



**Rep. Steven Meeks
(R-178)**

Biography

State Representative Steven Meeks represents House District 178, which includes portions of Appling, Brantley, Pierce and Wayne counties. For over two decades, Steven has worked with Georgia's leading industry, impacting the direction of agriculture policy at the state and federal levels.

For more than twelve years he worked for Senator Saxby Chambliss in a variety of roles including Legislative Director for the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry. Meeks was an instrumental part of numerous pieces of federal legislation affecting Georgia's agricultural industry including two farm bills. Meeks also served as Chambliss' State Director serving as a liaison between Georgia and DC, managing the Senator's state offices and staff.

In 2010, Steven moved to Wayne County to become a part of the family-business Burch Farms. Today he serves as Operations Manager for Burch Farms as well as operating his own business, Nine Run Farms.

He has been recognized numerous times for his work in agriculture, including the Young Alumni Achievement Award by the University of Georgia's College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences and Georgia Trend's Agribusiness Movers and Shakers. He also served as a member of Governor Nathan Deal's Transition Team.

Today, Meeks is a board member of the Georgia Cotton Commission, Southern Cotton Growers, and a delegate to the National Cotton Council. He serves on the UGA College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences Deans Advisory Council and as a member of the Board of Trustees for Leadership Georgia. Locally, he serves on the Board of Directors for the Georgia Easter Seals and is a member of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce.

Steven graduated from the University of Georgia College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences. He resides in Screven with his wife Joy, and their son, John William. They are members of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Blackshear.