

Michael Dover



- CEO, Martinagro S.A. (family farming business)
- President CREA (farmer Knowledge Management, non-profit organization)

Michael is CEO of Martinagro S.A., fourth generation of a 120-year-old family farming business in Argentina, that manages 4.000 hectares (50% owned and 50% leased) of agriculture and livestock production in the Buenos Aires province. The extensive agriculture (corn, soybean, wheat, camomile, oats, etc.) is based on no-till, double crop intensification, use of cover-crops, and erosion prevention via sown elevated contours and grassed waterways. The cattle production is a cow-calf operation. The farm business employs 12 full-time employees and works with its own farming machinery.

In addition to this, Michael is currently President of CREA (Regional Consortiums for Agricultural Experimentation), a +60 year-old non-profit knowledge management organization in Argentina. It is formed, directed, and financed by farmers. Its purpose is to work in groups, share experiences and knowledge, so members can personally develop and achieve a sustainable growth of their businesses and communities. CREA has approximately 1.900 member businesses distributed in 225 groups around the country; assisted by 300 independent technical advisors; and supported by a team of 80 multi-disciplinary professionals at HQ. All knowledge created within the network and by working with other networks is made public, to help promote the development of the agribusiness ecosystem in particular and of the Argentine country as a whole. The three pillars of the CREA vision are: businesses rooted in their communities; innovation; and sustainability.

Michael is an Agricultural Engineer graduated from University of Buenos Aires, with an MBA from Cornell University. In addition to his agribusiness work experience, Michael worked 12 years in multinational consumer goods companies Procter & Gamble and Clorox. He has held a diverse range of leadership positions in both existing and new business development, with responsibility spanning country, regional and global levels. He has worked in US, Puerto Rico, Venezuela and currently in Argentina. Upon his return to Argentina in 2007 and before joining his family's business, he led the Citrus business unit at Tabacal Agroindustria.

Married to Mariana for 30 years. Four children: Julia (28); Andrew (25); Sophia (23) and Philip (13). Enjoys soccer, mountain biking, trekking, and other outdoor sports and activities.