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Memorandum to Institutions Maintaining Direct Wire Facilities with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for Securities Transfer

RE: Expansion of Book-Entry Services For Federal Farm Credit Banks

The Federal Farm Credit Banks (Farm Credit) will begin issuing Zero Coupon Bonds in book-entry form in the near future. The Federal Reserve Banks have been named fiscal agent with respect to these securities.

The Zero Coupon Bonds will be handled by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's (FRBNY) securities transfer system. Transfers of these obligations will be governed by the same procedures and prices applicable to transfers of other non-Treasury book-entry securities and will be transferable nationwide upon issuance.

A. CUSIP Numbers/Security Description

Each security will be assigned a unique nine character CUSIP number. The security description field (line 8 of the securities message) will include the alpha mnemonic (FCZC) and the maturity date. An example of this is "FCZC 12/01/90".

B. <u>Denominations</u>

The minimum and multiple denominations for these securities will be announced with each new issue.

C. Original Issue

On the original issue settlement date, Farm Credit will transmit the securities through the securities transfer system to depository institutions (DIs). The original issue will be effected by sending a type code 25 message (Reversal Code 2502) which will transfer the securities against payment to the purchaser's account from Farm Credit's issuer account.

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D. Secondary Market Transactions

These transfers will be effected using the standard type code 20 message, and will be governed by the same procedures and prices applicable to transfers of other non-Treasury book- entry securities.

E. Principal and Interest Payments

The principal and/or interest payments for these securities will be automated. On the payment date, the FRBNY will wire the proceeds via type codes 89 and 8906, respectively, to book-entry account holders. The procedures for processing these payments will be the same as those presently in place for effecting payments for other non-Treasury book-entry securities.

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Sincerely,

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