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### **Farm Credit & Country Mortgages Promotes Crider**

Farm Credit & Country Mortgages has promoted Autumn Crider to the position of loan officer trainee in their Leesburg office. Crider joined the company in 2004 as a loan processor. A native of Fauquier County, she is a graduate of Virginia Tech with a degree in Animal and Poultry Science and has an agricultural background including FFA, 4-H and showing quarter horses.

"Autumn has gained excellent experience working as a loan processor, which will enable her to be a better informed loan officer," said Carroll Laycock, Leesburg's branch manager. "And her outstanding customer service will make her an excellent addition to our group of loan officers, as well."

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## **FARM CREDIT RETURNS OVER \$24 MILLION TO AREA FARMERS AND RURAL RESIDENTS**

Member-owned cooperative Farm Credit recently returned more than \$24 million in patronage refunds to its Virginia borrowers. At a ceremony in Richmond, Virginia, Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry Robert Bloxom joined representatives from the three Farm Credit associations serving Virginia to announce the distribution of refunds to farmers and rural residents. Secretary Bloxom noted, "This check represents the millions and millions of dollars that Farm Credit is putting back into the agricultural and forestry community, helping the thousands of citizens that provide the food and fiber for this country and the world."

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### **Jill Richter Joins Farm Credit & Country Mortgages**

Jill Richter has joined Farm Credit's Staunton administrative branch as a credit analyst. Richter brings previous Farm Credit experience to her new position, having worked as a loan officer in the company's Warrenton, Virginia branch from 1999 to 2001. She has relocated to her native Augusta County with her husband, Keith, and son, Caden, after working for the Farm Service Agency in the Tidewater area. Richter is a 1998 graduate of Virginia Tech.

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