



Brandon Willis
Administrator, Risk Management Agency
United States Department of Agriculture

Brandon Willis was appointed Administrator of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Risk Management Agency on February 28, 2013. Before this appointment, Brandon served as Senior Advisor to Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack on Title I Commodity programs, farm legislation matters, and disaster assistance. In August 2009, he was appointed as Deputy Administrator of Farm Programs for USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). In that position, he oversaw all FSA programs under the Production Emergencies and Compliance Division (PECD), Conservation and Environmental Programs Division (CEPD), and Price Support Division (PSD).

Before his appointment as Deputy Administrator, he was a confidential assistant in USDA's Office of the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services. Before joining USDA, Willis served as the Agriculture Legislative Assistant for U.S. Senator Max Baucus (2006-2009). During this time, he worked on the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008.

In 2005, he worked as a graduate assistant at the National Agricultural Law Center. Willis earned his bachelor's degree in crop and soil science from Utah State University in Logan, UT, and his law degree from the University of Wyoming in Laramie, WY. In 2009, he completed his master's degree in agricultural law from the University of Arkansas. He grew up on a third generation sheep ranch in northern Utah and managed his family's raspberry farm, Bursting Berries.