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FCA names Colin Newman director of the Office of Congressional and Public Affairs

McLEAN, Va., May 6, 2026 — Farm Credit Administration Board Chairman and CEO Jeff Hall announced today that Colin Newman will serve as director of the agency's Office of Congressional and Public Affairs (OCPA).

Mr. Newman's first day was Monday, May 4. As OCPA director, he will be FCA's principal point of contact for Congress, the media, other government agencies, Farm Credit System borrowers, and the public.

"I am delighted to welcome Colin to FCA," said Chairman Jeff Hall. "He brings a wealth of leadership, organizational management, and advocacy experience, along with a proven track record of building high-performing teams and prioritizing innovation. His success in supporting America's agricultural industry and rural prosperity will be a credit to FCA."

"Colin has a very impressive background in serving as a voice for America's farming industry and rural communities," said Board Member Glen Smith. "I'm confident he will continue to build valuable relationships that further strengthen FCA's role as the regulator of the System – the nation's leading source of credit for farmers and ranchers. It's great to have him on board; I look forward to working together."

Mr. Newman has more than 15 years of strategic leadership experience, with a record of strengthening organizations and advancing key objectives. Most recently, he served as senior vice president for strategic initiatives for the International Dairy Foods Association, a leading agricultural trade group. In earlier roles at the association, Mr. Newman served as director of industry relations and political affairs, director of political affairs and strategic programs, and manager of legislative affairs and political programs.

From 2014 to 2017, Mr. Newman served as manager of corporate relations with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, where he led member engagement on policy initiatives, helped to successfully implement member priorities, and fostered stakeholder relationships.

A native of McLean, Va, Mr. Newman is a graduate of Gettysburg College. He lives in Northern Virginia with his wife and son.

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The Farm Credit Administration is the regulator of the Farm Credit System. The System is the nation's oldest government-sponsored enterprise. It consists of a nationwide network of cooperative banks and associations,

which was established in 1916, and a secondary market entity known as the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation (Farmer Mac), which was established in 1988. The System's borrower-owned banks and associations provide credit to farmers, ranchers, residents of rural communities, agricultural and rural utility cooperatives, and other eligible and creditworthy borrowers. Farmer Mac provides a secondary market for agricultural real estate loans, rural housing mortgage loans, and certain rural utility loans. FCA news releases are available on the web at www.fca.gov.