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Top Skills

Social Responsibility
Interpersonal Skills
Policy Advocacy

Languages

English

Honors-Awards

Farm Service Agency Administrator Award for Heroism
Beck's Hybrids "Beyond the Fence" Communications Award
U.S. Department of Agriculture Cultural Transformer Award in Leadership
FFA Honorary Chapter Degree
Spirit of Extension

Julia A. Wickard

State Executive Director, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Indiana Farm Service Agency
Greater Indianapolis

Summary

Empathetic, energetic and successful agricultural policy expert and leader, with 30 years of executive management experience, I have the strategic communication and marketing skills, organizational development, critical thinking, public policy, and fiscal management background needed to lead any team. I encompass deep and positive relationships and partnerships across local, state, federal and private sector jurisdictions; and the strong work ethic necessary to develop and deliver on aggressive goals.

Experience

USDA

State Executive Director, Farm Service Agency
April 2022 - Present (1 year 5 months)
Indianapolis, Indiana, United States

Oversee the delivery of Farm Service Agency (FSA) programs to agricultural producers in the State of Indiana. These commodity, conservation, credit, and disaster assistance programs ensure a safe, affordable, abundant, and nutritious food, fiber, fuel and feed supply for the United States of America.

The State Executive Director position is appointed by the President of the United States.

Indiana Department of Environmental Management

5 years 1 month

Assistant Commissioner and Agricultural Liaison
September 2017 - April 2022 (4 years 8 months)
Office of Program Support - Indianapolis, IN

Provided oversight and direction of the four IDEM Regional Offices and provided oversight of the following agency programs: Compliance and Technical Assistance, Pollution Prevention, Environmental Stewardship, Governors Awards for Environmental Excellence, CLEAN Communities, Boating Infrastructure Grants, Clean Vessel Act Grants, Recycling, Electronic

Waste, Outreach, Quality Assurance, and Environmental Education. Reinvigorated the Health and Safety Program of the Agency. Wickard led the Agricultural efforts of the Agency.

The Assistant Commissioner position is appointed by the Governor of the State of Indiana.

Director of Government Affairs and Agricultural Liaison
April 2017 - April 2022 (5 years 1 month)
100 N Senate - Indianapolis, IN 46204

USDA

State Executive Director, Farm Service Agency
August 2009 - January 2017 (7 years 6 months)
Indianapolis, IN

Managed resources, programs and communication initiatives, while directing 345 employees, 300 county committee members and 25 direct reports. I directed the implementation of the 2014 Farm Bill, administered an annual operating budget of \$30-plus million; and served on several national teams.

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Indiana Beef Cattle Association
Executive Vice President
September 2005 - August 2009 (4 years)
Indianapolis, Indiana Area

Directed public policy, agricultural and beef initiatives while leading and introducing new technologies and marketing strategies into a producer-led, board-driven organization. I was responsible for state and government relations and executed effective advocacy with key industry stakeholders.

Indiana Farm Bureau Incorporated
Environmental and Natural Resources Specialist / Chief Marketing Officer
2003 - 2005 (2 years)
Indianapolis, Indiana Area

As the Environmental and Natural Resources Specialist, I directed the coordination of the Indiana Department of Agriculture Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc. campaign and coordinated agricultural, environmental and natural resources legislative work.

Served as Chief Marketing Officer, designing livestock and crop management systems for Indiana farmers for 60+ clients. Led a statewide operational strategy for nutrient management assistance; managed staff, conducted research and provided counsel to Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc. leadership.

Indiana Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture / Indiana
Commission for Agriculture and Rural Dev
Deputy Director / Executive Director
1997 - 2003 (6 years)

Served in various leadership roles including Executive Director of the Indiana Commission for Agriculture and Rural Development; Director of Environmental and Natural Resources after serving as an assistant and Intern, dealing primarily with constituent services and legislative affairs.

Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Executive Director
1994 - 1997 (3 years)

Served as liaison to the Indiana General Assembly and personnel within the 92 statewide districts as the Executive Director; supervised Association staff and served on 23 agricultural-conservation related committees after first service as an Information Specialist for the Association.

Indiana Rural Development Council
Events Planning Coordinator
1993 - 1994 (1 year)

Served as Events Planning Coordinator and oversaw editing, writing and production of marketing and educational materials.

U.S. House of Representatives - Congressman Lee Hamilton and
Congressman Dan Burton
Intern
1992 - 1992 (less than a year)

Served as an Intern in the offices of Congressman Lee Hamilton and Congressman Dan Burton, conducting research and dealing primarily with agricultural issues. Wrote agricultural and rural development articles for the Congressmen's constituent newsletters.

Education

Purdue University

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Agricultural Communications and Political
Science · (1989 - 1993)

Eastern Hancock High School

College Prep, College/University Preparatory and Advanced High School/
Secondary Diploma Program · (1985 - 1989)