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Russell Middleton Named Associate Director for Congressional Affairs

McLEAN, Va., June 1, 2009 — Russell Middleton has been named Associate Director for Congressional Affairs for the Farm Credit Administration (FCA). In this capacity, he will serve as a confidential advisor to the Director of Congressional and Public Affairs on legislative issues affecting the agency, the Farm Credit System (FCS), and the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation. The appointment was effective May 16.

“We are fortunate to have Russell join our Office of Congressional and Public Affairs staff,” said FCA Chairman and CEO Leland A. Strom. “His extensive experience on Capitol Hill and knowledge of agricultural credit issues are valuable assets which will serve the agency well as we face a more challenging environment for regulatory oversight of agricultural lending.”

Mr. Middleton joined FCA in August 2006 to serve as executive assistant to former FCA Board Member Dallas Tonsager. Before joining the agency, he worked on Capitol Hill for nearly 20 years. For 10 years he worked for the House Committee on Agriculture where he was responsible for various issues including the FCS, rural economic development, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Farm Service Agency loan programs. Prior to that, he worked on Congressman Charles Stenholm’s personal office staff where his focus was legislative issues. He also managed Congressman Stenholm’s 1996 re-election campaign. Before moving to Washington, he worked in the family’s small business in Texas, the state where he was born and raised.

Mr. Middleton is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas. He now lives in Alexandria, Virginia, with his wife, Renata, and their two children.

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The Farm Credit Administration is the safety and soundness regulator of the cooperative Farm Credit System (System) and the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation (Farmer Mac). FCA charters, regulates, and examines the 102 banks, associations, and service corporations of the System and Farmer Mac. System institutions make loans to agricultural producers and their cooperatives nationwide. Farmer Mac provides a secondary market for agricultural real estate and rural housing mortgage loans. Members of the FCA Board are Leland A. Strom, Chairman and CEO, and Nancy C. Pellett. A third Board member position is currently vacant.

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