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Jennifer Lester Moffitt is Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs at the United States Department of Agriculture, the first female to serve in this position. At USDA, she provides leadership for the Agricultural Marketing Service and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, working to build a more reliable, resilient, and equitable food system by strengthening agricultural markets and ensuring the health and care of animals and plants.

Prior to joining USDA, Under Secretary Moffitt worked at the California Department of Food and Agriculture where she championed the critically important work of farmers and producers in her roles as Undersecretary and Deputy Secretary.

A 5th generation Californian, Under Secretary Moffitt grew up on her family's organic walnut farm and processing operation and spent 10 years as Managing Director, working to expand domestic and international markets and implementing climate smart agricultural practice. Growing up and working on the farm, she learned first-hand the importance of taking care of the land and the people who farm it.

Before running the family farm, Under Secretary Moffitt worked for American Farmland Trust, connecting farmers with information on conservation easements, estate planning, research, and technical assistance.

A former 4-H and FFA member, Under Secretary Moffitt grew up raising market lambs and recently served as a 4-H volunteer. In doing so, she's seen the important role farmers play in supporting their local communities and youth development.

A graduate of Brown University and the California Agricultural Leadership Program, Under Secretary Moffitt has served as a member of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, the California Certified Organic Farmers Board of Directors, the Organic Trade Association Farmer Advisory Council, and the Board of Directors for the Center for Land-based Learning. She believes in the importance of engaging agricultural stakeholders and working collaboratively to address the issues facing farmers, producers, and consumers.

Under Secretary Moffitt spends her time between Washington, D.C. and Davis, California where she lives with her husband, a public-school educator, and their teenage daughter.