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Johanns Names Two Administrators

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns, this week, announced the appointments of two U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) administrators. Teresa Coarsey Lasseter was appointed to the position of Farm Service Agency (FSA) administrator and James E. Link was named administrator to the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

Lasseter, a Georgia native, served at FSA from 2001 to 2003, first as state executive director in Georgia and later as associate administrator for farm programs in Washington, D.C. Previously, she served as executive director of the Georgia Agrirama Development Authority from 1993 to 1999 and also worked for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, FSA's predecessor, in several positions from 1977 to 1993, culminating as a county executive director for Lee County.

Link comes to USDA/GIPSA from Texas Christian University where he has been involved with the ranch management program since 1979 as assistant director, associate director and current director. Throughout his career, Link has published numerous articles regarding the livestock industry. He is also owner of the Link Cattle Company of Crowley, Texas.