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CHIEF ECONOMIST GLAUBER ANNOUNCES SELECTION OF ROBERT JOHANSSON AS DEPUTY CHIEF ECONOMIST

WASHINGTON, June. 1, 2012 – U.S. Department of Agriculture Chief Economist Joseph Glauber today announced the selection of Robert Johansson as USDA Deputy Chief Economist.

“Robert Johansson is well-prepared for the demands of this post,” said Glauber, “through years of demonstrated analysis and experience in agricultural economics and policy analysis at USDA, the Office of Management and Budget, the Congressional Budget Office, and the Council of Economic Advisers.”

As Deputy Chief Economist, Johansson is responsible for assisting the Chief Economist in developing and maintaining a comprehensive system of analysis that integrates economic policy with complex domestic and foreign agricultural and rural issues arising within the Department. In addition to those duties, he will continue to monitor issues related to energy and the environment.

Johansson began working for USDA in January 2001 at the Economic Research Service where he conducted and led research efforts on various topics including agricultural and environmental policies, which entailed estimation and modeling of farm management and associated impacts on prices, trade, production, and air and water quality. In 2006, Johansson took a position with the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget, where he worked as economist and policy analyst on environmental, energy, and agricultural regulations. In 2008, he moved to the Congressional Budget Office to work on climate change and energy policy issues. And in 2010, he returned as a senior economist to USDA’s Climate Change Program Office where he helped analyze land use and land use change for climate change proposals and coordinated USDA’s policy and technical position on the use of biomass in energy production consistent with recent developments in the Clean Air Act. Johansson was detailed to the White House in 2011 to be the senior economist for energy, environment, and agriculture on the Council of Economic Advisers. There he has worked on budgetary and regulatory policies for USDA, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Department of Energy amongst others.

Johansson received a Master's Degree and Ph.D. in agricultural economics from the University of Minnesota in 2000 and Bachelor's Degree in economics from Northwestern University in 1990.

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