

February 22, 2005

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SUBJECT: FSP - North Dakota - Request to Extend Waiver 970125

TO: Ralph E. Anzur, Acting Regional Director  
Food Stamp Program  
Mountain Plains Region

This is in response to your memorandum of February 1, 2005, forwarding the North Dakota State Agency's request for an extension of its current waiver of 7 CFR 273.24. This section limits the receipt of food stamp benefits to 3 months within a 3-year period for able-bodied adults who are not working (or participating in a work program) 20 hours or more each week or participating in workfare.

North Dakota wishes to exempt Benson and Rolette Counties due to their designations as Labor Surplus Areas (LSAs) for FY 2005 by the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (DOLETA). The State Agency is not requesting that McHenry, McLean, Pembina or Sheridan Counties be included in this waiver even though they are identified as LSAs for FY 2005.

We are approving the State Agency's waiver, and it will expire April 30, 2006. Approval is based on our review of the ETA Notice on LSA designation for FY 2005.

If you have any questions, please contact Dwight Ricker of my staff at (703) 305-2803.

/s/

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