



Amanda has served as the Commissioner of the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) since 2019. DACF is charged with: promoting and advancing Maine's agricultural resources; protecting and enhancing nearly 18 million acres of forestland; managing more than 700,000 acres of state parks and public lands; and administering numerous science-based programs focused on resource management, land use planning, and conservation. Before leading DACF, Amanda was the president and CEO of Maine Farmland Trust.

Amanda serves as a Maine Climate Council member and co-chairs the Council's Natural and Working Lands working group. She also currently serves as an executive committee member on the board of directors of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, as board vice president of the Northeast Association of State Departments of Agriculture, and as board president of Food Export Northeast.

Amanda earned a B.A. from the University of Southern Maine and an M.S. from Tufts University, having completed the Agriculture, Food & Environment program with a specialization in the convergence of natural resource policy and food security. She is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of New Hampshire in the Natural Resources and Earth Systems Science program. Amanda grew up on her family's commercial dairy farm in Litchfield, Maine, and now lives in Warren, Maine, where she and her husband own a 35-acre farm.