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## **MARK FOX JOINS AGSOUTH FARM CREDIT**

**AIKEN, S.C.:** A. Owen Smith, chief lending officer of AgSouth Farm Credit, recently announced that Mark A. Fox has joined AgSouth Farm Credit. Mark has been hired as a regional vice president and will be working out of the Aiken location at 951 E. Pine Log Road.

Fox is originally from Aiken County, S.C., and graduated from the University of South Carolina with a B.S. in Business Administration and a double major in Marketing and Management Science. He has spent much of his professional career in the Upstate of South Carolina. Fox previously worked for Palmetto Bank and C & S Bank, formerly Farmers & Merchants Bank, in Aiken, and has a wealth of financial experience.

According to Regional Vice President Matt Riddle, “Mark is a welcomed addition to our AgSouth team. He will be a great asset in growing our business and offering experienced service to our customers. We welcome him back to his home community.”

AgSouth Farm Credit is one of the largest lending cooperatives in the Southeast. As of June 30, 2011, AgSouth had more than 7,300 members; \$1.65 billion in assets; and \$245 million in capital and allocated accounts.

AgSouth provides loans for agriculture, real estate, and rural homes, and offers leasing for automobiles, equipment, buildings, and commercial operations. The association also makes secondary home loans for home purchases, home construction, home improvements, and refinances.

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