

Jeffrey M. Jones



Jeff has served in the Mexican government as Federal Congressman (1997- 2000), Federal Senator (2000-2006) and as Undersecretary of Agribusiness Development (2006-2009) at Mexico's Secretariat of Agriculture. During this period he was part of the political transition from the 71-year single-party control over the executive and legislative branches to the current scenario with its evolved, competitive electoral system.

A native of Nuevo Casas Grandes, Mexico, grew up in a family dedicated to agribusiness in northwestern Chihuahua. After graduating from Brigham Young University (Utah) in 1982 (International Relations), he returned to Mexico as an entrepreneur during the inflationary eighties, and during his business career became frustrated with the government's irresponsible monetary policies. This led to a twelve-year stint in politics.

Senator Jones presided the Border Affairs committee. As Undersecretary at the Ministry of Agriculture he focused on prospective planning & modeling, market development, and rural finance. Jeff is an avid defender of open markets and their crucial role in the development of any nation, and helped TAMU start NAAMIC, the North American Agrifood Market Integration Coalition.

Mr. Jones is fluent in English & Spanish, and is currently back in the private sector where he's involved in a new start-up called Enerlogix Solutions, an energy management company betting on the opening of Mexico's new energy market at the beginning of 2016. Previously he helped two US venture capital and private equity funds get established in Mexico. Mr. Jones is a pilot and enjoys riding horses on his cattle ranch. He and his wife Michelle are parents to four daughters, including Alexis, who completed her MPA at TAMU's Bush School. Moreover, both of his granddaughter's parents are Aggies.