

PATRICE C. BAILEY

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am a detailed, driven individual who is passionate about ensuring equity, diversity, and economic opportunity for all communities. My broad record of engagements with multiple cultural groups has given me a unique perspective. As a skilled connector, I build bridges between people and opportunities, encouraging them to reach their highest potential.

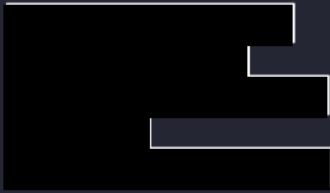
WORK EXPERIENCE

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ST. PAUL, MN
JUNE 2019 - PRESENT

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) strives to "enhance all Minnesotans' quality of life by equitably ensuring the integrity of our food supply, the health of our environment, and the strength and resilience of our agricultural economy." As Assistant Commissioner, I:

- Assist the governor-appointed Commissioner of Agriculture in carrying out the MDA's mission and brief him for events, meetings, and on emerging issues
- Coordinate initiatives with the governor's office
- Oversee 260 employees, the MDA's Agricultural Marketing & Development Division, Dairy & Meat Inspection, Food & Feed Safety, and the Plant Protection Division. These units direct international and domestic agricultural trade, food safety, research & innovation grants, biofuel & biochemical promotion, invasive plant pathogen and insect prevention, the industrial hemp pilot, and Minnesota Grown
- Co-Chair the governor's Committee on the Safety, Health, and Wellbeing of Agricultural and Food Processing Workers
- Represent MDA at public events, on the Minnesota Agricultural Education Leadership Council, the Minnesota Agriculture and Rural Leadership Program Board of Directors, and the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
- Lead Minnesota's Rural Mental Health Working Group, the Emerging Farmers Working Group, and MDA's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee
- Collaborate with state business leaders to create economic development initiatives throughout Minnesota



EDUCATION

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE & LIFE SCIENCES

Iowa State University

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE EDUCATION

Prairie View University
Prairie View, Texas

ACHIEVEMENTS

- First Assistant Commissioner of color at MDA
- Created the first Emerging Farmers Working Group and the first Emerging Farmers Office in Minnesota
- Helped establish Minnesota's first agriculture license plate
- Participated in diplomatic and trade visits to Germany and Ghana on behalf of MDA
- 2020 recipient of the National Conference of State Legislatures' Notable Document Award for my Emerging Farmers Working Group Legislative Report
- Helped create the Minnesota Down Payment Assistance Grant program
- Expanded small-scale meat processing capabilities in Minnesota
- Issued \$8 million in drought relief to livestock and specialty crop farmers
- Passed all MDA budget bills on time with bipartisan support in my terms
- Endorsed by bipartisan US Senators and Representatives for USDA Equity Commission

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Keynote: Emerging Farmer Conference, Nov. 2019
- Keynote: Minnesota Ag & Food Summit, Nov 2022
- Keynote: Mill City Farmers Market Charitable Fund Harvest Social, Sept 2022
- Keynote: Global Workforce Opportunities and Greenseam, March 2023

COMMITTEES & TASK FORCES

- Agriculture Workers Wellness Committee, Co-Chair
- Organic Advisory Task Force
- Executive Technology Council

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Minnesota Agricultural and Rural Leaders, St Paul, MN
- District Energy, St. Paul, MN
- Minnesota Agriculture Education Leadership, St. Paul, MN
- Keystone Community Services, St. Paul, MN
- MN FFA Foundation, Board of Trustees, St. Paul, MN

MEDIA RECOGNITION

Ag Week, Dec 2, 2022, "Helping the Next Generation of Farmers Emerge."

Soybean Business magazine, Nov/Dec 2022, "Emerging Trends: MDA Program Aims to Uplift, Develop Beginning Farmers."

Ag Week, July 15, 2022, "Minnesota Department of Agriculture Promotes Trade In Its First Trip to Africa."

Local FEAST! magazine, 2022, "Farming Front and Center: Minnesota's First Agricultural License Plate," by Marlene Petersen

Minnesota Public Radio, MPR News with Angela Davis, June 8, 2021, "Talking Farming with Minnesota Farmers of Color."

Local FEAST! magazine, 2021, "Taking the Farm Road," by Patrice Bailey, edited by Marlene Petersen

WORK EXPERIENCE CONT.

OUTREACH COORDINATOR

COUNCIL FOR MINNESOTANS OF AFRICAN HERITAGE, ST. PAUL, MN
FEBRUARY 2017 – 2019

The Council advises the Minnesota Governor and Legislature on the issues affecting communities of African Heritage. As outreach coordinator, I:

- Conducted listening sessions and meetings to learn about current issues affecting different communities of color around the state
- Collaborated in creating a legislative agenda based on the results of the listening sessions
- Trained and empowered community members to respond to issues legislatively while building outreach momentum around community issues

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SERVICE LEARNING AND ENGAGEMENT

BETHEL UNIVERSITY, ARDEN HILLS, MN
FEBRUARY 2013 – 2016

- Collaborated with local leadership to involve internal and external stakeholders in community civic engagement
- Created and taught service-learning courses at Bethel
- Coordinated and led service-learning opportunities for Bethel students and St. Paul community members to establish cooperative relationships for both groups and shed light on marginalized communities that have disparities
- Served as the primary contact for faculty, staff, students, and community leaders in support of service-learning and community engagements
- Improved relationships between Bethel students and Frogtown/St. Anthony community members by fostering open conversations regarding disparities and issues that affect communities of color

REFERENCES

Available upon request