

**MELVIN E. SIMS**

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Background

- Born and raised in Illinois
- University of Illinois
- US Army World War II
  - Battle of the Bulge
  - Liberation of Czechoslovakia

Farming experience

- Farming-Teaching Partnership

Farm Organizations memberships

- Board member, Farm Service Cooperative
- Chairman and President, Illinois Farm Supply
  - Merger with Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois groups
- Member, Farm Credit Board, St. Louis, MO
- President, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
- US/Japan Businessmen's Council
- President, Cooperative Fertilizers International (CFI)
- Growmark organization

Flying experience

Service in India

- Kandla fertilizer plants
- Indian Farmers Fertilizer Company (IFFCO)
- CFI contract

Ronald Reagan Presidential election campaign and election  
Secretary of Agriculture John Block

Kenya, Agriculture Cooperative Development International  
Positions under the Reagan Administration

- Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation
  - Crop insurance
  - Managing the Corporation
- Foreign Agricultural Service
  - General Sales Manager
  - "Amber Waves of Pepsi Concentrate"

Iraq agricultural purchases

- Wheat Associates

- Iraq-Iran War
- Iraq military
- Ambassador April Glaspie
- Iraq payment default
- Kuwait
- Baghdad visits
- Iraqi officials

Algeria visits

Accomplishments

- Cheese and grain sales
- Sugar to China
- Sale of surplus commodities

Foreign Agriculture Service; General Sales Manager

- Export credits; commodity divisions
- FAS return to Foreign Service
- Richard (Dick) Smith, Administrator
- Tom Kay, Administrator
- Dairy Termination Program
  - Shipping cattle abroad
  - Holsteins to Turkey
- PL 480 program
- American ship requirements
- Surplus corn
- Commodity Barter program
- Polish hospitality
- Russian entry restrictions
- Chinese capitalism
- UN World Food Program

Zimbabwe

World economic difficulties

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