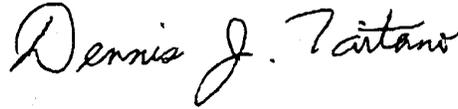


For: FSA Employees

**Acting Designations in the National Office**

Approved by: Acting Administrator



**1 Announcing Designations of Acting FSA Senior Officials**

**A Background**

Secretary Vilsack issued a memorandum on January 23, 2009, designating several new acting officers throughout USDA. Among those designations was naming Carolyn Cooksie as Acting Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services and Linda Treese as Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Farm Service Agency and Risk Management Agency. Other acting designations within FSA were also named.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides new designations and existing designations that remain in place for FSA executive positions.

**C Designations**

The following employees have been designated acting in the listed positions:

- Dennis Taitano, Acting Administrator
- James Meidinger, Acting Associate Administrator for Programs
- Sandra Wood, Acting Deputy Administrator for Commodity Operations
- Robert Stephenson, Acting Deputy Administrator for Field Operations
- Candy Thompson, Acting Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs
- Chris Beyerhelm, Acting Deputy Administrator for Farm Loan Programs
- Joy Harwood, Acting Director, Office of External Affairs.
- Owen Jones, Acting Director, Office of Budget and Finance (Chief Financial Officer).

Disposal Date	Distribution
August 1, 2009	All FSA employees; State Offices relay to County Offices

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**C Designations (Continued)**

**Notes:** Phillip Short, Deputy Administrator for Management, has been permanently designated to this position. See Notice PM-2689.

Currently, there is no acting for the Associate Administrator for Operations and Management.

**D Obsolete Notice**

Notice PM-2696 is obsolete.