

**Thomas Dorr**  
**USDA**

Thomas Dorr joined USDA in 2001 and was appointed by President George W. Bush in 2002 to be the Under Secretary for Rural Development. On July 27, 2005 he was sworn into office by Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns.

Rural Development consists of three program areas that provide up to \$18 billion annual funding authority for loans, grants, and technical assistance to rural residents, communities, and businesses. Rural Development also holds a \$94 billion portfolio of existing business, housing, and infrastructure loans to rural America. Rural Development has nearly 6500 employees located across the United States and in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the Western Pacific Trust territories.

As Under Secretary for Rural Development he serves as the Chairman of the USDA Energy Council which is responsible for advancing the President's Energy Initiative. The USDA Energy Council strives to promote the production of domestically grown fuel.

Mr. Dorr has broad agricultural, financial and business experience. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the 7th District Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, the Iowa Board of Regents, and as a member and officer of the Iowa and National Corn Growers Associations. Mr. Dorr was the President of a family farming and agribusiness company for 30 years.

Mr. Dorr is from Marcus, Iowa, he graduated from Morningside College with a B.S. degree in business administration.