

## **Kia Mikesch**

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Kia Mikesch is the Vice President of North Dakota Grain Inspection (NDGI) and serves as President of the American Association of Grain Inspection and Weighing Agencies (AAGIWA), the trade association representing official inspection agencies. Along with additional roles as CEO of Adams Independent Testing, Mikesch oversees the operations and strategic direction of her family-owned network of agricultural inspection and testing businesses, which are based in Fargo, North Dakota.

Mikesch, the third generation of her family to help lead the businesses, grew up in the grain inspection industry, working alongside her family from a young age. Her grandfather, Steve Adams, began his career at NDGI shortly after its founding in 1968 and became the sole owner in 1990. Mikesch's father, Mike Adams, worked to grow Steve's legacy of providing accurate and effective services, leading to the company's first major expansion into Illinois, sampling barges on the Mississippi River.

In 2011, Mikesch joined NDGI full-time, where she focused on the expansion and integration of NDGI offices in North Dakota, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan, and ensuring that services meet the evolving needs of customers.

In addition to her roles in the family businesses, Mikesch is a leader in several industry organizations. She is Chair of USDA's Grain Inspection Advisory Committee, a committee member of the National Grain and Feed Association, and serves on the board of the Transportation Elevator and Grain Merchants Association (TEGMA).

Mikesch graduated in 2011 with a Bachelor of Science from the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management. She lives with her husband and their two children in the Fargo area.