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EVENT: Guilty Verdicts

DEFENDANT: Allan A. Kuehnemund, age 56, of Au Gres, Michigan

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

On March 4, 2005, a federal jury convicted Alan A. Kuehnemund, age 56, of Au Gres, Michigan, on 16 felony charges arising out of Mr. Kuehnemund's scheme to fraudulently obtain crop insurance between 1998 and 2003.

The trial began on February 23, 2005 before U.S. District Judge David M. Lawson in Bay City, Michigan. The evidence established that the defendant repeatedly supplied false information and falsified records to fraudulently obtain over \$2 million in crop insurance from various crop insurance companies. The crop insurance program is heavily subsidized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

The case was investigated by agents from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Inspector General. Sentencing is currently set for June 16, 2005 at 2:30 p.m.