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(Warwick, RI) - George Goulart Jr. has been appointed as State Executive Director (SED) for the Rhode Island, USDA, Farm Service Agency (FSA). Goulart, a native of Little Compton, has dedicated many years to FSA, serving on the Rhode Island FSA County Committee from 2002 to 2010. He was appointed Chairperson of the Rhode Island FSA State Committee in 2010, where he served until his appointment as SED in 2016.

From age six, Goulart spent his mornings and afternoons doing chores on his father's dairy farm that received the Green Pastures Award in 1960. After graduating high school, Goulart began developing skills to become an arborist and nursery operator. Three years later, he opened a tree and landscaping business.

In 1980, the Little Compton Town Council appointed Goulart to serve as the Town Tree Warden, which he did for 34 years. With the dairy operation challenged by shrinking milk margins and Goulart hoping to keep the family farm intact and stay in agriculture, he and his father agreed in 1985 that he would take the responsibility of converting the farm into a nursery. Over the next ten years, Goulart successfully delivered on his vision. He purchased the farm from his father. For the next 20 years, he grew and operated a successful nursery. The experience developed his management skills. He trained and supervised employees, built a customer base, developed a sales strategy and introduced his business website.

As SED, Goulart looks forward to working with and supporting Rhode Island farmers, while overseeing the many FSA programs that protect agricultural practices to ensure a safe, affordable, abundant and nutritious food supply for consumers.