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Brian Bischoff, Corinne Russell and Jerome Wilson Selected for FSA Farm Loan Officer Training Program

COLUMBUS, Ohio – August 24, 2015 -- State Executive Director for the Ohio Farm Service Agency (FSA), Steve Maurer, announced that Brian Bischoff, Corinne Russell and Jerome Wilson were selected as Farm Loan Officer Trainees (FLOT). They began their duties on July 27.

Bischoff and Wilson will be the FLOTs for Hancock, Lucas, Ottawa, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca and Wood counties while Russell will cover Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding and Williams counties. They will be stationed in the Seneca county office during the training program, assisting the Farm Loan Manager (FLM) with making, servicing and supervising loans and providing technical advice, guidance and credit counseling to FSA loan applicants and borrowers.

Bischoff graduated from The Ohio State University (OSU) in 2004 with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree in agribusiness and applied economics and a minor in international studies. After graduating, Bischoff worked as an Agricultural Loan Officer and then Assistant Vice President for the Bath State Bank in Indiana. In 2012, he made the difficult decision to resign from his position and move his family back to their family farm in Seneca County, where they produce corn, soybeans and wheat.

Russell graduated from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree in general agriculture in 2015. While in school, she was a hawk mentor to first year students helping students achieve academic success and volunteered at the Maryland Zoo. Russell is the younger of two children and an avid reader who also enjoys going to the movies, traveling and yoga. Russell and her father love watching sports together. She is a member of the UMES Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and a member of the Minorities in Agriculture Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS) organization.

Wilson graduated from Southern University A&M College with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree in agricultural sciences from Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 2015. While in school, he was an office assistant and trainer in the intramural complex. Wilson is the son of Lorenza D. Wilson and was mentored through college by his uncle Carlus Frank and was Wilson's father figure growing up. He is also the oldest of four children and is a huge sports enthusiast who enjoys playing basketball, baseball and football. Wilson is member of Southern University's Shaping Tomorrow Agriculture Research Scientists (STARS) program and a member of the MANRRS organization.

Bischoff, Russell and Wilson look forward to providing FSA farm loan assistance and support to Ohio farmers.

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