



Trump Administration Appoints Marcinda Kester to Serve as State Executive Director for USDA's Farm Service Agency in Florida and the U.S. Virgin Islands

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WASHINGTON, June 10, 2025- The Trump Administration recently appointed Marcinda Kester as the new State Executive Director (SED) for the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Florida and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Kester joined the Florida FSA team on June 2, 2025.

"When America's farming communities prosper, the entire nation thrives. This new group of USDA appointees will ensure President Trump's America First agenda is a reality in rural areas across the country. I am grateful for the leadership of these new state directors and look forward to their work reorienting the agency to put Farmers First again," said Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins.

"FSA State Executive Directors serve in a critical role carrying out USDA's mission at the state level - ensuring that our focus is on meeting the needs of local agricultural producers by putting farmers and ranchers first," said FSA Administrator Bill Beam. "Rural communities need our support now more than ever. Our newly appointed state leaders bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to their position as SED, and they will play an integral role in shaping the future of agriculture in their state."

Kester has worked for FSA for 33 years, and most recently served as the FSA County Executive Director for Polk, Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties in Florida. Prior to her role in Florida, she served as the Farm Programs Disaster Specialist and Farm Programs Chief for FSA in Kentucky.

As SED, Kester is responsible for overseeing the delivery of FSA programs to agricultural producers in Florida. These commodity, conservation, credit, and disaster assistance programs ensure a safe, affordable, abundant and nutritious food, fiber, and fuel supply for all Americans. See [USDA news release](#) for full list of recent FSA and Rural Development appointees.

FSA helps America's farmers, ranchers and forest landowners invest in, improve, protect and expand their agricultural operations through the delivery of agricultural programs for all Americans. FSA implements agricultural policy, administers credit and loan programs, and manages conservation, commodity, disaster recovery and marketing programs through a national network of state and county offices and locally elected county committees. For more

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