

Kip Tom, (Former) U.S. Ambassador

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WORK HISTORY

- [United States Ambassador](#) to the [United Nations Agencies](#), in Rome, Italy (2019-2021)
- [Tom Farms](#) (1973-2019, 2021-Current)
 - Chairman of the Tom Family of Companies (2002-2019), (2021-Current)
 - Director of operations and strategy, Tom Farms, (2000-2015)
 - Director of development, Latin America, Tom Farms, (2000-2016)
 - Director of production and supply management, Tom Farms, (1978-2000)
 - Production technician, Tom Farms, (1973-1978)
- [Corteva \(DuPont-Dow\)](#) in Latin America Consultant, Agriculture Systems Consultant in South America, (1994-1999)

CORPORATE BOARD MEMBERSHIP

- [Indigo Agriculture](#), Chairman of Advisory Board (2016-2019)
- Consileum, Board of Directors (2021-Current)
- GlobalAg, Founder (2021-Current)
- [HarpcBio](#), Board Member (2021-Present)
- [AgriNovus Indiana](#) Board Member (2012-2015), (2021-Present)
- [Provivi](#), Advisory Board, (2016-2019, 2021-Present)
- [Indiana Economic Development Corporation](#) (2005-2016)
- [Elevate Ventures](#), Board Member (2014-2019)
- [Granular Ag](#), Chairman of Advisory Board (2014-2018)
- [AgFunder](#), Founders Fund Board Member, (2018-2019)

PHILANTHROPIC AND NON-PROFIT AFFILIATIONS

- [World Food Program Executive Board](#), Rome, Italy (2019-2021)
- [United States Agriculture Partnership Fund](#), Board Member (2023-Current)
- [U.N. Food Systems Summit Advisory Committee](#), Northern Hemisphere Rep., New York, NY, (2020-2021)
- [Forum for America and the World](#), Fellow, Washington DC, (2021-Present)
- [United States Farmers and Ranchers Alliance](#) (USFRA) Board, (2021)
- [Conexus Indiana Council](#), Board Member (2016-2019)
- [Trump Agriculture Committee](#), Board Member (2015-Current)
- [AgriNovus](#) Indiana, Board Member, (2015-2019), (2021-Present)
- [Growth Energy](#), Board Member, (2014-2019)
- [National Future Farmers of America](#) Foundation Trustee Member, (2014-2019)
- [National 4-H](#) Foundation, Trustee Member, (2014-2019)
- [Farm Foundation](#) Board of Directors, (2011-2019) (2021-Current)
- [Indiana Chamber of Commerce](#) Board of Directors, (2006-2019)
- [Indiana State Department of Agriculture](#), Board Member (2005-2015)

FOREIGN AGRICULTURE BUSINESS VISITS

- Extensive travel globally on issues revolving around agricultural trade, policy, food security, production, and education in over 62 countries.

HUMANITARIAN VISITS FOCUSED ON FOOD SECURITY

- Travel with World Food Programme and other organizations to Iraq, Afghanistan, South Sudan, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Lesotho, Swaziland, Sudan, Ethiopia, Lebanon, and South Africa visiting internally displaced camps, developing and developed ag and food sites, while meeting with national leaders in most countries and WFP and FAO field offices and leadership.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- The Lincoln Leadership Award from the National 4-H Council-2022
- [Agriculture Future of America Ag Leader of the Year](#) – 2015
- [Certificate of Distinction Purdue University-2023](#)
- [4-H National Luminary Award Recipient](#)
- [Purdue APEX Ag Management Award -2012 Purdue University Center for Commercial Agriculture](#)
- [US. Top Producer of the Yer 2007](#)
- [Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year - Indiana 2002](#)
- Top Ten People in Precision Agriculture ([PrecisionAg.com](#))

