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OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANNOUNCES NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

REYNOLDSBURG, OH (April 17, 2017) – Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) Director David T. Daniels has appointed former State Representative Tim Derickson as the department’s assistant director. Derickson most recently served as executive director of the Ohio Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors. One of his many accomplishments in the legislature was sponsorship of HB 89 in March 2011 that established Ohio Agriculture Week, an annual week of recognition dedicated to the state’s largest industry.

“Tim Derickson will be a perfect addition to our team at ODA,” said Daniels. “His farming background coupled with his legislative and executive experience will help our agency and its dedicated employees serve the people of Ohio by responsibly carrying out ODA’s mission of responsible regulation that allows Ohio’s farmers and food processors to grow and prosper.”

“Farming and agriculture is my heritage and remains my passion,” said Derickson. “I have great respect for agriculture and food processing and the thousands of people who make a significant impact to the state. This industry employs one in seven Ohioans and frankly, it affects everyone. I look forward to being part of a team that promotes the industry, protects consumers, promotes environmental stewardship and monitors plant and animal health, among many important duties.”

Growing up, Derickson worked full-time on his family’s dairy farm in Hanover Township, Butler County, while attending Talawanda High School, Clark State Community College and Miami University. A successful entrepreneur, he managed employer health plans including the Butler County health insurance plan. He and his family later founded Colonial Woods, followed by the development of Indian Ridge Golf Club on the family farm. From 2009 – 2016, Derickson served Butler County’s 53rd District as state representative.

As assistant director, Derickson will oversee ODA’s daily operations, including management of more than 450 employees and more than 15 divisions and offices.

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