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Sandra Wood currently serves as the acting Deputy Administrator for Commodity Operations for the Farm Service Agency. In this capacity, Wood provides policy and operational guidance to the Commodity Operations Division in Washington, D.C. and the Kansas City Commodity Office. This includes procuring commodities for international food aid programs for USDA agencies and the U.S. Agency for International Development, administering the U.S Warehouse Act, reconciliation of contracts regarding procurements, supplying an informational technology platform for the use of commodity operations activities, providing the posted county prices for all counties across the country, and continuing to stabilize and dispose of commodities rapidly and orderly when forfeitures occur on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Wood began her Federal government career at the Farm Service Agency through the County Operations Trainee Program in Virginia. From 1991 through 1999, Wood served as County Executive Director and District Director with oversight of up to 18 counties. During this tenure, she was also a national advanced facilitator for district directors, facilitating training and development for district directors across the country; an Equal Employment Opportunity, Civil Rights and Sexual Harassment facilitator providing training across the state and nationally; a Virginia State Civil Rights Coordinator; and she obtained farm loan approval authority, which allowed her the ability to work loan dockets in any banking or financial institution. In 2006, Wood became a Branch Chief in the Commodity Procurement, Policy and Analysis Division, which began her career in international food aid. She became the Assistant Deputy Administrator for Commodity Operations in 2008, and has served as the acting Deputy Administrator since 2014.

A native of New Jersey with family roots in Virginia, Wood earned her Bachelor of Science degree in business administration with a concentration in management from Saint Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Virginia. She is a 2000 graduate of the Graduate School's Executive Leadership Program. Most recently, Wood completed a 4-week program at the Federal Executive Institute's Leadership for a Democratic Society 2015 for Senior Leaders.