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Amanda De Jong State Executive Director, Iowa

Amanda De Jong was appointed by the Trump Administration to serve as the state executive director of the Iowa Farm Service Agency (FSA) in November 2017.

De Jong was raised on a corn and soybean farm in northeast Iowa near the town of Holy Cross. The farm has been in her family for over 150 years. She attended Iowa State University, receiving a bachelor's degree in agricultural business, and later earned a juris doctor from the University of Iowa Law School.

After law school, De Jong worked for USDA with the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) and the Under Secretary's Office for Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

De Jong worked four years with Senator Chuck Grassley, where she negotiated provisions of the 2008 Farm Bill. Most recently, she was the senior policy advisor for the Iowa Corn Growers Association where she handled ethanol, farm policy, trade and transportation issues.

De Jong is an active supporter of the Agriculture Future of America organization. She formed a non-profit organization, Young Professionals in Agriculture, to connect young people working in agriculture through networking, philanthropy and lifelong learning. She served as the organization's first president and helped form other chapters throughout the U.S.

De Jong and her husband, Ryan, are involved in a cattle and row crop operation near Rhodes and are raising two young sons.