



THE FARM CREDIT COUNCIL

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Garnett Elected Chairman of The Farm Credit Council Board of Directors

Fritz Named Vice Chairman, Executive Committee Members Chosen

WASHINGTON – The Board of Directors of The Farm Credit Council recently elected Mike Garnett of Spearman, Texas, as its Chairman, and Mary Fritz of Chester, Montana, as its Vice Chairman.

Garnett has served on the board of the Farm Credit Bank of Texas since 1999 and was elected Vice Chairman in 2001 and 2003. From 1995 to 1998 he served as Chairman of Panhandle-Plains FLBA Board of Directors, to which he was first elected in 1977. He began his service on The Farm Credit Council Board of Directors in 2003. Mr. Garnett raises cattle and has a custom haying and baling business in Spearman, Texas.

Fritz has served on the board of CoBank since 2003 and is currently Third Vice Chair of the CoBank Board. She is a former chairwoman of the Northwest Farm Credit Services board. She joined The Farm Credit Council Board of Directors in 2008. She has a cow-calf operation and also raises wheat and malt barley in Northern Montana.

The Farm Credit Council Board elected the following directors to join Garnett and Fritz on the Council's Executive Committee:

- Doug Felton, the immediate past Chairman of The Farm Credit Council, a grain farmer from Cannon Falls, Minnesota, representing the AgriBank District;
- Gary Alexander, of Westminster, South Carolina, who owns and operates a poultry production and property development business, representing the AgFirst District; and
- Andy Gilbert, who operates Adon Farms, a 1200-cow operation which raises all of its replacements and grows its own forage and corn grain in Potsdam, New York.

The Farm Credit Council was established in 1983 by the leadership of the Farm Credit System to ensure that Farm Credit institutions have an advocate for their interests before Congress and federal regulatory agencies. Each of the System's districts elects directors to serve on the Farm Credit Council board, ensuring that the views of all System institutions are reflected in the policy positions adopted and advocated by the Council.

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The Farm Credit Council is the national trade association representing the institutions of the Farm Credit System. The Farm Credit System is a federally chartered network of borrower-owned lending institutions comprised of cooperatives and related service organizations. Its mission is to provide sound and dependable credit to American farmers, ranchers, producers or harvesters of aquatic products, their cooperatives, and certain farm-related businesses. For more information on The Farm Credit Council, visit www.fccouncil.com.