

Bruce Kettler, Director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture



Bruce Kettler is the Director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, appointed by Governor Eric Holcomb on January 8, 2018, as well as the Director of Agribusiness Development for the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. Bruce was appointed to Governor Holcomb's cabinet in December of 2019. He joins the department with over 30 years of agricultural leadership experience and knowledge that spans from production agriculture and sales, to community and industry relations.

Bruce grew up in western Ohio and developed a passion and appreciation for agriculture at an early age. After serving as the National FFA Vice President, he attended The Ohio State University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Agronomy with emphasis in Agricultural Business.

He began his professional career in 1987 at Dow AgroSciences where he spent 17 years working in a variety of roles. In 2006, he joined Beck's Hybrids as a Sales Consultant and worked his way up to Area Team Leader, Field Sales Manager and then Director of Public Relations, the position he held prior to joining ISDA. Bruce is a 2012 graduate of the Indiana Agricultural Leadership Program. He also serves on the Ohio State University President's Alumni Advisory Council and on the Purdue College of Agriculture Dean's Advisory Council. Furthermore, he is a member of the AgriNovus Indiana board of directors. Recently, Bruce was appointed to serve on the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Board of Directors as second vice president.

At ISDA, his main priorities include agricultural advocacy, economic development, youth development and environmental stewardship. Bruce is married to Tammy and has two children, Cory and Christy and three grandchildren.

