



2025-2026 Nominating Committee Candidates

REGION 1 (Minnesota) Nominating Committee Candidates

Todd Boster – Cambridge, Minn. Todd began farming alongside his father at an early age, starting in a traditional stanchion barn before transitioning to a double-6 parlor. Today, he farms 250 acres of corn and soybeans on a mix of owned and rented land. His operation is certified through the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program and participates in several carbon credit initiatives, including cover crop experimentation. Todd is actively involved in local soil and water conservation efforts and collaborates with area cooperatives to support educational programs promoting sustainable farming practices. He is continually seeking innovative tools to enhance his operation and is particularly interested in the practical applications of drone technology in agriculture.

Ruth Buck – Goodhue, Minn. Ruth has been farming since 1998 and currently operates a 560-acre dairy farm, milking 130 cows. In addition to farming, Ruth is actively involved in a variety of professional and community organizations. She currently serves on the Minnesota Organic Task Force Advisory Board and is the treasurer of the Goodhue Scholarship Committee. Past service includes a role on the Finance Committee at Holy Trinity Church, as well as serving on previous Compeer Financial Nominating Committees.

Rosanne Caughey – Fort Ripley, Minn. (Incumbent). Rosanne and her husband, Bruce, farm in partnership with their two sons and their families, one being a dairy farm and the other crops and beef. She has been farming for 67 years, starting with her parents on a diversified farm, then later on a dairy farm after marrying her husband in 1977. Although dairy was their main commodity, they also grew by diversifying with beef and cash crops of rye and leftovers that were not fed to their livestock. Rosanne's community involvement includes membership in the Farm Bureau, American Dairy Association, Council of Catholic Women, Confraternity of Christian Mothers, FFA Alumni, and County Fair Association.

Sandra Foust – Pierz, Minn.

Melinda Groth – Houston, Minn. Melinda began farming in 2009. She and her husband, Glen, raise soybeans, corn, hay, and dairy heifers in southeastern Minnesota. Melinda is actively engaged in both agricultural and community leadership. She currently serves on the Minnesota Farm Bureau Resolution Committee, the Winona County Extension Committee, and is the secretary for the Ridgeway Parents and Community PTA. She also serves as a 4-H club leader, a volunteer at her local church, and an election judge. Her previous leadership roles include serving on the Minnesota Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee, the American Farm Bureau Promotion and Engagement Committee, and as a township clerk.

David (Dave) Marquardt – Howard Lake, Minn. (Incumbent). Dave has been farming for 30 years and grows corn, soybeans, wheat and hay on 1,000 acres. He also raises 400 head of dairy steers. Dave has served on Compeer Client Advisory Council and is a member of the Minnesota Agriculture & Rural Leadership Class 5. He's a director at the Minnesota Beef Council, Wright County Farm Bureau and Wright County Corn Growers Association. He is also a member of the Cattlemen's Association and the Minnesota Soybean Growers Association. Finally, Dave is a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church and a member of the Minnesota Basketball Coaches Association.

Jack Miller – Oakland, Minn. Jack has been farming since 2012, raising corn, soybeans, and a small amount of hay on approximately 1,200 acres. Until July 2023, his family also operated a dairy herd, milking 120 cows, but that part of the operation concluded when his dad and uncle retired. Today, Jack maintains a feedlot with about 50 steers and is developing a small beef cow-calf herd with plans for future growth. He has served on the Compeer Client Advisory Council, contributing his knowledge and experience as a producer. When he's not working on the farm, Jack stays busy with his two young children, ages 3 and 6 months, who represent the seventh generation of his family farm.

Ronald (Ron) Mohr – New Ulm, Minn. (Incumbent). Ron has been farming for 45 years and has a grain and dairy operation, milking 45 cows and farming 400 acres. He raises all replacements and does custom harvesting in the fall. Ron is a member of St. John's Church in Searles. He is currently on the Nominating Committee for Compeer Financial and served two years on the AgStar Financial Nominating Committee. Ron also served on the Brown County ADA Board.

