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OAKVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON ON CHARGE OF FALSE STATEMENTS IN RELATION TO FARM LOANS

DAVENPORT, IA - On November 4, 2011, Donald Mark Yotter, age 47, of Oakville, Iowa, was sentenced to three concurrent terms of 12 months and 1 day imprisonment, by United States District Court Chief Judge James E. Gritzner, after pleading guilty to three counts of making a false statement to a federal agency in relation to crop loans, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. Yotter was also sentenced to serve not more than three years of supervised release after serving his prison sentence and ordered to pay a \$300 special assessment to the Crime Victims Fund. At the time of sentencing, Yotter paid \$341,923.17 in restitution to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is a component of the United States Department of Agriculture and responsible for, among other things, administering loans from the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC). The CCC is a wholly owned government corporation that exists for the sole purpose of holding money for use in various USDA programs. Yotter farmed land in Henry and Louisa Counties. From April 2005 to December 2006, Yotter applied for three separate crop loans through the CCC, for a outstanding loan total of 341,923.17. Yotter pledged certain crops as collateral for each of these loans. Spot checks by FSA officials found that the pledged collateral did not exist, was improperly sold, or was not in the designated storage location. Yotter had not obtained approval from the FSA to remove or dispose of any of the soybeans and corn pledged as collateral in the involved three loans.

The investigation was conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture, Office of Inspector General and the Farm Service Agency, and the case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.