

Jon Samson – VP of Conferences and Executive Director, Agricultural and Food Transporters Conference (AFTC)

Samson joined AFTC/ATA in October of 2011 to oversee the AFTC board as their Executive Director. In 2020, Samson was selected to oversee all 5 of ATA's Conferences, tasked with growing the department within ATA. Prior to joining ATA, Samson served as Director, Public Policy for the Agricultural Retailers Association (ARA). Samson was responsible for lobbying on policy issues impacting agricultural retailers and distributors. His main focus was on transportation, Farm bill and finance related issues. Previously, Samson served as a legislative aide for Senator Max Baucus (D-MT), focusing on agriculture, transportation and finance. He also served as assistant to the staff director on Senator Baucus's Finance Committee staff. Before moving to D.C., Samson grew up on a family hog farm in southwest Montana. The family farm kept him busy on his off days during high school and through college at Montana State University. He also holds a Masters degree in Public Policy from George Mason University and resides in Huntsville, AL with his wife, Patience, their daughter, Alena and son, August.