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Attn: Pension and Welfare Benefit Programs

Re: Statement of Exemption for Unfunded Pension Plan for Farmers Cooperative  
of El Campo

Gentlemen:

Please find enclosed a Statement of Exemption for Unfunded Pension Plan for the  
above captioned company. Please call or write the undersigned, if any further information is  
required.

Very truly yours,

SPROUSE, SMITH & ROWLEY, P.C.

  
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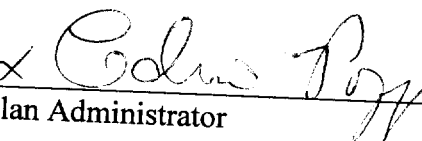
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**FARMERS COOPERATIVE OF EL CAMPO**  
**STATEMENT OF EXEMPTION FOR UNFUNDED PENSION PLAN**

Pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-23, the Plan Administrator of FARMERS COOPERATIVE OF EL CAMPO hereby files this Statement of Exemption for Unfunded Pension Plan:

1. Name and Address of Employer: FARMERS COOPERATIVE OF EL CAMPO, P. O. box 826, El Campo, Texas 77437.
2. Employer Identification Number: 74-2245527.
3. The Company maintains one such plan, with one management employee participating in the plan. The number of the plan with respect to which this Statement of Exemption is filed is PN 001.
4. The undersigned Administrator undertakes to provide plan documents to the Secretary of Labor, if so requested.
5. The above described plan provides plan benefits from the employer's general assets.

FARMERS COOPERATIVE OF EL CAMPO

By:   
Plan Administrator

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