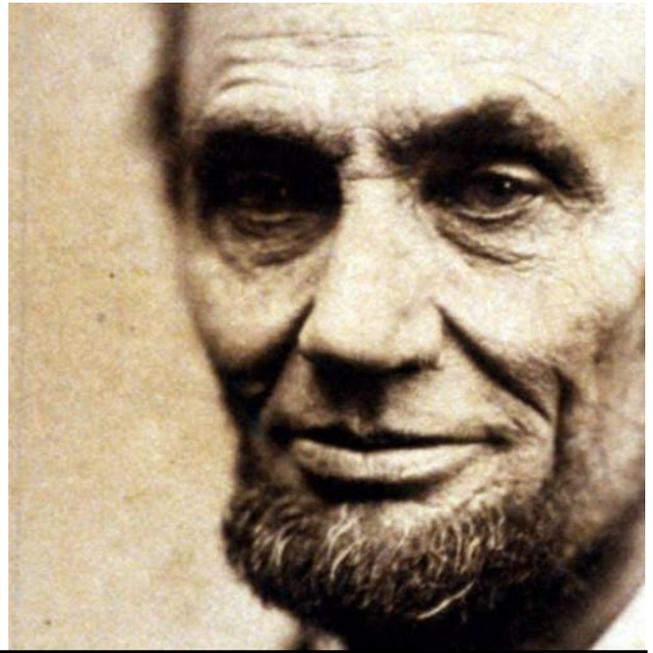


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“The People’s Department”

When President Abraham Lincoln founded the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1862, he called it "the People's Department," a sentiment that still rings true today as the Department's diverse portfolio boasts strong support for American agriculture and conservation, as well as, critical nutrition assistance, food safety, rural development, and research programs, among many other programs and initiatives. As the department commemorates 150 years of accomplishments, USDA is looking to the future. In the years to come, we will help address the changing needs of agriculture and rural America.

Join the Celebration

May 21, 2012 | 1:00 p.m. | NRCS State Office Conference Room

You are invited to attend a one hour event commemorating the 150th anniversary of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), established May 15, 1862 by President Abraham Lincoln.

Jane Hardisty, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service and **Julia Wickard**, State Executive Director, Farm Service Agency will co-moderate the event. **Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman** will make remarks about the importance of USDA to Hoosier agriculture, natural resources, and rural development. Speakers will include:

- Becky Skillman, Lieutenant Governor of Indiana
- Jane Hardisty, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service
 - Julia Wickard, State Executive Director, Farm Service Agency
 - Philip Lehmkuhler, State Director, Rural Development
 - Ronie Griffin, Director, Risk Management Agency

Light refreshments will be served.

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