

Wilton Simpson Biography

Wilton Simpson, Florida's 13th Commissioner of Agriculture, is a fifth-generation Floridian, proud to be born and raised in the Sunshine State. A lifelong Florida farmer and entrepreneur, Commissioner Simpson has deep personal and professional roots grounded in agriculture, including a large-scale egg-laying operation that supplies eggs for Florida's families through supermarkets across the state.

From 2012 to 2022, Commissioner Simpson served as a member of the Florida Senate and was elected Senate President for the 2020-2022 term. Serving as Senate President through a world-wide pandemic came with many unique challenges, but Commissioner Simpson fought to keep Florida open and free and to ensure that Florida was a beacon of hope, opportunity and freedom for generations to come.

The Commissioner of Agriculture oversees the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. With his background in agriculture, Commissioner Simpson clearly understands the challenges faced by Florida's farmers. His legislative service and history of community involvement also positions him to guide the department's other equally important functions, such as protecting the environment, ensuring the availability, affordability and safety of our food supply, and protecting Florida consumers.

Commissioner Simpson lives in Trilby with his wife Kathy. Their son Wilton Jr. and his wife Caroline are practically neighbors, as are Commissioner Simpson's daughter Lauran, her husband Kenten, and their daughters. Among his many accomplishments, Commissioner Simpson's most esteemed title is "Papa" to his two beautiful granddaughters, Addy and Emy.

