

Julie Kenney

Julie Kenney grew up on a family farm near Lohrville, Iowa. She learned the value of hard work and determination early in life by helping her parents and grandparents on their crop and livestock farm and in their seed dealership. Today, Julie, her husband Mark, and their family own and operate a corn and soybean farm in Story County.

Julie has been an active advocate for agriculture in the state and across the country through her work with the CommonGround program. She regularly hosts international visitors, media and online influencers on her farm. She has discussed issues facing Iowa farmers in several national and local media outlets.

Julie was appointed Iowa Deputy Secretary of Agriculture in 2018. As Deputy Secretary, Julie is responsible for the operations of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, specifically policy, budget and personnel.

Before joining the Department, Julie had been active in the agribusiness industry for nearly 15 years, serving in marketing and communications roles for private industry and state and national associations and checkoff programs.

Julie is a graduate of Simpson College in Indianola with a degree in marketing. She and her husband Mark have two children.