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Top Skills

Sustainable Agriculture
Youth Development
Youth Leadership

Ronald M Howell Jr., Ed.D.

State Executive Director USDA VA Farm Service Agency(FSA)
Spring Grove, Virginia, United States

Summary

Transformational leader and educator with a demonstrated experiences working at the nexus of agriculture, public policy, community outreach, and economic development.

Skilled in sustainable farm/agri-business start up; financial and grants management, program and project development, and using quantitative and qualitative tools to inform decisions on agricultural development efforts for improved profitability and sustainability of farmers and producers. These tools are vital to ensure human security, spur economic growth, and build financial stability in rural and urban communities.

Strong administrative professional that graduated from VA's land-grant institutions and Murray State University.

Experience

USDA

State Executive Director- VA FSA
January 2022 - Present (1 year 7 months)
Richmond, Virginia, United States

Virginia State University

Director Of Operations and Management
August 2018 - January 2022 (3 years 6 months)
Chesterfield County, Virginia, United States

Commonwealth of Virginia

Special Assistant/Advisor to the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry
January 2017 - August 2018 (1 year 8 months)
Richmond, Virginia

USDA-Agricultural Marketing Service
National Program Lead

July 2016 - December 2016 (6 months)

Washington, District Of Columbia

USDA

6 years 7 months

Special Policy Advisor

November 2015 - June 2016 (8 months)

Washington, District Of Columbia

Financial Operations Analyst

January 2012 - December 2015 (4 years)

County/Field Operations Management Trainee

December 2009 - December 2011 (2 years 1 month)

Virginia State University

5 years 8 months

Student Programs and Recruitment Coordinator

August 2008 - December 2009 (1 year 5 months)

College of Agriculture

Student Services Assistant

August 2007 - August 2008 (1 year 1 month)

College of Agriculture

Small Farm Outreach Intern

September 2006 - August 2007 (1 year)

College of Agriculture

Farm Operator/Assistant

May 2004 - August 2006 (2 years 4 months)

College of Agriculture-Randolph Farm

Education

Murray State University

Doctor of Education - EdD, Agricultural Teacher Education · (June

2018 - August 2021)

Virginia Tech

Master's degree, Agricultural and Extension Education-Community
Development · (2010 - 2012)

Virginia State University

Bachelor's degree, Agribusiness/Agricultural Business
Operations · (2006 - 2009)