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Dear Partners and Friends of Massachusetts Agriculture,

I hope that many of you have recognized some of the great developments associated with Massachusetts agriculture and have experienced benefit from the current outstanding support that exists for agricultural interests in our Commonwealth. As I indicated in my most recent Commissioner's Column for the Farm & Market report, the Department is working hard and successfully toward the implementation of a variety of programs. To maintain our great progress it is going to take the continued dedication of a great and talented team. To that end it is with great pleasure that I inform you of our newest addition.

Based upon the authority granted to me as Commissioner of the Department of Agricultural Resources under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 20 section 4 and with the approval of the Massachusetts Board of Food and Agriculture, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that I have appointed Mr. Nathan L'Etoile Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Agricultural Resources.

Many of you know Nathan as a strong advocate for the farming community. In his most recent position, Nathan served as Director of Legislative Affairs for the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) where he has worked tirelessly within the agricultural community and importantly, built strong legislative relationships that span the aisle. He also served as Franklin County Farm Bureau president, was a member of the MFBF board of directors, and most recently was elected as moderator for his home town of Northfield. As a member of a family with diverse farming interests, Nathan understands firsthand the challenges faced by the agricultural community today and is prepared to work with us to address those challenges.

Please join me in welcoming Nathan as a strong addition to the team (Monday, June 22nd is his start date). I know I speak on Nathan's behalf in saying that he looks forward to our continued good work on behalf of the Commonwealth's agricultural future! For your information, here is Nathan's contact information: [Nathan.L'Etoile@state.ma.us](mailto:Nathan.L'Etoile@state.ma.us); Tel. 617.626.1702.