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NJ FARM BUREAU PLEASSED WITH CHOICE OF AGRICULTURE SECRETARY

Trenton, NJ (Feb 10, 2009) – New Jersey Farm Bureau expressed pleasure on behalf of its members at the selection of State Assemblyman Douglas Fisher (D-District 3) to be the new secretary of agriculture. Farm Bureau congratulates both the New Jersey Board of Agriculture and the governor on a carefully considered and wise choice.

“Doug Fisher is the best possible person to lead this important segment of New Jersey industry, especially in these times of turbulence and challenge,” says Richard Nieuwenhuis, president of the Farm Bureau. “He brings extensive knowledge and capabilities to the role. He has always been an advocate for agriculture; he lives in the largest farming region of the state; his current roles as deputy majority whip and chair of the agriculture and natural resources committee and his long service in the state legislature (since 2002) will prove invaluable to farmers throughout the state. We at Farm Bureau look forward to a long and productive relationship with Doug as our friend and advocate.”

According to the 2007 Census of Agriculture, New Jersey agriculture products sold were valued at nearly \$994-million, according to National Agriculture Statistics Service. Agriculture is the fourth largest industry in the state, contributing billions to the overall economy.

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The New Jersey Farm Bureau is a non-profit member organization of 14,000+ farmers and farm-related individuals within the Garden State. It is the only organization solely dedicated to representing the grass-roots interests and directives of its members in educating all levels of government and the public on the farm community's policies and positions. The Farm Bureau also takes a lead in seeking out initiatives, activities and ventures to enhance the profitability of producer members and ensure the viability of agriculture in New Jersey -- *the Garden State for Good Reason -- our farms.*

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