



STATE SENATOR JASON CROWELL - ROOM 323, STATE CAPITOL - JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65101

For Immediate Release:
January 13, 2005

Contact: Jason Crowell
(573) 751-2459

Senator Jason Crowell Successfully Sponsors Governor Blunt's Nominee to Head Ag. Dept.

Frederick Ferrell Earns Senate Confirmation of Important Gubernatorial Appointment

JEFFERSON CITY – Senator Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, today announced the full Senate’s confirmation of Frederick Ferrell who is the gubernatorial appointee Crowell is sponsoring to head the state’s Department of Agriculture.

“I am so proud and honored to sponsor Fred as Governor Blunt’s Director of Agriculture. Fred was unanimously approved by committee yesterday and this morning by the Senate” Crowell said. “He is a fine man that brings the right mix of experience, dedication and leadership to a department that affects a vast portion of our state’s economy and citizenry. I confident he will do an outstanding job.”

The Department of Agriculture strives to serve, promote and protect the agricultural producers, processors, and consumers of Missouri’s food, fuel, and fiber products. The department achieves this through the setting of policy and providing assistance to farmers throughout the state. Expanded duties include consumer protection; public health roles; environmental advocacy; agricultural marketing; public information and awareness; and promoting new technology and new uses for Missouri’s agricultural goods.

As director, Fred Ferrell will oversee the department’s budget and operations; determine department policy; represent the administration on agricultural matters; and will serve as a liaison to the governor, the state legislature, numerous agricultural and environmental organizations and the public.

A successful farmer and business owner from Charleston, MO, Ferrell earned a bachelor of science from the University of Missouri, majoring in animal science. Married and the father of two children,

Ferrell serves on a number of panels and boards, including Progressive Farm Services and the Missouri Federation Board, Farm Credit.

The directors of many departments within the state's executive branch are appointed by the governor. Gubernatorial appointees then work with their state senator, who serves as a sponsor in the confirmation process, which begins before the Senate's Gubernatorial Appointments Committee and concludes with a consenting vote by the full Senate.

Crowell presented Ferrell to the Senate panel on Jan. 12 receiving a unanimous endorsement. The full Senate confirmed the appointment today, Jan. 13.

"I'm very pleased with the Senate's actions," Crowell said. "Governor Blunt recognized top-notch talent in nominating Fred Ferrell, and now the Missouri Senate has thrown its support behind Fred, who will now begin making our ag department an even better resource for Missouri's growers, producers and processors."

Senator Jason Crowell represents the people of Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Madison, Mississippi, Perry and Scott counties in the Missouri Senate and can be reached at (573) 751-2459.



An electronic copy ("jpeg" format) of this photo showing Senator Jason Crowell (r) and gubernatorial nominee Frederick Ferrell and his wife, Marilyn, can be obtained by calling Senator Crowell's capitol office at: (573) 751-2459.