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News Release

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Regina Vandervort and John Warrick Selected as Key Program Technicians

COLUMBUS, Ohio – November 4, 2015 -- State Executive Director for the Ohio Farm Service Agency (FSA), Steve Maurer, announced that Regina Vandervort and John Warrick were selected as Key Program Technicians (PT), effective Nov. 2, 2015.

Vandervort will serve as an initial point of contact for PTs to resolve program eligibility, payment limitation and common program questions and software problems, while Warrick will be the primary point of contact for PTs to resolve FSA's MIDAS mapping and Geographic Information System (GIS) software questions and problems. Both will collaborate with PTs, County Executive Directors (CEDs) and State Office staff to ensure consistency within the program areas.

Vandervort earned a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural economics from The Ohio State University in 1982 and began her career with the Clinton County FSA office as a PT. She is responsible for administering payment limitation and eligibility, common programs, Agriculture Risk Coverage/Price Loss Coverage (ARC/PLC) programs, Margin Protection Program for Dairy (MPP-Dairy) and the Farm Storage Facility Loan Program.

Vandervort and her husband, Milton, reside on their family farm outside of Wilmington with their two dogs, Molly and Gracie. They have an active farming operation consisting of corn and soybeans. Vandervort enjoys being outdoors, helping with the farm and spending time with family and friends.

Warrick graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in mathematics and a minor in business administration from Bluffton University in 2004. In 2006, he earned a Masters of Religion Spiritual Formation degree from Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, Idaho. Warrick traveled to Australia after graduation to work as a public relations and information technology volunteer for the Focus on the Family organization. He produced website and promotional materials for events. After returning, he worked for TechniGraphics, Inc., as a geographic information system quality control technician where he extracted satellite imagery features and data attribution.

Warrick began his career with the Preble/Montgomery County FSA office in 2008 as a PT. He is responsible for administering GIS and MIDAS tasks along with payment limitation and eligibility, common programs and compliance for the Preble/Montgomery County office. He also serves as the back-up to the Ohio GIS specialist and was a MIDAS state trainer.

Outside of FSA, Warrick coaches junior varsity basketball at a local high school and teaches a young adult Sunday school class at his home church. In his free time, Warrick cherishes moments with his wife, Mary, and their 20-month-old daughter, Eliana.