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Governor Joseph E. Brennan today signed an Executive Order setting goals and priorities for rural development in the State of Maine.

The Governor's Executive Order listed new jobs and higher income in rural areas as the state's top priorities for rural economic development. Also listed as state priorities were the promotion of the wood products industry, improvement in the rural housing market, and coordination of effort among federal, state, regional and local government organizations.

The formulation of the goals and priorities outlined by the Governor's Executive Order was undertaken by the State Planning Office which surveyed nearly 300 town officials across the state in order to better determine the nature of rural problems on the local level. The study was funded by the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Farmers' Home Administration.

The Executive Order was issued in preparation for the signing of a Rural Development Cooperation Agreement between Maine and the Farmers' Home Administration which is planned for the end of this month. The agreement will be the first step in a unified state and federal effort to address the problems of Maine's rural communities.

A copy of the Governor's Executive Order is attached.

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