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Agri-Growth Council Eager to Work with New MN Commissioner of Ag

The Minnesota Agri-Growth Council applauds the recent announcement of David Frederickson to be appointed Commissioner of Agriculture and is eager to work alongside him representing the Minnesota food and agriculture industry.

ST. PAUL, Minnesota (December 21, 2010) — After being notified by the Dayton Transition Team the Minnesota Agri-Growth Council was pleased with Governor-Elect Mark Dayton’s choice to appoint former State Senator David Frederickson to be the Minnesota Department of Agriculture’s next Commissioner. Of the selection, Agri-Growth Council President Daryn McBeth said, “We’re excited to work with David Frederickson – in a number of capacities. Traditionally, the Commissioner of Agriculture serves as an Ex Officio director on our Board. I’m confident that Frederickson will be a strong and successful advocate for our state’s food and agriculture industry.”

Former Senator Frederickson has a diverse range of experiences relating to the agriculture industry, previously serving as the President of the National Farmers Union, President of the Minnesota Farmers Union, and as a state senator. He has also worked as the director of Senator Klobuchar’s agriculture outreach team, and as a farmer on his multi-generational family farm. Kristin Weeks Duncanson, who will become Chair of the Agri-Growth Council Board of Directors in January, noted, “I was pleased to hear about David Frederickson’s selection to be appointed Agriculture Commissioner. David will be a valuable asset to Governor Dayton’s administration and to the Agri-Growth Council Board.”

“Frederickson is a strong choice for this important position, which in part acts as the chief cheerleader for Minnesota’s second largest industry – agriculture,” added McBeth.

The Minnesota Agri-Growth Council (www.agrigrrowth.org) is an advocate for the state’s food and agriculture industry. Founded in 1968, the Council is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that represents the shared interests of its 200-plus members, which include food and agriculture businesses, organizations and producers, as well as the service industries that support them.

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