

Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation: Statement on the appointment of Sheila Harsdorf as DATCP Secretary

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MADISON – Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation President Jim Holte issued the following statement regarding Governor Scott Walker’s appointment of Sheila Harsdorf as the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection:

“Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation is extremely pleased with Governor Walker’s appointment of Sheila Harsdorf as Wisconsin’s Secretary of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

Having known Sheila for 30-plus years, she will be an outstanding advocate for Wisconsin agriculture. Sheila understands the diversity and strength in the state’s \$88.3 billion agricultural economy. Wisconsin farmers are in good hands with Sheila at the helm of this important agency. She has served as a consistent voice for agriculture in her tenure in the legislature.

Sheila worked diligently with her colleagues on our state’s right to farm and use value assessment of farmland laws. These two pieces of landmark legislation remain critical to the future of agriculture in Wisconsin. She has been very

supportive of conservation programs, specifically the producer-led watershed initiatives, funding for nonpoint source cost sharing and county land conservation staff.

As a former Wisconsin Farm Bureau Discussion Meet winner and a Pierce County Farm Bureau board member, Sheila understands Farm Bureau and the needs of Wisconsin farmers.

We look forward to working with Sheila in her new role.”