

Mike Naig

Mike Naig grew up on a family farm in the northwest corner of the state near Cylinder, Iowa. Early in his life, Mike learned the value of hard work by helping his dad and uncle run their crop and livestock farm. He continues to be involved in the operation today.

On Thursday, March 1, 2018, Governor Kim Reynolds announced her intention to appoint Mike to succeed Bill Northey as Iowa Secretary of Agriculture.

As Secretary, he is committed to leading efforts to protect consumers, expanding economic opportunities for Iowans and advocating in Iowa and around the globe on behalf of the hard-working men and women who keep us fed and fueled.

In a state where agriculture is a leading economic driver, Mike knows that protecting our natural resources is essential to our success. He is proud of Iowans for taking on the challenge of improving water quality. He believes in continuing to embrace science and technology to better care for our state's natural resources, secure a safe and affordable food and energy supply, and build markets for Iowa products.

Mike has served as Iowa Deputy Secretary of Agriculture for Northey since September 2013.

As Deputy Secretary, Mike has been responsible for the operations of the department, specifically policy, budget and personnel. He also regularly travelled across the state and on international trade missions. His experience working alongside Secretary Northey reinforced in him the importance of being accessible to Iowans to better represent their interests and be responsive to their needs.

Before joining the Department, Mike had been active in the agribusiness industry for more than 13 years, having served in public policy roles for state and national trade associations and in private industry.

Mike is a graduate of Buena Vista University in Storm Lake with degrees in biology and political science. He and his wife Jaime have three boys.