

Michael T. Scuse

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Professional Profile

- Extensive experience in and knowledge of state and federal government
- Superior communication skills
- Experienced public speaker
- Proficient in reading and interpreting local, state, and federal laws
- Formerly elected to public office
- Led trade missions to 27 countries
- Represented the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture at the World Trade Organization Conference in Geneva, Switzerland

Professional Experience

Cabinet Secretary, Department of Agriculture

Currently

Acting Deputy Secretary USDA

Mar. 2016-Jan. 2017

Achievements:

- Reduced the time for disaster declarations from over 100 days to under 30
- Over saw the down sizing of Farm Service offices by closing 125 of the 2200 county offices
- Helped implement two Farm Bills
- Assisted producers who had losses due to weather and other causes
- Led the effort to develop news crop insurance products
- Found a way to compensate livestock producers who suffered losses from wolves and other predators
- Opened foreign markets for U.S. agricultural products that helped set record breaking years for Ag trade. Over \$1 trillion in 8 years

Responsibilities:

- Daily management of a department with just under 100,000 people and a budget of around \$150 billion.
- Led trade missions around the world to promote and sell agricultural products
- President of the Commodity Credit Corporation where the funding for many USDA programs comes from
- Represent USDA at White House meetings for senior officials

Under Secretary for Farm & Foreign Agricultural Service

2012-2016

Deputy Under Secretary Farm & Foreign Agricultural Service

2009-2012

Chief of Staff, Office of Governor Ruth Ann Minner

Sept. 2008- Jan. 2009

Achievements:

- Successfully administrated and coordinated the end-of-term transition for all departments within the executive branch of state government
- Effectively managed an understaffed office ensuring that services provided to constituents, state agencies, elected officials, and the public were not interrupted
- Assisted the governor and the director of the Office of Management and Budget in addressing significant budgetary issues

Responsibilities:

- Managing the governor's staff and cabinet
- Communicating important issues to the governor, cabinet, and staff
- Providing a visible link between the governor, elected officials, and the public
- Acting as a representative on the governor's behalf in dealing with elected officials, constituents, and all departments in state government
- Serving as chairman of the Cabinet Committee on State Planning Issues

Cabinet Secretary, Department of Agriculture

May 2001- September 2008

Achievements:

- Served as Vice President of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA)
- Served as President of the Northeast Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NEASDA) in 2003
- Served as Vice Chair of International Trade and Marketing for the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA)
- Successfully eradicated avian influenza from broiler flocks with the assistance of the University of Delaware and the poultry industry

Responsibilities:

- Sustained and promote the viability of food, fiber, and agricultural industries in Delaware through quality services that protect and enhance the environment, health, and welfare of the general public
- Supervised, directed, and accounted for the administration and operation of the Department, its divisions, subdivisions, and offices including the Harness Racing and Thoroughbred Racing Commissions
- Established and promulgated rules and regulations governing the administration and operation of the Department
- Oversaw maintenance of facilities throughout the state as required for the effective and efficient operation of the Department

State Chairman, Farm Service Agency

1996-2001

Chairman, Kent County Regional Planning Commission

1996-2001

Kent County Recorder of Deeds, Kent County Row Office 1986-1994

- Successfully elected to two terms

Partnership, Round Maple Farms with Brother Dale 1973- Present

- Farm more than 1,500 acres of corn, soybeans and wheat

Auctioneer, C.T Scuse & Sons Auctioneering Company 1973-2000

Memberships

- Former Member of the American Planning Association
- Member of Quality Deer Management Association
- Member of Ducks Unlimited

Education

- Salem College
- Smyrna High School Graduate

References – Available upon request