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Gene Hugoson served as Minnesota's Commissioner of Agriculture from 1995-2011. The agency has responsibility for promoting agriculture and its products in both the U.S. and around the world but it also has numerous regulatory responsibilities. While commissioner, Hugoson served in various leadership capacities on both the regional and national level of NASDA, the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture. He also has served two terms as a member on the Board of Agriculture & Natural Resources of the National Academies in Washington, DC.

Hugoson served in the Minnesota legislature for nine years before his appointment as commissioner. He also was in the U.S. military including doing a tour in Vietnam.

A graduate of Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Hugoson has a BA in history and political science and taught in the secondary education system for five years while doing graduate work at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Hugoson does some part-time constituent relations liaison work for the University of Minnesota's College of Veterinary Medicine. In addition he is doing some project work for Minnesota AgriGrowth. He also continues to operate a corn and soybean farm in southern Minnesota (Martin County) with his family.