Becky Moritz – St. Francis, Minn. Becky has been farming for 20 years and currently her farming operation consists of 1650 acres which includes grain, fruits and vegetables and beef, with 100 head of livestock. In addition to her farming operation, Becky has over 28 years of experience in the financial services industry, with a focus on banking. Becky's community involvement includes membership of the church council at Zion Lutheran Church, Chairperson at Crown Christian School and serves on the Isanti County Economic Development Board as well as being elected to the local county FSA Board.

Tami Nelson – Pipestone, Minn. (Incumbent). Tami and her husband Jim farm 1,800 acres in Pipestone County, growing corn and soybeans. They have been farming for 30+ years. They have 2 daughters, an agronomist and a cosmetologist. Both are active with the family farm as time and commitment allows. Tami is a member of St. Paul Lutheran church and serves as a 4-H and FFA volunteer.

Wanda Patsche – Welcome, Minn. Wanda has been farming for 47 years, her operation includes corn and soybean farming on 1,100 acres, along with her weaned to finish hog operation wherein they sell about 6400 hogs annually. Wanda is the treasurer at her church, Zion Lutheran, as well as a clerk/treasurer for her township. She is a member of the Martin County Farm Bureau, Martin County Pork Producers and Minnesota Pork Public Policy Committee. She is also a past board member of the Minnesota Pork Board and Farm America. As well as memberships in Minnesota Soybean and Minnesota Corn organizations. Wanda also contributes to her own blog site, Minnesota Farm Living, where she focuses on connecting consumers with those who grow their food.

John Reiman – Utica, Minn. John operates a grain and beef operation on 279 acres. He began farming at a young age, driving a tractor during the challenging drought of 1988. In addition to farming, John serves on the local BPOU board, contributing to the community's political and agricultural initiatives.

Julie Sievert – Gibbon, Minn. (Incumbent). For the past 23 years, Julie and her husband, along with their children, Cody and Nicole, have run a beef, sheep, grain and hay operation on 240 acres, growing corn, alfalfa, barley and soybeans. They own a flock of 75 ewes that are lambd out annually, along with a 30-beef cow-calf herd. Julie has a bachelor's degree in agricultural education, with an applied economics minor from the University of Minnesota and works as a senior account manager for Ecolab Food and Beverage. In addition, Julie is a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church where she previously served as a church council member, she is longtime volunteer for the Sibley County 4-H, a member of the Minnesota and National Corn Growers Association (2014 New Leader Program), the Nicollet and Sibley County Corn Growers Association and the Minnesota Lamb and Wool Producers.

Eric Sonnek – Foreston, Minn. Eric grew up on a farm and spent 10 years working for the University of Minnesota Extension as a Livestock Educator before returning to full-time farming in 2013. Sonnek Farms is a 100-head dairy herd consisting of Registered Holsteins and Brown Swiss, which are shown at both state and national levels. In addition, he is a partner in Uff-Da Genetics which is a 20-head beef cattle operation and has plans to expand through raising and direct marketing. Eric is an active volunteer with Minnesota 4-H, frequently serving as an emcee at the State Dairy Show and assisting with dairy judging at numerous county fairs. He is a member of the Midwest Dairy Checkoff Board and serves on Milaca High School's Hall of Fame Committee. His professional affiliations include membership in the Minnesota & National Holstein, Minnesota & National Brown Swiss, American Hereford, and American Shorthorn Associations.

Diane Stenzel – New Richland, Minn. (Incumbent). Diane and her husband have 32 years of farming experience, running a grain operation with their children on 1,000 acres of owned and rented land, growing corn and soybeans. Diane is a lifetime member of St. Joe's Catholic Church in Waldorf where she is a lector, past finance council member, fundraising chairman, CCW president, secretary/treasurer and guild promoter. She is a board member and secretary for the New Richland Area Food Shelf, a full-time employee and volunteer at the New Richland Care Center and has also served on Compeer's Client Advisory Council, SWCE nominating committee, and also has ten years of experience serving on the Compeer Financial nominating committee.

Rhonda Toquam – Blooming Prairie, Minn. Rhonda and her husband, Roger, run a farming operation raising 5,000 acres of corn and soybeans and custom finish 10,000 hogs per year. She grew up on a dairy farm and

has been farming with her husband Roger for 38 years. Over the past 15 years they have welcomed back their three sons into the operation. Together as a family, and with other professionals, they continue to work on transition and future planning for their business. Rhonda's role has been on the financial end of the business. Outside of farming Rhonda is a member of the Claremont Chamber, Faith Church in Austin, and board member/treasurer of the Blooming Prairie Youth Club. She also serves as a Dodge County Commissioner and previously served on the Compeer Financial Client Advisory Council.

