

***Maxine B. Moul***  
***Nebraska State Director***  
***USDA—Rural Development***

Maxine Moul was appointed by President Barack Obama as Nebraska State Director of USDA—Rural Development on June 29, 2009. She previously was Coordinator of EndowNebraska, a coalition of nonprofits, professional advisors and donors seeking to insure the sustainability of Nebraska’s charitable organizations by building permanent endowments.

Mrs. Moul began her journalism career at the *Sioux City (Iowa) Journal* in 1969. In 1971, she and her husband, Francis, founded Maverick Media, Inc., and purchased the *Syracuse (Nebraska) Journal-Democrat*. Mrs. Moul served as President and Chief Executive Officer from 1983 to 1990, when she was elected Lieutenant Governor of Nebraska with Governor Ben Nelson. She led the administration’s rural development efforts and Governor Nelson named her Chairperson of the Nebraska Rural Development Commission.

In 1993, Governor Nelson appointed her Director of the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. In 1995, she helped form the Nebraska Partnership for Rural Development and was a member of the Governance Board, representing the State of Nebraska.

She served on the Northern Great Plains Rural Development Commission, from 1994-1997 and on the Board of Northern Great Plains Inc., working to implement the recommendations of the Commission, from 1997 to 2006.

Mrs. Moul left state government in January 1999. She served as the first Chair and then President of the Nebraska Community Foundation, a statewide 501(c)(3) foundation formed in 1993 that includes nearly 200 affiliated community and program funds. The Foundation has helped its affiliated funds distribute more than \$76 million for community and economic development in Nebraska and has assets of \$46 million. She was elected President Emeritus of the Nebraska Community Foundation in August 2003.

Mrs. Moul is a native of Oakland, Nebraska, the daughter of the late Eva and Einer Burnett. All four of her grandparents were Swedish immigrants. She grew up on a 160 acre farm and attended a rural school. She is a graduate of Oakland High School and a journalism graduate of the University of Nebraska. She and her husband, Francis, live in Lincoln. Francis holds a doctorate in American History from the University of Nebraska. He is the author of “The National Grasslands, America’s Undiscovered Treasures,” published by the University of Nebraska Press in 2006. Their daughter, Jennifer, died at age 19 in 1985. Their son, Jeff, and his wife, Diane Becket of Rapid City, South Dakota, are the parents of Adia and Annalise.