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### **Michael Marsh to lead National Council of Agricultural Employers**

(Washington, D. C.) Chair, Joe Young of Goffstown, NH, announced today that following an exhaustive national search, the board of directors of the National Council of Agricultural Employers (NCAE) has selected Michael Marsh as the organization's new President and Chief Executive Officer. He will replace Frank Gasperini, the retiring executive who has led NCAE since September 2008.

Marsh is a graduate of the University of Wyoming with degrees in accounting and history. He has been consulting in the areas of complex financial transactions, litigation support, media, and public relations since December 2014 and is also a CPA. Prior to that, Marsh served as Chief Executive Officer of Western United Dairymen for fifteen years building that organization into the nation's premier dairy producer trade association. This followed a successful seven-year stint as Director of Finance and Administration with the Almond Board of California. Both organizations are located in Modesto, California.

"Finding an outstanding individual to steer the organization forward to follow in Frank's footsteps was a daunting task," noted Young. "The Selection Committee was faced with a group of tremendous candidates from all over the country but, after interviewing the top tier of those candidates, they identified Michael as possessing the talents to drive NCAE forward through a very tough environment for agricultural employers."

NCAE Vice Chairman Jon DeVaney, President of the Washington State Tree Fruit Association commented, "We recognized that to lead effectively on issues impacting people who employ

agricultural workers, the Council needed someone who has a sterling results-oriented reputation as well as the vision and collaborative approach necessary to effectively communicate the needs and concerns of these growers in the US Capitol. Michael fit that bill.”

“I am honored that the board of directors selected me to work with the Council,” said Marsh.

“You can’t have sustainable agriculture without the labor force necessary to harvest crops or if farmers face unreasonable regulations preventing them from ever turning a profit on their investment. The National Council of Agricultural Employers advocates for farmers with ‘skin in the game’ and the chores ahead are going to require a lot of skilled hands. I’m excited to relocate to Washington, DC and put my hands to work for NCAE.”