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VIRGINIA AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL APPLAUDS GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT FOR COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

(Richmond, VA) The Virginia Agribusiness Council applauds Governor Terry McAuliffe's appointment of Sandra J. Adams as Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS).

Adams is currently serving as the Acting Commissioner of VDACS, a role she has held since December and a role she held for five months in 2010 as well. Her long career of service at VDACS has included positions as Deputy Commissioner, Director of Administrative and Financial Services, and the Finance Director for that Department. She also served for a number of years within the Department of Taxation, including a six-year stint as the Budget Manager of that agency. Adams received a degree in Economics from Mary Washington College and a post-baccalaureate Certificate in Accounting from Virginia Commonwealth University. She is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Government Financial Manager.

"Virginia's agribusiness community will be well served with Sandy Adams as Commissioner. In her previous roles at VDACS, she has proven herself to be a capable leader and a strong advocate for Virginia's farmers and agribusinesses. Having grown up in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia's leading agricultural region, she understands the importance of the industry to Virginia's economy." said Katie Frazier, President of the Virginia Agribusiness Council. "We are anxious to continue to partner with her and the McAuliffe Administration in advancing the Commonwealth's number-one industry."

About The Virginia Agribusiness Council

The Virginia Agribusiness Council is a non-profit organization committed to representing the interests of the agriculture and forestry industries in the Commonwealth through effective governmental relations efforts and initiatives. Its membership includes farmers, foresters, and other agricultural producers; industry suppliers; marketers and processors; and commodity and industry associations. It is headquartered in Richmond. For more information, please visit www.va-agribusiness.org.

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