



## **2012 NFU Special Order of Business United States Postal Service**

For more than two centuries, the United States Postal Service (USPS) has served to build, unite, strengthen and, most importantly, assist in education of our great nation. The importance of the USPS is vested in the U.S. Constitution, stating, "Congress shall have the power to establish Post Offices and Postal Roads."

National Farmers Union has a long history in support of the USPS, including rural delivery of mail. The systematic dismantling of the postal delivery system structure, based on fiscal pressure unduly inflicted upon the USPS by Congress, i.e., through prefunding of retiree health benefits as dictated by the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006, is unwarranted. The potential of elimination of Saturday and door-to-door delivery, coupled with the loss of good-paying postal jobs, spread over the entire nation, will negatively impact the economy.

The impacts on rural America will be particularly harmful. Local and regional newspaper delivery to outlying areas will be delayed for days. This not only damages the circulation numbers of the newspaper, but devalues local information and advertising. Rural businesses do not need this economic blow delivered via the mailbox.

We support maintaining the current level of USPS service.