

**Natural Resources Conservation Service
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Secretary Perdue Administers Oath of Office to Bill Northey

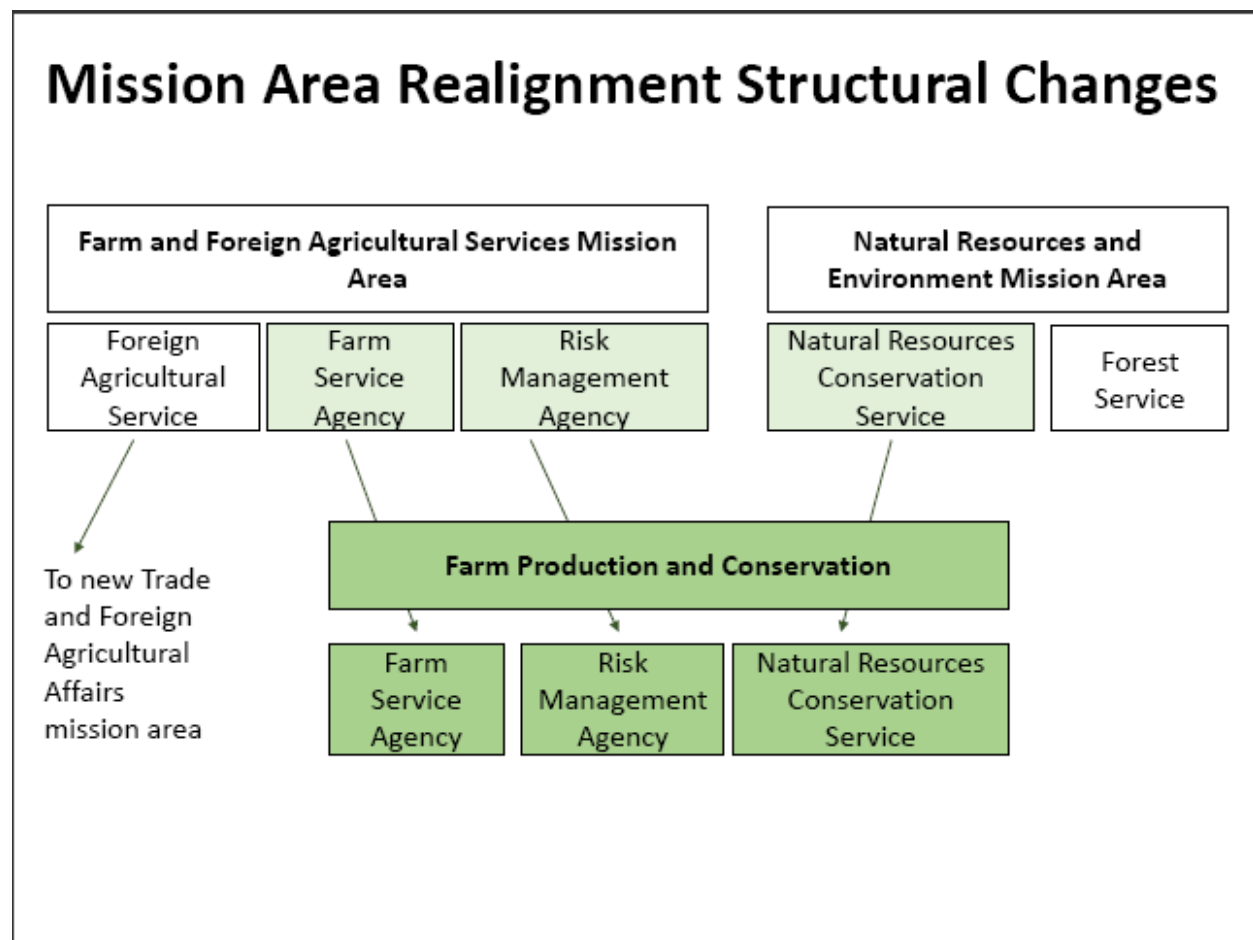


U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue administers the oath of office to Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Service Bill Northey.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue administered the oath of office to Bill Northey at the Annual Iowa Ag Leaders Dinner on March 6. Until then, Northey had served as Iowa's Secretary of Agriculture, a position he had held for more than eleven years. Northey will serve as the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Service (FFAS)* at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

In addition to his long service as Iowa's Secretary of Agriculture, Northey has also held other positions of leadership in agricultural fields. He is a former president of the National Corn Growers Association and served in state and local roles for the Iowa Farm Bureau. Northey is a fourth-generation corn and soybean farmer and former commissioner for the Dickinson County Soil and Water Conservation District.

*NOTE: As part of a reorganization of USDA, Secretary Perdue has created, the President appointed, and the Senate confirmed a new Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, as directed by the 2014 Farm Bill. The creation of the new mission area prompted the realignment of several agencies under a newly-named Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC), the position for which Northey is intended. FPAC encompasses the Farm Service Agency, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Risk Management Agency. USDA is working with Congress to formally change the name of the mission area to FPAC.

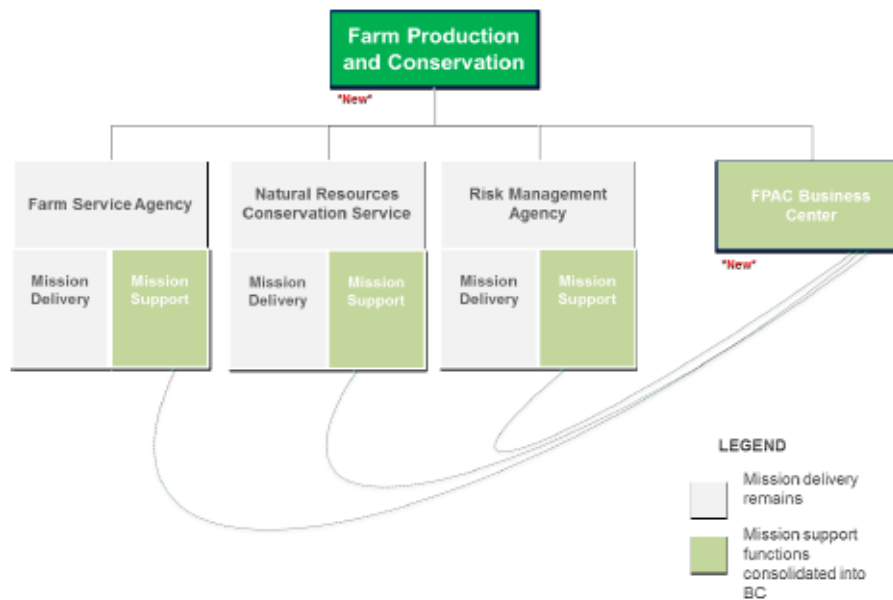


Benefits of the FPAC Realignment

- Focus on domestic agricultural issues
- Provide a one-stop shop for USDA customers
- Deliver more seamless and improved customer service

FPAC Realignment – Business Center

Bringing together FSA, NRCS, and RMA under the new FPAC Mission Area and consolidating Mission support and Enterprise-wide functions into the FPAC Business Center.



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Business Center Benefits

- **Combine mission support and enterprise activities at the mission area level (i.e. – Human Resources, Financial Management, Information Technology)**
- **Maximize collaboration between FSA, NRCS, and RMA**
- **Increase operational efficiencies**

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