



Brian Baldrige, Director
Ohio Department of Agriculture

Brian Baldrige was appointed the 40th Director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture by Governor Mike DeWine in February 2023.

In this position, Director Baldrige provides leadership for the agriculture industry and oversees numerous regulatory, food safety, and consumer protection programs for the great State of Ohio. Food and agriculture is the No. 1 industry in Ohio, adding more than \$124 billion to the economy each year.

As a life-long Southern Ohio native, Director Baldrige is no stranger to serving the public. He has served as an Ohio State Representative for the 90th House District, Adams County Commissioner and Wayne Township Trustee.

In Baldrige's early life, most of his days were spent either on his seventh-generation family farm and serving as a first responder. In 2020, he retired from Anderson Township Fire Department but still volunteers with the Wayne Township Fire Department in Adams County on a regular basis.

Director Baldrige currently resides in Winchester, Ohio with his wife of 32 years, Lori. They are members of the Bethlehem Church of Christ. Together they have two grown children and three granddaughters.