



DSA Award Nomination

For which type of DSA are you submitting a nomination?: DSA-Service to FSA-Agriculture

Nominee's First Name: Steven
Nominee's Last Name: Minor
Nominee's County: Brookings County
Nominee's State: South Dakota
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Please describe why you think the nominee deserves this award.: Following his graduation with a degree in Agriculture from South Dakota State University in 1987, Steven Minor started his career with USDA - FmHA in the office in Faulkton, SD. While there and later on in the office in DeSmet, SD he would hold the positions of Assistant County Supervisor and County Supervisor. In 1996 he was selected as the County Executive Director in Brookings County.

Having grown up working on the family farm and his ongoing personal involvement with production agriculture, Steve relates well with FSA customers and potential applicants. He understands how important it is for our producers to receive accurate information on the programs that FSA has available. To help further this objective, Steve is on the local radio show every Tuesday morning promoting current programs, he sends out Gov Delivery messages, speaks at events such as Farmer Friday, crop insurance meetings and SDSU classes to name a

few. Steve is a strong supporter of our local Ag Women's Day event. During this event he effortlessly runs the office on his own to allow the employees of Brookings County to facilitate this event. He understands each and every program and can frequently be found helping a producer complete their paperwork and answering any questions they may have.

Along with managing the office and his Farm Program duties, Steve also works heavily with the Farm Loan Program. Steve also stays in communication with the Ag Lenders in the area by holding informational meetings to help answer any questions as to how FSA's Farm Loan programs could be another resource for their customers. As a CED with loan approval authority, Steve shares his knowledge with Farm Loan producers from Brookings County and the eastern side of Kingsbury County. When there has been heavy workload in other offices, Steve has also been very willing to help that office get the loans processed timely. He has been very willing to allow Brookings County employees help with training and workload in others counties as needed.

Brookings County has been a training county for numerous COTs and FLOTs. Steve is always willing to share his knowledge and experience with these trainees as well as with the office staff for the benefit of the agency and the employee.

Steve is a member of NASCOE/SDASCOE and was very supportive of the staff as they managed the registration for the National Convention held in SD this past year. He also stepped up and helped guide a tour during the convention.

In summary, Steve is a dedicated employee that cares deeply for FSA and Agriculture.

I humbly nominate Steven Minor for the Distinguished Service Award for his service to FSA and Agriculture.