

## **Court-Approved Request to Share Information About Black Farmers Settlement**

December 2, 2011

Dear Sir/Madam:

A \$1.25 billion settlement with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) was recently approved by the United States District Court in the District of Columbia. This Settlement will pay cash and provide farm loan forgiveness to those who qualify. We would appreciate your help in spreading the word to African American farmers and ranchers who experienced farm loan discrimination by the USDA between 1981 and 1996 and who filed a request to participate in the original Pigford case, but missed the original claims deadline in that case. Heirs or kin of people who fit this description but have since passed away may also file claims on behalf of the deceased people.

The Court has granted final approval to the settlement. People who are included should seek help from the lawyers the court has approved as Class Counsel to assist them free of charge in completing a claim form. These lawyers will be holding meetings throughout the country to provide information and to assist in preparing claims forms. For more information about these meetings, people should call 1-877-810-8110 or visit [www.BlackFarmerCase.com](http://www.BlackFarmerCase.com). The claims deadline is May 11, 2012, and claims take time to complete, so those who are included should begin the claims-preparation process immediately.

We would be grateful for your assistance in sharing information about the settlement with your community. Enclosed you will find a flyer suitable for posting and sample text for a newsletter, announcement, or e-mail to a distribution list. Please post this flyer or share the information contained in it as you deem appropriate. You can also obtain further information and materials (including the materials enclosed here by email) by visiting [www.BlackFarmerCase.com](http://www.BlackFarmerCase.com), calling 1-877-810-8110, or emailing [Questions@BlackFarmerCase.com](mailto:Questions@BlackFarmerCase.com).

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