Clark Putman was appointed by the Trump Administration to serve as the state executive director of the New York USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) in November 2017.

Putman was born and raised on a dairy farm in Heuvelton, New York. He attended State University of New York (SUNY) Morrisville, earning his associate degree in agribusiness, and Cornell University, earning his bachelor’s degree in applied economics and farm management.

Putman and his wife, Nancy, own and operate his family dairy farm. They have two children who also love farming. Their farm has received the Dairy of Distinction award.

They have also received multiple Super Milk awards, which is an award is given to New York farmers that meet superior milk quality standards.

He began his career with FSA in 1988, as a county operations trainee. He served as the county executive director of Oswego County from 1989 to 1990. Putnam most recently served as the county executive director of St. Lawrence County from 1990 to 2017.