William J. Graff was appointed by the Trump Administration to serve as the state executive director of the Illinois USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) in November 2017. Graff held this position previously during the George W. Bush administration.

Graff has been a resident of Logan County, Illinois, his entire life. He attended Illinois State University where he earned a bachelor’s degree in agricultural industry management.

Growing up on a farm, Graff started his own operation while in high school, growing corn, soybeans and wheat while raising and exhibiting show pigs and cattle at his local county and state fairs.

Graff has been a member of the Logan County Farm Bureau for over 40 years, serving on the board of directors for 13 years and three years as county president. He has also been a member of many associations and served on multiple boards and committees, including the Illinois Farm Bureau Farm Bill Committee, the Illinois State Fair Advisory Board and Agriculture Advisory Committees for Senator Peter Fitzgerald and multiple congressmen. He is also a member of the Illinois Beef Association and served on their Board of Governors.

Graff and his wife, Judi, currently own and operate a farm, where they have a purebred cattle operation and raise corn, soybeans and hay.