



BIOGRAPHY

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Bruce Nelson
Administrator
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Bruce Nelson was appointed to serve as administrator of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) in July 2011. Nelson previously served as state executive director for the Montana Farm Service Agency, a position he was appointed to in 2009 by President Obama.

Nelson, who hails from Fort Benton, Montana, served as the State Executive Director (SED) of Montana since 2008, and previously served as SED from 1993-2000, when he was awarded the Administrator's Distinguished Service Award.

He has also served as the Chief of Staff to Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer and holds an executive role at Triangle N Farms, Inc. For several years Nelson served as Construction Project Manager with the Zoot Construction Company. He received the USDA Secretary Honor Award in 1995 and also received the National award from the Intertribal Agriculture Council in 2000.

He spent many summers working on a family farm and holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Montana. He and his wife, Nancy, have three grown children.