



### **Ben Anderson**

Ben Anderson serves as Administrator for Business and Cooperative Programs at USDA Rural Development.

In this position, he oversees the implementation of programs that benefit businesses, create jobs, assist cooperatives, and advance renewable energy and value-added agriculture in rural America.

Prior to his appointment at the Department of Agriculture, Ben worked at the U.S. House Agriculture Committee as Staff Director for the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Dairy, Nutrition, and Forestry. He also previously worked for U.S. Senator Norm Coleman.

Ben was raised on a wheat, barley, soybean, and sugarbeet farm near Stephen, Minnesota. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in business management from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota.