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## **Obama Administration Names Eugene Davidson to Serve as State Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency in Tennessee**

WASHINGTON, December 11, 2009 - The Obama Administration today announced that Eugene Davidson will serve as Tennessee State Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency at the USDA.

“Eugene Davidson has a solid understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing our rural communities and will help build on the Obama Administration’s efforts to rebuild and revitalize rural America,” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

Davidson, from Adams, Tennessee, is a founding member of Davidson Grain and Equipment, a pioneer in modern conservation practices that protect the environment and preserve local soil. Davidson’s farm also is responsible for establishing a cattle watering system that prevented pollution of ground water in Tennessee and Kentucky. Before he co-founded Davidson Grain and Equipment, Mr. Davidson and his cousin owned Davidson Farms, which produced commodities such as wheat and soybeans.

Davidson was elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives in 1975 and served there until 2006. During his service in the House, Davidson was named chairman of the Agriculture Committee for four years and chairman of the Education Committee for eighteen years. He also served as Majority Leader for one term.

USDA's Farm Service 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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