REGION 2 (Wisconsin)

Nominating Committee Candidates

Dorothy Anderson – Cambridge, Wis. (Incumbent). Dorothy crop farms with her sister, Carol, on 163 acres. She has a small flock of chickens and houses abandoned animals. Dorothy is semi-retired and watches her grandchildren five days a week and also helps at local area community festivals.

Marc Boettcher – Bloomer, Wis. (Incumbent). Marc operates 1,500 acres of corn, beans, alfalfa and small grains, and owns a 100-animal cow/calf operation. He also does approximately 2,000 acres of custom work. Marc has farmed all his life in partnership with his parents, wife and children. He is a member of St. John's Catholic Church, is a River Country Coop board member and a WIAA official. Marc is also a Bloomer High School football coach and a 1991 University of Wisconsin-River Falls graduate.

Mitchell (Mitch) Braskamp – Fox Lake, Wis. Mitch has been farming since 1994 and currently runs 550 acres of grain, has a 250 beef steer operation, and does 700 acres of custom planting and harvesting. In addition to farming, Mitch is involved with Waupun Area Cadets, is an active member of Bethel Christian Reform Church, Farm Bureau member, and volunteers at Central Wisconsin Christian School.

Mark Breunig – Sheboygan Falls, Wis. (Incumbent). Mark has been farming for 42 years. He operates a dairy farm and owns 500 cows. He also rents and owns 800 acres of cropland, growing corn, wheat, soybeans and alfalfa. He is a member of Gibbsville Reformed Church, is a 4-H leader including co-general leader, is a 4-H shooting sports air rifle leader and serves as a coordinator for the food stand at the county fair. Mark is also on the advisory board for the Dairy Herd Management course at Lakeshore Technical College in Cleveland, Wis. and a member of Compeer's Client Advisory Council and Nominating Committee.

Mackenzie (Mack) Clark – Sun Prairie, Wis. (Incumbent). Mack works for Statz Bros. Inc. farming 9,500 acres of corn, soybeans, wheat and alfalfa. He is also part of the crop operation crew for planting and harvesting where he operates nearly all types of equipment. Mack has always had a very strong passion for farming and was involved with FFA throughout high school. He has three young children who also love spending time on the farm.

Steven (Steve) Endres – Waunakee, Wis. (Incumbent). Steve owns and operates a dairy operation in partnership with his two brothers, Jeff and Randy. Steve and his brothers' families are also active on the farm. The farm milks 850 registered Holsteins and grows corn and alfalfa on 1,500 acres. Steve and his wife, Kathy, have three children, Cassandra, Elizabeth and Zach. He is a member of St. Martin Catholic Church.

Tim Evert – North Freedom, Wis. Tim is a lifelong farmer and co-owner of United Dreams Dairy, LLC, a multi-family, multi-generational farming operation which consists of an 850 cow dairy farm and includes raising 600 replacement heifers, while growing 560 acres of mostly corn and alfalfa to support the herd. In addition, Tim is active in local government and agricultural advocacy. He currently serves as Chairman of the Sauk County Dairy Breakfast committee, sits on the Plan Commission for Honey Creek Township, and is a member of the Fire Commission for the Sauk City Fire Department. He is also a member of the Sauk Prairie FFA Alumni and St. John Lutheran Church in Leland. His leadership experience extends into agricultural finance as well. He has served on the Client Advisory Group for Compeer Financial and has over 13 years of board experience, including service as a director at Badgerland Financial and six years on the Compeer Board of Directors.

Jerad Fleming – Westby, Wis. Jerad began farming in 2004 and he now owns and operates an organic farm consisting of 120 dairy cows, 100 young stock and 600 acres of crops. Outside of farming Jerad and his wife Stacey are raising 4 children and he also serves as Vice President of the Westby Cooperative Creamery Board,

and is the Offensive Line Coach for Westby Football. He previously served on Compeer's Young, Beginning, Small ("YBS") Farmer Advisory Board.

