

## **L. Dow Brantley III**

Dow Brantley of England, AR is a third generation family farmer and a partner of Brantley Farming Company. He joined the family operation in 2000, producing rice, corn, cotton and soybeans. Brantley is a 1998 graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville where he received a bachelor of science in agricultural, food and life sciences. After graduation, he worked at the United States Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., before returning to the family farm.

Dow currently serves as Chairman of the Arkansas Rice Farmers as well as Arkansas Rice Federation, the advocate for all segments of the state's rice industry. He has held these positions since July of 2011. In July 2014, he was elected to serve as Chairman of the USA Rice Federation.

Brantley is active in the National Cotton Council, USA Rice Federation, Agricultural Council of Arkansas and Arkansas Farm Bureau. He is the Past President of the Lonoke County Farm Bureau and represents the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture on the Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching (CARET), a national grassroots organization which works to enhance national support and understanding of the land-grant university system's food and agricultural research, extension and teaching programs. He was recently named to the Arkansas Business "40 Under 40 Class" of 2014 and has been recognized by the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette High Profile section. Additionally, he participates in several state hunger relief organizations including the Arkansas Rice Depot and Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance.

Brantley and his wife, Amy, have three daughters, Caroline, Virginia and Ruth.