



Jay Levenstein
Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture

Jay Levenstein is one of three deputy commissioners who report to the Chief of Staff. He oversees the Divisions of Forestry, Animal Industry, and Standards. In this capacity, he is responsible for protecting Florida's vast state forest resources; protecting livestock from pests and diseases, enforcing animal health regulations; and oversight of the quality and quantity of fuel products used by the public and transactions involving weight and measurement, such as supermarket scales. He also and oversees the Department's Farm to Fuel Initiative. He joined the Department in

November 1993 and was previously engaged in the private practice of law. Prior to his appointment as Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Levenstein served as the Department's State-Federal Relations Director, Legislative Affairs Director, Chief of the Bureau of Animal Disease Control, and Senior Attorney. Mr. Levenstein received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Florida and his law degree from the University of Miami.