

# Brad Finstad (R-MN-01)



## Biography

### BIRTH DATE

Unknown

### EDUCATION

BS, Univ. of Minnesota, Twin Cities

## Background

Bradley Howard Finstad (born May 30, 1976) is an American farmer, agricultural consultant, and politician serving as the U.S. representative for Minnesota's 1st congressional district. Finstad represents a large section of southern Minnesota situated along the border with Iowa. The district is mostly rural and includes the cities of Rochester, Mankato, Winona, Austin, Owatonna, and Worthington. A member of the Republican Party, Finstad served in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 2003 until 2009.

Finstad previously served as an area director for the Minnesota Farm Bureau and as the agricultural policy advisor to U.S. Representative Mark Kennedy. In 2002, he was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives, where he served three terms. While in the state house, Finstad served on several legislative and statewide agricultural committees. In 2017 President Donald Trump appointed Finstad as the USDA Rural Development director for Minnesota. He served until shortly after Trump left office in 2021. In addition to his government service, Finstad operates a family farm.

Finstad was elected to represent Minnesota's 1st congressional district in a 2022 special election, to finish the term of the late Jim Hagedorn.

## District Profile

COOK PVI	2022 VOTE RATING	DISTRICT LOCATION
R+5	Lean R	Southern Minnesota

## Election Results

2022 GENERAL	
<b>Finstad</b>	<b>54%</b>
<b>Ettinger</b>	<b>42%</b>

SOURCE Associated Press; Vignette, by National Journal

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