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Leland (Lee) Swenson was appointed as the Colorado Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director on May 20, 2013. He is responsible for the management and oversight of all federal farm programs administered by FSA as well as the administrative operations for 39 county offices in Colorado.

Born and raised on a diversified family farm, Swenson has been active in the agriculture sector for more than forty years. He has held significant leadership positions with several major agricultural organizations in South Dakota, California and Colorado, serving as the Executive Vice President of the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union; Executive Director of Community Alliance with Family Farmers; President of the National Farmers Union; and President and Secretary/Treasurer of the South Dakota Farmers Union.

Swenson also held Presidential and Secretarial appointments to the 21st Century Commission on Production Agriculture and the USDA Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee on Trade. Swenson served in the United States Air Force and Army National Guard.

Lee is married to Kathy Fischer Swenson. They reside in Centennial, Colo., and have five children and two granddaughters.