Timothy (Tim) Hager – Chippewa Falls, Wis. Tim went into partnership with his father in 1990 and purchased the family farm in 1996. He is married to his wife Becky and they have three children, Alex, Rachel and Michael. Tim farms around 1,000 acres of corn, soybeans and hay. He is currently serving on the Chippewa County Farm Bureau Board. Tim served on the River Country Co-op Board for 15 years and has served two terms on the advisory committee for Compeer.

Carla Kastenschmidt – Markesan, Wis. (Incumbent). Carla and her husband Glen, own and rent 1,000 acres where they grow corn, alfalfa and soybeans. They recently transitioned the dairy part of the farm to their son, Chad. Carla has been farming for 48 years. In addition to her son, Carla also has three daughters and eight grandchildren. She currently serves on Compeer's Nominating Committee, was a member of Compeer's Client Advisory Council for three years, and is a member of Zion Lutheran Church.

Ross Kruger – Mondovi, Wis. Ross was born and raised on the family farm and is a third-generation farmer. He spent his childhood learning and working side-by-side with his parents and brother. Ross has been working full-time for ten years on 1,200 acres growing alfalfa, corn, soybeans and rye. Along with his family he owns a herd of 70 dairy cows and a 5,000 head breed-to-wean contract sow farm producing 3,000 wean pigs per week and also operates five over-the-road semi trucks hauling ag products, steel and general freight. Ross' wife Becky works with him on the operation, together they have three children ages six, three and two. Ross is a member and treasurer of Norden Church and a member of the Mondovi Conservation Club. He is also a former member of Compeer's Client Advisory Committee and attended Compeer's Groundbreakers seminar in 2018, 2019, and 2022. Ross graduated college with a BS in ag business in 2011.

Jeffrey (Jeff) McNeely – Brooklyn, Wis. Jeff, who has lived and worked on the farm his whole life, has been in partnership for the past 18 years on a diversified multigenerational farm with his father and brother - "Rollin' Green Dairy Farms". He milks 220 Holstein dairy cows and farms approximately 1,800 acres of corn, soybeans, wheat and alfalfa. They finish out all of the steers born on the farm. Jeff's wife, Nicole, also farms on her family's farm nearby and is a field representative for a milk co-op. Jeff and Nicole have two children, Maysen and Charlie. Outside of farming Jeff serves as a supervisor for the Town of Brooklyn board, President of the Albany FFA Alumni, and previously served on the Compeer Financial Client Advisory Council.

Christina Meylor – Darlington, Wis. (Incumbent). Christina and her husband Bart farm with their families at Meylor Farms and Silver Creek Family Farms (Berget farms swine division). Meylor Farms is a 180 cow Dairy, and grow hay and corn and soybeans. Christina and Bart with their children also have a 60 cow beef herd. They are part owners in Silver Creek which is a 1500 head sow unit that sells the piglets at wean. The farms believe in exceptional animal husbandry, efficiency, and sustainability. They feel blessed to be growing their children in multigenerational farms. Christina and Bart have 4 children ages 22, 20, 18 and 13, that help out in every aspect of the farms. Christina has been the President of the Wisconsin Pork Association for the past 3 years. Lafayette County.

Brian Schaal – Burlington, Wis. (Incumbent). Brian owns and operates a dairy and grain operation growing corn, soybeans, alfalfa and wheat on 700 acres. He also milks 400 cows and raises young stock. He is the third generation on his family farm. Brian earned a bachelor degree in animal science, with a minor in ag business from University of Wisconsin-Platteville. He continued his education by attending the PDPW Managers Academy and attended two years of TEPAP at Texas A&M. Brian and his wife, Renee, have two children, Michael (21) and Ashley (17), who also help on the farm. He is active in his church, is a board member for the Racine County Farm Bureau, is the president of the Racine County Dairy Promotions and is active in 4-H.

Emily Sleik – Omro, Wis. Emily is the general manager and part owner of her family's farm which raises corn, soybeans, wheat and Holstein steers. She also enjoys building the ag retail side of their business, which includes seed, agronomic services, and soil and plant nutrient solutions. Outside of farming she had served on Compeer's Client Advisory Council, was the 2018-2020 President of Omro FFA Alumni, and served as youth group coordinator at Grace Lutheran Church. Emily graduated from UW-Madison with a bachelor's degree in life sciences communication and received her master's degree from UW-River Falls in agriculture education.

