James Mago was appointed by the Trump Administration to serve as the state executive director of the Arizona USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) in January 2018.

Mago was born into a military family in Beaufort, South Carolina, and has lived throughout the United States. He attended the University of Arizona where he earned a bachelor’s and master’s degree in business administration.

Post graduation, Mago became an area manager for a medical manufacturing company in Fort Worth, Texas. His professional career is filled with entrepreneurial ventures, consulting and business development roles, management and executive positions. While the majority of his career has been spent in the private sector, Mago did have a stint as an economic developer for the city of Glendale, Arizona. Just prior to his appointment, he consulted for automotive and real estate development companies.

Aside from his career, he serves on the advisory board for The Challenge Foundation, a non-profit organization that helps provide smart, hard-working, underprivileged students with educational opportunities.

Mago and his wife reside in the Phoenix area and have three children. In his spare time, Mago enjoys spending quality time with his family, hiking and camping in the great Arizona outdoors, golfing and coaching youth soccer and baseball.