MEDIA QUOTES

- [Wall Street Journal](#), Kip Tom; “Innovation in agriculture and food is the key to global food security,” he [said](#), and it’s needed “around the world and the United States leads the way”.
- [Fox News](#) , Kip Tom; Video: [“The Trump Tax Proposal will help small family businesses like ours remain in the family.”](#)
- [Eurativ Media](#), Kip Tom, “How America could work with the European Union on Food Sustainability.”
- [RealClearWorld](#), Kip Tom; “The UN should learn that ideology won’t stop a plague of locust.”
- [GlobalAg Investing](#), Kip Tom; I think the next big revolution – the lever to be pulled if you will – will be that of technology and data, and digital science and analytics.
- [New York Times](#), Kip Tom; “Farmers still think tech means physical augmentation — more horsepower, more fertilizer. They don’t see that technology now is about multiplying information.”
- [NPR](#), Kip Tom; "I see Trump being good for agriculture, absolutely."
- [Indianapolis Monthly](#), Kip Tom: When asked by the Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack in 2012 what could the USDA do for producers? Kip responded with “You need to get out of our way. Let private industry do what it does best: conduct business.”
- [AgFunder](#), Kip Tom: “Farmers that don’t adapt to new technologies will be left behind.”
- [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#), Kip Tom; “We can feed, fuel and clothe a growing world but we have to have Global Ag Policy that allows us to.”

SPEECHES - RECENT

- [USDA Annual AgOutlook Conference Keynote Speech](#), Washington, DC. Feb-2020
- [E.T. York Distinguished Lecture](#), Auburn University, April-21
- [United States Farmers and Ranchers Alliance Annual Forum](#), Keynote Address, Texas, Sep-2023
- Organization of Economic Co-Operation and Development, (OECD), Paris, FR Nov-2023
- [Tri-State Growers Annual Conference](#)-Key Note, Coeur d’ Alene, ID, Nov-2023
- [Alaska Food and Energy Conference](#) Hosted by Gov. Dunleavy (R), Anchorage, AK. May-2023
- [European Biological Industry Council](#), Keynote Address Brussels, Belgium. Jun-2023
- AgriPulse Ag Outlook Conference, Kansas City, KS. Aug-2022
- [Western Growers Association](#), Keynote address, Dana Point, CA. Jul-2021
- [Agri-Pulse Agri-Food Policy Summit](#), Washington, DC. Sep-2020
- [US UN Rome Mission FAO Speech Archives](#) (2019-2021)
- [DTN Annual Producer Seminar, Keynote Speech](#), Chicago, IL. Dec-2020
- [Association of Equipment Manufactures \(AEM\) Annual Meeting Keynote Speech](#), Washington, DC Nov-2020
- Kansas City Federal Reserve Annual Ag Outlook Conference. June-2018

- National Press Club, Agriculture and Food Innovations, Washington, DC. Aug-2016
- Forbes Agriculture Innovation Conference, Salinas, CA. July-2016
- Global Ag Investing AGTECH Seminar, San Francisco, CA. Jun-2016
- World Oil Seed Conference, Dublin, Ireland. Nov-2015
- Forbes Agriculture Innovation Conference, Salinas, CA. Jun-2015
- Graan South Africa, Johannesburg, South Africa. Mar-2015
- Harvard Business School, Boston, MA. Mar-2015
- Modern Agricultural Trends-Stanford Business School, Stanford, CA. Feb-2015
- The National Forum, Naples, FL. Feb-2015
- Bayer Grains Conference, Frankfurt, Germany. Nov-2014
- Canadian Canola Growers Annual Convention, Saskatoon, Canada. Oct-2014
- Monsanto Science-Tech Community, St. Louis, MO. Jun-2014

COURSES OF STUDY

- Advanced Management Certificate, Texas A&M (TEAPAP)
- Harvard Executive Agribusiness Executive Seminars-HBS
- Purdue Midwest Food and Agribusiness Executive Seminar

REFERENCES (additional contact information available on request)

- **Newt Gingrich, (Former) Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives**
- **Mike Pompeo, (Former) Secretary of State, United States of America**
- **Sonny Perdue, (Former) Secretary of Agriculture, United States of America**
- **Ambassador (Former) Kevin Moley, US State Dept.**
- **David Beasley, (Former) Executive Director of the World Food Programme,**
- **Howard G. Buffett, Chairman, Howard G. Buffett Foundation**
- **Mitch Daniels, (Former) Indiana Governor, (Former) President-Purdue University**
- **Carl Casale, Board Member Ospray Ag Science Investments**
- **Hugh Grant, (Former) CEO Monsanto**
- **Rodrigo Santos, Board of Mgmt. and Head of Crop Science Global, BAYER AG**
- **Jay Ackridge, Provost, Purdue University,**
- **Sid Gorham, CEO (retired), Granular**

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