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Rick Dantzler has been appointed to serve as the USDA Farm Service Agency State Executive Director for the state of Florida.

Dantzler is the third generation of his family to be born and raised in Florida. A true son of the Sunshine State, Rick began serving his community at the age of 26 when he was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 1982. He served in that position for eight years and in 1990, he was elected to the Florida Senate. After leaving the Senate in 1998, Rick ran as the Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor.

In 2006 he joined the board of the Florida Sports Hall of Fame where he serves as president.

In his free time, he enjoys fishing, hunting, playing golf and writing. The author of three books, including "Under the Panther Moon," as well as numerous magazine and newspaper articles, his writings fall under the genre of historical fiction, capturing the way Florida was when he was growing up.

Rick graduated from the University of Florida where he received his undergraduate degree and his law degree. He is married to Julie Pope and they are the proud parents of two daughters.