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As New Mexico's Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director, Salomon Ramirez is responsible for the oversight and guidance of the State's twenty-six county offices and for the delivery of the State's farm and farm loan programs.

Prior to being appointed by President Obama as State Director he was the Director of Forestry, Forest Health, Cooperative and International Forestry for the Southwest Region of the US Forest Service.

From May 2003 through January 2009 Ramirez worked in Washington, DC where he served as Director of the FSA's Production, Emergencies, and Compliance Division. He was in charge of implementing major portions of the 2008 Farm Bill. He was responsible for commodity programs which annually deliver over \$5 billion in support to America's farmers, and for the newly enacted Disaster Assistance programs. He has also served as the Assistant to the Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs where he shared responsibility for developing and evaluating FSA policies and procedures for administering FSA's farm commodity, price support, conservation and environmental programs, and emergency assistance programs.

Ramirez has also served various roles for NM Farm Service Agency from 1978 to 2003. In these positions, he was responsible for planning, directing, coordinating and carrying out all aspects of the Agricultural and Farm Loan Programs as well as Administrative functions in the State.

Ramirez began his Federal career more than 35 years ago as a Range Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service in Mora, New Mexico. From 1978 to 1985, he served as Taos County Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency, formerly the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

A native of Rociada, New Mexico, Ramirez has been involved with forestry and agriculture all of his life, having grown up on his family's ranch where they raised cattle and produced hay. Ramirez holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from New Mexico State University.