Nash Weiss – Alma, Wis. Nash owns and operates a beef feedlot with approximately 800 steers finished for slaughter annually. He has been farming for 10 years. In addition to farming, Nash is a business instructor at the School District of Eleva-Strum. He is a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Mondovi where he's part of the Fall Festival Committee. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Buffalo County Fair Association and is president of the Mondovi FFA Alumni and Supporters.

REGION 3 (Illinois)

Nominating Committee Candidates

Chad Bremmer – Pearl City, Ill. (Incumbent). Chad is married to Deb and they have three sons, Ben, Ethan and Eli. Chad and his brother, Ross, own and operate Bremmer Farms, Inc. They own and rent land for a total farming operation of approximately 3000 acres, producing corn, soybeans and hay. Chad also raises dairy heifers for two dairy operation. He received the 2008 Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader Achievement Award. Chad is currently serving as President of the Pearl City School Board.

Fred (Rob) Gunderson – Shannon, Ill. Rob and his wife, Kelli, started farming in 2010 with the purchase of a dairy herd and machinery and rental of crop ground from his long-time employers and mentors. He had worked as a herdsman for 17 years prior to his own operation. They milk approximately 200 cows – mostly Holsteins and a few Jerseys at two farms. About 120 cows are milked by robots at a new facility and the remainder are milked at the original facility. They also custom house dry cows for a Wisconsin dairy. They grow corn, alfalfa, and rye on 380 acres and most of it is used for feeding the herd. Rob and Kelli have three children that help out where needed and they have two full-time and two part-time employees. Rob is a member of the Northwest Illinois Holstein Club, an Elder and Trustee at Forrester Grove Church.

Zachary (Zach) Henkel – West Brooklyn, Ill. (Incumbent). Zach has been farming for 20 years, raising corn and soybeans on 1,400 acres. He owns a custom farming business and sells seed for Nutrien. Zach is married to Emilee and they have two sons, Greyson (12) and Cashen (10), and a daughter Collins (6). He is a 2006 graduate of the University of Illinois with a concentration in farm and financial management. Zach is a board member for the West Brooklyn Farmers Coop and is a volunteer for the Sublette 365 organization.

Michael Houston – Golden, IL. Michael owns 113 acres with 80 acres of crop land. He rents a share of another 565 acres of crop and his father and brother operate 4,000 acres in the same proximity. Michael owns and operates Houston Agronomics specializing in Precision Planting technology and precision seed agronomy. He is a 2018 Western Illinois University agronomy graduate and has previous work experience with Farm Services.

James (Jim) Huffman – Kewanee, IL. Jim is a fifth-generation farmer based in rural Galva, Illinois, where he and his wife, Kathy, raise corn and soybeans on their 1,000-acre family farm. After retiring from a career at John Deere Harvester in 2019, Jim returned to farming full-time, continuing a proud family tradition. A second-generation client of Compeer Financial, Jim is a strong advocate for his local Compeer offices and the broader farming community. He actively serves as Secretary on the Galva Township Board and is a member of Hill Church.

Alan Madison – Walnut, IL. Alan began his farming career in 1979 while working with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and has been farming full-time since 1997. He operates a 2,000-acre grain farm producing corn and soybeans in a two-year corn, one-year soybean rotation. His farming practices include fall strip-till with dry fertilizer and the use of rye as a cover crop, reflecting his commitment to soil health and sustainability. Alan is a member of the Walnut Chamber of Commerce and the Nutrient Stewardship Group in Bureau County. He is also a Certified Crop Adviser and a member of First Baptist Church of Manlius.

Jenny Mennenga – LeRoy, Ill. (Incumbent). Jenny and her husband, Eric, have been farming for 20 years in McLean County where they grow corn, soybeans and seed beans, and have a small cow-calf herd. They also have a custom farming business and own and operate a trucking company. Jenny was an at-large director for the Illinois Soybean Association and was the treasurer/director for the Nutrient Research and Education Council. Jenny has also been a Certified Crop Advisor since 2004.

