

Obama Administration Names Appointees to USDA's Farm Service Agency State Committee in Utah

WASHINGTON, January 15, 2010 - The Obama Administration today announced the individuals who will serve on the Utah Farm Service Agency State Committee. The State Committee members will oversee the activities of the agency, including carrying out the state agricultural conservation programs, resolving appeals from the agriculture community and helping to keep producers informed about FSA programs.

"These individuals will work with USDA to help farmers and ranchers build and maintain successful operations that produce the safe, nutritious food supply that America needs while spurring economic development in our nation's rural communities," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "They bring the experience and passion necessary to help continue the Obama Administration's efforts to rebuild and revitalize rural America."

The individuals appointed to serve on this committee include:

Tim T. Munns (Chairperson)

Munns, from Snowville, Utah, owns a ranch in Hansel Valley. Before joining his home state's FSA Committee, Mr. Munns served as Vice Chair of National Cattlemen's Beef Association Agricultural Policy Committee. In 2002, Munns won the National USDA Honor Award.

Ruth Ann George

George grew up on a farm in central Utah and learned to appreciate the value of agriculture early in her life. She served as Juab County Deputy Clerk for several years. She was also President of the Utah Cattlewomen's Association. George also served on the Kanosh Town Planning Commission for eight years.

Brent E. Money

Money, from Spanish Fork, Utah, served on the Westfield Irrigation Board of Director for nearly 16 years. He recently served as President of Utah Cattlemen's Board. Mr. Money attended Dixie College and has spent most of his life farming and ranching.

USDA's Farm Services Agency works to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural Americans. Some of the agency's efforts include facilitating income support, disaster assistance and conservation programs, providing operating loans for the procurement of farm equipment, seed and fertilizer, as well as offering ownership loans to help new and veteran producers purchase a farm. FSA also works to procure various commodities to benefit low-income families through domestic food assistance programs.

The USDA provides leadership on food, agriculture and natural resources and touches the life of every American. Reflecting President Obama's commitment to expanding economic opportunities in rural America, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and the USDA are working to enhance availability of broadband, promote the development of renewable energy, to conserve, maintain and improve our natural resources and environment, and promote a sustainable, safe, sufficient and nutritious food supply.

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