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First Lady Michelle Obama visits & praises USDA employees

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First Lady Michelle Obama paid a visit to the Agriculture Department on Feb. 19 to thank USDA employees for their service to the nation and told them “We’re going to need you working hard for the next several years.”

Mrs. Obama said it’s important for people to know that USDA touches the lives of all Americans on a daily basis, “from supporting the farmers that produce the food that we eat, to managing the school meal programs that give students the energy and nutrition they need to get through the day, to providing greater access to fresh fruit and vegetables, to giving struggling families the assistance they need to put food on their table, and to protecting our food supply.”

The First Lady said that rural America is hurting economically and she insisted the \$787 billion dollar stimulus package signed into law by her husband would turn the economy around.

“The new investments that will double the nation’s renewable energy capacity is going to bring new jobs and economic opportunity to rural communities who will play a central role in creating America’s clean energy future.”

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