

Subject: Introduction

I'd like to introduce myself, and relay to you how excited I am to hopefully work with you in the months and years ahead to promote Ohio jobs and economic development. The Ohio Department of Agriculture is a regulatory agency, charged with safeguarding the health and safety of Ohio's plants, livestock and people. However we have also been charged by Governor Kasich, and Director Zehringer, with reaching out to potential farmers and agribusinesses to locate or expand in Ohio.

This is a two-minute video that I hope you can watch which relays the strong commitment Gov. Kasich and Director Zehringer share for agriculture in Ohio. Please think of us if we can help in any way in your pursuit of agribusiness, whether we can help with harmful regulations or even talk with other cabinet agencies about issues affecting these businesses http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ViWoT_Wv4UI.

Also, Director Jim Zehringer stands ready to assist in your quest to bring jobs to your region. Finally, working with us in this endeavor is Agribusiness Liaison Janelle Mead (Jmead@agri.ohio.gov) who is available to assist you too. Thank you, and again we look forward to working with you as we move forward.

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