

Mike Naig grew up on a family farm in the northwest corner of the state near Cylinder, Iowa and he continues to be involved in the operation today.

Mike was appointed by Governor Kim Reynolds to succeed Bill Northey as Iowa Secretary of Agriculture on Monday, March 5, 2018. Prior to that, he had served as Iowa Deputy Secretary of Agriculture since September 2013.

In a state where agriculture is a leading economic driver, Mike knows that protecting our air, soil and water is essential to our success. He is proud that Iowans are taking on the challenge of improving water quality and will continue to pursue new public-private partnerships to protect our precious natural resources.

As Secretary, he is committed to leading efforts to expand 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.

Attracting and retaining talent in Iowa agriculture is a reoccurring topic during his 99 county visits and Mike believes we need to continue to engage young people and encourage them to pursue rewarding careers in agriculture.

As Deputy Secretary under Bill Northey, Mike had been responsible for the operations of the department, specifically policy, budget and personnel. 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.