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ABOUT ME

- Served as the Administrator of USDA's Farm Service Agency and State Executive Director for Missouri
- Fourth-generation farmer from Bethany, Missouri

Richard Fordyce serves as USDA's Under Secretary for the Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC) mission area. The FPAC Mission Area encompasses key USDA agencies, including the Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Risk Management Agency (RMA), and FPAC Business Center—all essential to the delivery of conservation, farm loans, crop insurance, disaster assistance, and other key programs for farmers around the country.

Richard is a fourth-generation farmer from Bethany, Missouri, and has devoted his career to advancing American agriculture and putting Farmers First.

Prior to serving as Under Secretary, he was Director of Agricultural Business Growth at the marketing firm Osborn Barr Paramore where he led business development growth in the agriculture and rural sectors. He also served as the Administrator of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) from 2018–2021 and State Executive Director for Missouri (from 2017 to 2018). He also served as director of the Missouri Department of Agriculture from 2013 to 2017. As Missouri Department of Agriculture director, he served as chairman of the International Trade & Policy Committee for the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA).

Richard also chaired Missouri's Soil & Water Commission and was named the 2012 Soil Conservationist of the Year by the Conservation Federation of Missouri. Other leadership roles include president of Harrison County Farm Bureau and chair of the Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee for Missouri Farm Bureau and American Farm Bureau. In 2015, he was awarded the Missouri Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award and the Agricultural Leaders of Tomorrow Alumni of the Year. Richard has served in roles for the National Biodiesel Board and the Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council. He was also appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to serve as one of the Missouri directors on the United Soybean Board and served in that capacity for 11 years.

He and his wife, Renee, have two children and grow soybeans, corn and beef cattle on the family farm.