Bernard (Bernie) Moe – Oswego, IL. Bernie is a full-time farmer based in rural Kendall County, where he owns 424 acres and rents an additional 535 acres. His diversified operation includes a corn, soybean, and wheat rotation, along with a small cow/calf program. Bernie farms alongside his three retired brothers on their family's Centennial Farm, established in 1909. In addition to farming, Bernie owns and operates Midwest Milk Products, a company he has led for over 35 years. The business supplies calf milk replacers and milk supplements to the dairy and beef industries nationwide, supporting livestock producers with high-quality nutrition solutions.

Adam Olin - Alexis, Ill. (Incumbent). Adam is a 6th generation farmer who farms with his dad on their family row crop operation located in Mercer County. Prior to transitioning to full-time farming in 2021, he worked several years for a company involved in fertilizer manufacturing. Adam also works part time for a local home building contractor and is a member of St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Alexis, and a volunteer member of the Alexis Fire Department.

Kathy Reinhardt – Seaton, Ill. (Incumbent). Kathy and her husband, Ken, have been farming for 30+ years. They own and rent approximately 2,300 acres where they produce corn, soybeans and hay in Western Illinois. Kathy has served on various boards, including director of 1st Farm Credit Services, director and officer of the Farm Financial Standards Council, director and officer on the Mercer County Farm Bureau, and founding director and officer of the Mercer County Farm Bureau Foundation. Kathy is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Illinois CPA Society.

Brent Riewerts – Hillsdale, IL. Brent has a growing cow calf operation with currently 90 head. He also farms corn and soybeans along with his father, while doing some retail beef sales. Brent has served on other boards before including the Rock Island County Farm Bureau. Brent and his wife, Lindy, also have a daughter named Lanikai, who at a young age of 1 has a big love for the farm and her cows.

Lynn Stoller – Gridley, Ill. (Incumbent). Lynn is the vice president and co-owner of Stoller International. He farms over 2,000 acres of corn and soybeans. Lynn previously served on the 1st Farm Credit Services Nominating Committee and currently serves on the Compeer Financial Nominating Committee. He has served as president of the Midwest Equipment Dealers Association. Lynn has also been the superintendent of Sunday school at his church and is involved in numerous community activities. Lynn serves in the prison ministry, providing services at Lincoln Correctional Center. In his free time Lynn enjoys hunting and shooting.

Jacob (Jake) Streitmatter – Sparland, Ill. (Incumbent). Jake, of rural Sparland, is a grain farmer in both Peoria and Marshall County. He farms 1,500 acres of corn and soybeans. Jake is a member of the Peoria County Farm Bureau and is a former chair of the Peoria County Farm Bureau Young Leaders. Jake participated in the Leaders to Washington Trip through the Illinois Farm Bureau, where he met with congressmen and representatives from the USDA, EPA and White House to advocate for agricultural issues. Jake and his wife, Mary, have two children, Kayla (12) and Kyle (10). In their spare time they enjoy traveling and camping.

Cheryl Walsh – Princeville, IL. With 23 years of farming experience, Cheryl, along with her family, operate a diverse and expansive farm encompassing approximately 5,500 acres of row crops, including corn, soybeans, and hay. In addition to crop production, the operation includes a 2,300-sow breed-to-wean swine facility and a 45-head cow/calf herd. A dedicated leader in the agricultural community, Cheryl is a past president of the Illinois Pork Producers Association and currently serves on the Peoria County Farm Bureau Board, where she contributes to several committees and is also a volunteer with Peoria County 4-H and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Jacob Zumwalt – Delavan, Ill. Jacob, together with his father and brother, Dillon, farm 2,100 acres in Tazewell and Mason counties. Included in their row crop operations are both irrigated and non-irrigated corn and soybeans. He has been farming for six years and is a sixth-generation on his family's farm. Jacob is a graduate of The University of Illinois-College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES), majoring in Technology Systems Management with a double minor in Crop Science and Ag Safety. In addition to serving on Compeer's Client Advisory Council, Jacob is also a board member of the Tazewell County Farm Bureau and a member of the United Citizens of Tazewell County IL (UCTC).