



Michigan FSA State Office Committee

Farm Service Agency



Left to right in the photo:

- **Committee Chair Cheryl Kobernik of Frankfort**
- **Committee Member Amanda Carey Goodfellow of Morley**
- **Committee Member Jerry Ann Hebron of Detroit**
- **Committee Member Ryan Shaw of Marlette**
- **State Executive Director Tim Boring**

Cheryl Kobernik – Organic Cherry Farmer Cheryl Kobernik returns to the Michigan FSA State Office Committee as the Chair. “I appreciate the opportunity to serve in this capacity, hoping to contribute for the further enhancement of agriculture in Michigan, which has a great deal to offer,” said Kobernik. “I am passionate about Michigan ag and dedicated to raising the bar and supporting our diverse farm owners and operators in all their efforts.” This marks Kobernik’s third time serving on the Michigan FSA State Office Committee, previously serving for a total of sixteen years under the Obama and Clinton administrations. Kobernik is an experienced northern Michigan farmer and the co-owner and co-operator of a sweet and tart cherry farm in Frankfort, Michigan. This year marks her farm’s 23rd year of certified organic production and 37th year utilizing USDA programs.

Amanda Carey Goodfellow – Dairy and Row Crop Farmer Amanda Carey Goodfellow joins the Michigan FSA State Committee from Mecosta County where she farms in partnership with her father on their fifth-generation dairy and row crop farm. “I think it’s important to be involved at every level,” said Goodfellow. “I have a deep passion for the industry and enjoy learning about all aspects.” On the farm, Goodfellow says they pride themselves on being efficient and working toward the future, incorporating technology such as robotic milkers for their 180 dairy cows and prescriptions in the field. Goodfellow has prior experience in ag public service, previously serving on USDA’s Beginning Farmer and Rancher Advisory Committee.

Jerry Ann Hebron – Urban Vegetable Farmer Jerry Ann Hebron joins the Michigan FSA State Committee from a nonprofit urban farm in Detroit. “I am here to raise awareness of urban ag work in Michigan,” said Hebron. “I am passionate about my work in the Detroit ag community and am working to create a path for aspiring urban producers at home and across the state.” For 12 years under Hebron’s leadership, her urban farm grows healthy food, hosts educational programs, creates cultural gathering spaces, and generates jobs in the community.

Ryan Shaw – Sustainable Row Crop Farmer Ryan Shaw joins the Michigan FSA State Committee as a first-time member and long-time farmer. “With the experience I’ve gained over the years, I’m here to represent the farmers’ perspective,” said Shaw. “Supporting Michigan agriculture and securing its future are very important to me.” Ryan Shaw farms 1,400 acres of corn, soybeans, sugar beets, and cereal rye in Michigan’s Thumb region. Located within the Saginaw Bay Watershed, his farm prioritizes soil and water conservation utilizing striptillage, controlled traffic, filter strips, pollinator habitat, and cover crops—including interseeding.