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As Director of the Financial Assistance Programs Division (FAPD) for Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), **Mark Rose** provides leadership to implement the 2014 Farm Bill conservation programs including: Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) and the Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) Program. The FAPD also includes the following programs authorized under the 2008 Farm Bill: Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), Chesapeake Bay Watershed Program (CBWP), and Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP). Under 2008 Farm Bill, these programs, combined, provided more than \$6 billion of conservation financial and technical assistance on land owned or operated by agricultural producers in all 50 States, Puerto Rico and Guam.

Prior to entering a Federal career, Mr. Rose served as the Assistant Farm Manager at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center's Northwest Agricultural Branch from 1983 -1985 and also operated a 1,000 acre family farm in northwest Ohio until 1992.

Mr. Rose began his career with Soil Conservation Service, now NRCS, as a soil conservationist in Logan County, Ohio. During his 28 year career with the agency, he has held numerous positions in several State locations, including district conservationist in Wyandot County, Ohio; and Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) coordinator in Southwest Oklahoma and Southern Maryland. He also served as a resource conservationist in NRCS's national headquarters in Washington, D.C. for a year before he was selected as the Assistant State Conservationist for Programs in Maryland. In 2010 he was selected as the National Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (FRPP) Manager for NRCS in Washington, D.C.; in 2011 he was selected as the EQIP team leader and in December 2013 he appointed to as the Director of Financial Assistance Programs.

Mr. Rose is a graduate of the Agricultural Technical Institute and The Ohio State University with degrees in Crop Production Technology and Agricultural Mechanization and Systems. He is a graduate of Class II (1987-1989) of the Ohio Agricultural Leadership, Education and Development (LEAD) program.

