

Dr. Joe French Bio

Dr. Joe French serves as Assistant Commissioner over Agricultural Services for the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. He oversees six divisions in the department including Agronomic Services, Food Distribution, Marketing, Plant Industry, Research Stations and Soil & Water Conservation. He has been in his current position since June 2023.

Dr. French brings a wealth of knowledge and education both from the classroom and through field work that serve as the foundation for his more than 30 years of experience in agriculture. Prior to his role as Assistant Commissioner, Dr. French was the N.C. State University research operations manager at the Upper Piedmont Research Station in Reidsville since 1993. In this role he worked in collaboration with NCDA&CS Research Stations Division staff.

He earned his bachelor's degree in animal science from N.C. State and his master's degree and doctorate in reproductive physiology from Texas A&M University.