

**Jerold R. Mande** is Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services.

Mande was named to his current position in April 2011. He joined the U.S. Department of Agriculture in July 2009 as deputy under secretary for food safety.

Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services (FNCS) has principal responsibilities and funding authority for the Food and Nutrition Service, which feeds 1 in 4 Americans, and has lead responsibilities for promoting healthful diet through the Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion. FNCS programs work to end hunger and childhood obesity in the United States and provide nutrition assistance, dietary guidance, nutrition policy coordination, and nutrition education.



Mr. Mande brings a wealth of experience in public health, nutrition, and public policy to the job. Earlier in his career, as senior advisor to the commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, he helped shape national policy on nutrition, food safety, and tobacco and led the design of the Nutrition Facts label that now appears on virtually all packaged foods.

Following his tenure at FDA, Mr. Mande served on the White House staff as a health policy advisor, working on food, cancer, and tobacco policy, and was deputy assistant secretary for occupational health at the Department of Labor. He began his career as a legislative assistant for Al Gore in the U.S. House and Senate, managing Gore's health and environment agenda, and helping Gore write the nation's organ donation and transplantation laws.

Before coming to USDA, Mr. Mande was the associate director for public policy at the Yale Cancer Center at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. There, he devised a national model that leveraged state leadership to increase cancer prevention and control. He was also on the faculty of Yale's RWJ Clinical Scholars program where he trained physicians for careers in public policy.

Mr. Mande earned a master's degree in public health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an undergraduate degree in nutritional sciences from the University of Connecticut. He also completed the program for senior government managers at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. Among his achievements is the Presidential Award for Design Excellence for his work on the Nutrition Facts food label.