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### **ALEX KING NAMED FSA ASSISTANT DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR COMMODITY OPERATIONS**

WASHINGTON, May 26, 1998 -- Alex King was appointed the Assistant Deputy Administrator for Commodity Operations (DACO) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA), Administrator Keith Kelly announced today.

King has served as Assistant to DACO since May 1994, and as Acting Chief of Staff to the Administrator for the past year. He has worked with USDA for 30 years.

"Alex is an outstanding addition to FSA's leadership," said Kelly. "I've had the chance to work closely with him, and I know he'll do a terrific job."

Positions in which King has served include that of agricultural program specialist in the South Carolina State Office of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS). ASCS was later merged with parts of other USDA agencies to become FSA. He also worked as an underwriter for the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) in Oklahoma City and on the FCIC Manager's Operations Review Staff in Washington, D.C.

King has also held several other positions with FSA at its national headquarters office. During a 14-year tenure in the ASCS Cotton, Grain and Rice Price Support Division he worked as an agricultural program specialist and later as Chief of the Policy and Procedures Branch.

Alex King graduated in 1960 from Howard High School in Georgetown, S.C. He served 4 years in the U.S. Navy before receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Husbandry from South Carolina State College in 1968. He has received several awards and Certificates of Appreciation for his outstanding service. In 1991 he received the ASCS's highest recognition, the Administrator's Award for Service to Agriculture.

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