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Glen L. Keppy is the Associate Administrator for Programs for USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). As the Associate Administrator for Programs, Mr. Keppy is responsible for supervising and administering farm commodity programs, farm loans, conservation programs, and disaster assistance.

Mr. Keppy, a third-generation family farmer, has owned and operated a diversified crop and livestock family farm in eastern Iowa for more than three decades. His twin sons also help to operate the family farm.

A past president of the National Pork Producers Council, Keppy encourages producers to view agriculture from a global perspective. Throughout his agricultural career, Mr. Keppy has promoted U.S. agricultural products both domestically and internationally to help American producers become more competitive in the global marketplace. In 1989, Mr. Keppy was one of six people chosen to travel to China with USDA's Agricultural Research Service to select Chinese pigs for a Chinese pig research project.

Active in a variety of agricultural projects, environmental working groups and civic organizations, Mr. Keppy has served on the executive committee and was the treasurer of the U.S. Meat Export Federation. He also served on the Cenex Harvest States Cooperatives Board of Directors and the Federal Reserve Bank Advisory Committee.

Prior to his current position, Mr. Keppy was a member of and actively involved in the National Corn Growers Association; American Soybean Association; American Farm Bureau at the county, state and national levels; and was a presidential appointee advising the Small Business Administration.

Throughout his career, Mr. Keppy has received recognition and numerous distinguished awards for his participation in and membership of community organizations and committees. In the late 1990s, he received the Iowa Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award and was awarded the Leadership Award from the Des Moines Register newspaper.

Mr. Keppy received a bachelor's degree in agricultural technology from the University of Wisconsin – Platteville, where he played football. After college, he played defense for the Pittsburgh Steelers, Detroit Lions and Green Bay Packers and later returned to his first love - agriculture. Mr. Keppy and his wife Jean, live in Arlington, Virginia, and have four children and two grandchildren.