

W. Michael Sullivan was appointed by the Trump Administration to serve as the state executive director of the Rhode Island USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) in June 2018.

He received his bachelor's degree in plant and soil science from the University of Rhode Island. He earned a master's degree in agronomy from the University of Vermont and a Ph.D. in agronomy from the University of Nebraska.

Sullivan was a professor at the University of Rhode Island in the Department of Plant Sciences for over 35 years. He is a former Rhode Island state senator where he served on the Senate Finance Committee. Sullivan is a former director of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management where he was responsible for the state's parks & recreation, marine and freshwater fisheries, and other natural resource use programs.

Sullivan served his local community as a town council member for Richmond, Rhode Island, serving as council president for six years. He served on many local and state boards focused on conservation and natural resources, including the Rhode Island State Conservation Committee. He is a member of numerous professional organizations, including the American Society of Agronomy and the Soil Science Society of America.

Until 2013, Sullivan owned and operated a crop and beef farm in West Kingston. He now resides in Narragansett, Rhode Island.