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Jim Eichhorst State Executive Director, Maryland

Jim Eichhorst was appointed by the Trump Administration to serve as the state executive director of the Maryland USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) in November 2017.

Eichhorst is a fifth-generation corn and soybean farmer in east central Illinois, where he makes all production, management and marketing decisions on his family farm. He received a degree in agriculture education from the University of Illinois.

Prior to joining the Maryland FSA, Eichhorst was deputy secretary for the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA). Over the course of his career, Eichhorst worked as director of state government relations for the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) and the director of federal government relations for BIO's Food and Agriculture Section.

Eichhorst spent nearly eight years with the Illinois Farm Bureau and its family of companies, including the Illinois Corn Growers Association, Illinois Corn Marketing Board and Country Companies Insurance.

Appointed previously by the President George W. Bush administration, Eichhorst served USDA as director of intergovernmental affairs and director of external affairs for FSA. He has also worked as chief of staff, legislative director and legislative assistant for two U.S. Congressmen: Thomas W. Ewing and Timothy V. Johnson.

Eichhorst and his wife, Amy, reside in Annapolis, Maryland.