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He will bring to this position a lifetime of involvement in agriculture, and a long record as a faithful friend to America's farmers and ranchers. And he will lead an important agency with the executive skill he learned as a mayor, and as a two-term governor of Nebraska.
I have known Mike Johanns for a number of years, going back to my own service as a governor. I know firsthand of his deep commitment to a strong farm economy. He has been a leader on drought relief, in Nebraska and throughout the Midwest. He is a strong proponent of alternative energy sources, such as ethanol and biodiesel.
And he has traveled the world to promote American farm exports.
Governor Johanns is a man of action, and of complete integrity. He knows how to bring people together to achieve results. He has been a superb leader for the people of Nebraska, and I am grateful that he has agreed to take on this important new responsibility in my Cabinet.
I'm grateful as well to Secretary Ann Veneman for leading the Department of Agriculture these past four years. Secretary Veneman has earned the trust of farmers and ranchers across America, and the whole nation has benefited from her service.
THE PRESIDENT

Ann played a central role in passing the 2002 Farm Bill, which has been critical to the success of our farmers. She has kept our nation's commitment to fighting hunger, and has overseen major improvements in school nutrition programs.
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I chose Ann Veneman for her great expertise, her sound judgment, and her bipartisan spirit - and she has displayed those qualities every day of her tenure.
Ann has also carried out her duties while facing serious illness – and for that she has earned my increased admiration, and the respect of her fellow citizens. I am proud to know her, and I thank her for serving our country.
The policies we have pursued over the last four years have revived America's economy, and helped our farmers and ranchers earn greater income ... and sell record amounts of food and fiber abroad. In a new term, we will continue policies that are pro-growth, pro-jobs, and pro-farmer.
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When confirmed by the Senate, Mike Johanns will lead a department of 113,000 dedicated public servants – and be a champion of the farmers and ranchers who feed America, and the world beyond. I am grateful to Mike and his wife, Stephanie, for their willingness to come to Washington – and I look forward to welcoming Mike to my Cabinet. Congratulations, Mike.
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