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Lucie L. Snodgrass was appointed FSA's Maryland State Executive Director on Aug. 18, 2012, but her involvement in agriculture goes back 20 years, including once owning and operating a fifth generation, 150-acre farm and nursery in northeastern Maryland. Lucie and her ex-husband were twice honored as conservation farmers of the year for their sustainable farming practices.

While working in local government, Lucie was responsible for writing legislation that increased opportunities for on-farm retail operations in her county. In 2008, she co-chaired Governor O'Malley's Agricultural Transition Team, spearheading a working group that developed key agricultural recommendations for the new Governor's first term. Lucie was the lead author of that report. In 2010, she helped start Maryland's Farm to School program and she also served for several years on the Maryland Department of Agriculture's Specialty Crops grant review team that awarded money for innovative agricultural initiatives in the state. She is a passionate advocate of local food systems.

Lucie earned an undergraduate degree from Vassar College, an MPA from Harvard University and an MA from Johns Hopkins University. She spent years working in Washington, D.C., in the Legislative and Executive branches of government. She is also the author of two books, *Dishing Up Maryland* (Storey 2010) and *Green Roof Plants: A Resource and Planting Guide* (Timber Press 2008), which she co-authored with her ex-husband, Edmund. Lucie has two adult sons, Timothy and Graham.