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Bill Richmond, Chief, USDA Hemp Program, leads the team responsible for the establishment and implementation of the U.S. domestic hemp production program. He was the first USDA employee to work solely on hemp following the passage of the 2018 Farm Bill and is responsible for State and Tribal Government hemp regulations, rulemaking, intergovernmental affairs, and stakeholder outreach. He has been in Federal service, all with USDA, for over 20 years. In other roles, he was the acting director of the team responsible for establishing new labeling rules for genetically modified foods in the U.S., served as the chief of staff of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service under the Obama and Trump administrations, and led USDA's Colorado dairy field office. Richmond studied agricultural economics at the University of Maryland and holds professional certificates from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and the Brookings Institution.
