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## **SIGN-UP BEGAN MARCH 28th FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE**

COLUMBUS, Ohio—April 6, 2005--State Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency, Larry Adams, today announced that sign-up began March 28, 2005, for the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA), which will provide financial relief to Concord grape producers. Ohio growers of Concord grapes may enroll in TAA at their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) through June 27, 2005.

Under the TAA program, USDA provides technical assistance and cash benefits to producers if imports of a like or directly competitive commodity contributed importantly to a decline in producer prices and a loss of net farm income. After a recent investigation, USDA determined that imports of grape juice contributed to a decline in producer prices of Concord juice grapes in several states including Ohio.

To apply for benefits, producers may obtain an application (form FSA-229) online, or visit the local FSA office. More information on TAA is available at: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/itp/taa/taa.asp>. TAA benefits will include technical instruction to enhance farming income. Financial payments will be made to applicants who complete their technical training by September 26, 2005, and satisfy certain income criteria.

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