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Leah Smith Selected as Champaign County FSA Executive Director

COLUMBUS, Ohio -- March 7, 2016 -- State Executive Director for the Ohio Farm Service Agency (FSA), Steve Maurer, announced that Leah Smith was selected as the County Executive Director (CED) for the Champaign County FSA Office, effective December 27, 2015. She replaces Curt Cunningham who was selected as the District Director for Southwest Ohio in 2015.

Smith has a Masters of Science degree in rural sociology from the Ohio State University and prior to her employment with the FSA, worked as Western Region Director for the Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture. Smith has experience working on direct market vegetable operations in Ohio and New England, and from 2003-2005 she served as an agriculture extension Peace Corps volunteer in West Africa.

In 2015, Smith was accepted into the County Operations Trainee (COT) program for Ohio and traveled throughout the state to study FSA programs and learn county office operations. After completing the training program, she was selected by the Champaign County FSA Committee to serve as CED.

Smith enjoys gardening, exploring Ohio's farmers markets, and spending time with her family, especially her two-year-old son. Smith looks forward to serving the producers of Champaign County.