



Ed Kee
Secretary of Agriculture

Ed Kee has served as Delaware Secretary of Agriculture since January 2009. A native Delawarean, he is a nationally and internationally recognized expert on vegetable science who has spent his entire career in Delaware agriculture, which has an \$8 billion economic impact on the First State's economy.

Kee has published or lectured on agricultural or historical topics across the United States and in Mexico, Germany, Hungary, Canada, and the Ukraine. He is the author of the books "Saving Our Harvest: The History of the Mid-Atlantic Canning and Freezing Industry" and "Delaware Farming," and has authored or co-authored more than 30 articles in peer-reviewed scholarly journals.

Before being named to head Delaware's agricultural agency, Kee worked for 30 years for the University of Delaware, serving as a county agricultural agent, state vegetable crops specialist and agriculture program leader, and also served as director of agriculture for Hanover Foods. He began his professional career as farm manager at Nassau Orchards in Lewes, Del.

He is the recipient of the Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service to Delaware Agriculture (2008), the University of Delaware's Ratledge Award for Public Service (2005) and the George M. Worrilow Award for Outstanding Service to Agriculture (1996).

Kee also has served on the Milford library's board of trustees, the Governor's Advisory Committee for Libraries, the Milford Board of Education, the Delaware Interscholastic Athletics Association Board of Directors, the Delaware Banking Commission, the Delaware Heritage Commission, and the Delaware Agricultural Museum & Village's board of directors. He also served as chairman of the board of Felton Bank, and as secretary-treasurer of the University of Delaware Agricultural Alumni Association for 20 years. He is a graduate of the University of Delaware (master's of arts in liberal studies, 1996; master's in agriculture, 1975; bachelor's in agriculture, 1973).

A sixth-generation Delawarean, Ed and his wife, Debbie, live on a farm near Lincoln. The two have established a scholarship to send Delaware high school graduates majoring in agriculture to the University of Delaware.