and casualty activities. We will continue to provide all other lines of insurance products, extending customers in the region reliable and quality service,” explains Bob Duda. “We feel joining forces with Northwest FCS provides our crop insurance customers greater access to federal and private insurance products.

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](http://www.farm-credit.com).