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## **PRESIDENT OBAMA NAMES GIAMANCO TO USDA POSITION IN ILLINOIS**

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**Springfield, Illinois**, July 1, 2009 – Illinois Farm Service Agency (FSA) Acting State Executive Director Charles Chadwell stated today that Assistant Senate Majority Leader Dick Durbin announced that President Obama has officially named Scherrie (Viola) Giamanco of Mt. Vernon, Illinois as State Executive Director of the Illinois Farm Service Agency in Springfield. The appointment does not require Senate confirmation and she is expected to assume her new duties July 20, 2009.

The Farm Service Agency (FSA), an agency of the Department of Agriculture, administers farm commodity and conservation programs for farmers and makes farm loans. FSA programs are primarily directed at agriculture producers or, in the case of loans, at those with farming experience. Interested parties may visit the FSA website to obtain information about their local office, review services offered, download forms, and access historical program data. The Illinois FSA website is located at:

“Scherrie Giamanco has worked in the Farm Service Agency Illinois State Office for more than 17 years,” said Durbin. Her lifelong experience – more than 35 years in agriculture and rural development related fields – in many facets of Illinois agriculture will allow her to be an effective leader within the Department of Agriculture.” Giamanco currently holds the Chief Price Support Specialist position at the FSA state office in Springfield.

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) administers and manages farm commodity, credit, conservation, disaster and loan programs as laid out by Congress through a network of federal, state and county offices. FSA programs are designed to improve the economic stability of the agricultural industry and to help farmers adjust production to meet demand. Economically, the result of these programs is a steady price range for agricultural commodities for farmers and a low priced food supply for the American people. State and county offices directly administer FSA programs. These offices certify farmers for farm programs, pay farm subsidies, and disaster payments. Currently, there are 93 FSA county offices in Illinois.

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