



JASON KRIPPS

Jason was appointed as Deputy Minister of Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (AF) on May 25, 2015. In this role, Jason is responsible for leading the department of Agriculture and Forestry in support of the Minister in promoting strong, competitive and sustainable agriculture, food and forestry industries.

AF's mission is to provide the frameworks and services necessary for Alberta's agriculture, food and forestry sectors to maintain, build and expand domestic and international markets for our agriculture, Agrifood and forestry products and services through a partnership approach with industry, strategic partners and key stakeholders. Among other things, this includes: promoting appropriate safe food production and processing practices throughout the supply chain; enabling the industry to innovate, create and capture value, and build competitive capacity by meeting consumer and public expectations around the environment; facilitating collaboration to enable resilient rural communities; and managing and protecting Alberta's forest resources through effective and efficient wildfire management, sustainable forest management, and maintenance of the health of our forests.

Prior to his appointment of Deputy Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Jason held the position of Deputy Minister of Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development (ARD) from September 30, 2013 to May 24, 2015. Previous roles for Jason include Assistant Deputy Minister of International Relations for the Alberta Department of International and Intergovernmental Relations (IIR) from July 2012 to September 2013 and Assistant Deputy Minister of Industry and Market Development at ARD from July 2008 to June 2012.

A lawyer by profession with a focus in the agricultural sector, Jason has a strong and diverse background in the areas of issues management, leadership, stakeholder consultations, personnel management and team building in both the private and public sector.