

# Park's visitors use tarps for warding off vultures

HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP) – Park wildlife biologist Skip Snow tells *The Miami Herald* (hrlr.us/WQkfgB) that the vultures are migrating as normal. It's just not clear why the birds are picking cars and trucks. Park Superintendent Dan Kimball says complaints about vultures have declined since employees began distributing the tarps and bungee cords.

Migrating vultures have been ripping off windshield wipers, sunroof seals and other rubber and vinyl vehicle parts. Visitors to the park are loaned "anti-vulture kits" to protect their cars.

# Contract guarantees help transfer land

The Kansas office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency is reminding landowners that the Land Contract Guarantee Program is available to landowners who wish to transfer farm real estate to the next generation of farmers and ranchers.

The program provides a new approach for landowners willing to sell their land to beginning or socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers because it reduces the seller's financial risk if the buyer defaults on the contract payments.

The buyer must provide a minimum down payment of five percent of the purchase price, plan to operate the farm, and demonstrate the ability to make the land contract payments.

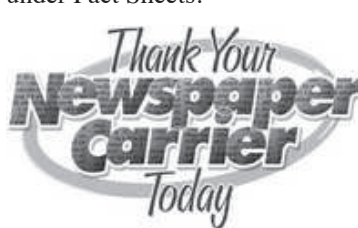
The national program offers two options, one that guarantees up to three annual installment payments on the contract and one that guarantees 90 percent of the unpaid principal. Guarantees can be used for financing the purchase of a farm with a purchase price up to \$500,000 on a new land contract.

"Landowners can use any escrow agent that meets the program qualifications to service the land contract," said Adrian J. Polansky, executive director of the state office.

"Landowners interested ... can contact their local FSA farm loan office to obtain a list of available nationwide escrow agents that can be used with this program," he said.

Farm Service credit programs are designed to provide credit to eligible producers when conventional or commercial credit is not available or does not meet their credit needs.

For information about the program, contact the Farm Service office at 462-7671 or go to [www.fsa.usda.gov/ks](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/ks) in the Newsroom under Fact Sheets.



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