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The final 2009 edition of the Rural Development Commission newsletter is a break from the normal format and is a listing a few of the highlights from the past year with in-depth information available in the RDC 2009 Annual Report.

- The Building Entrepreneurial Communities Act grant program generated an additional 77 cents for every state dollar granted bringing the total cash investment in rural Nebraska to \$2,411,932 since the program began in 2005. Additionally in-kind investments have supported the programs raising the value of the grant projects. Grants have been awarded in 66 counties.
- The Agricultural Innovation and Value-Added Agriculture Act grants have generated 71 cents for every dollar invested by the State bringing the total investment to \$5,386,796. In-kind investments substantially increased the value of the dollars granted with awards in 35 counties since the program's inception in 2005.
- “Listen and Learn” sessions and “More Than Just Money” workshops strengthened communication among service providers and brought resource information to regional meetings.
- Working with the Partnership for Rural Nebraska, the RDC assisted with the Governor’s Conference on Rural Development and the Connecting Nebraska award program.

The link to our 2009 Annual Report is http://www.neded.org/files/rdc/library/2009/2009_RDC_annual_report.pdf. Or you can go to www.ruralnebraska.info and click on the 2009 Annual Report link on the homepage.