TOM VILSACK

US SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

SPRING COMMEMNCEMENT SPEAKER

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Vilsack is the nation's 30th secretary of agriculture and is leading the U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA) with a mission to strengthen America's agricultural economy through building vibrant rural communities, and creating new markets for innovation of rural America.

In his six years at the Department, Vilsack has worked to implement President Barack Obama's agenda to put Americans back to work and create an economy built to last. Under his leadership, the USDA has successfully supported the nation's farmers, ranchers, and growers who are driving the rural economy forward.

The Department has provided food assistance to millions of Americans and carried out record conservation efforts. In addition, it has made record investments in our rural communities, helping to provide a safe, sufficient, and nutritious food supply for the American people. Prior to his appointment, Vilsack served as the Governor of Iowa in the Iowa State Senate and as the mayor of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.