

Richard Steven Hannah

Steve Hannah, of Jane Lew, W.Va., is widely recognized as a leader in West Virginia agriculture. From his early experience in 4-H to his current position as Deputy Commissioner of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, he has exhibited a passion for agriculture and forestry issues.

Mr. Hannah was born and raised in Harrison County where he was a 4-H member for 11 years. He was on the State and County Dairy Judging teams and was a state winner in the Poultry Demonstration. He represented West Virginia at the National 4-H Congress and was chosen as a 4-H All Star.



Mr. Hannah earned a BS degree in Business Administration from Salem College in 1968. He served as Camp Manager of Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp before being selected as Executive Secretary for the West Virginia Farm Bureau. While there, he represented the interests of state farmers and landowners on State and Federal issues for 24 years. Mr. Hannah was selected to serve as Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture in 2001 and continues to provide leadership on agricultural issues today. In this capacity, he is the liaison for the Department of Agriculture to the Legislature and other government agencies, coordinates environmental activities, and was the lead person in developing the annex to the state emergency plan for highly contagious diseases of livestock and poultry. Mr. Hannah has received numerous awards and honors throughout his career.