

## Director Candidates: Region 1 – Min. (4-year term), Candidate 2 of 2



**Dale Holmgren** (Incumbent)  
61 years old  
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Farm Credit Member since: 1995

**Family:** Single

**Brief description of agricultural operation and employment/business experience over the past five years:** With my brother, Tom, we operate a wean-to-finish hog operation and raise corn and soybeans. I am the President of Svin Hus, Inc., our hog operation.

**Boards or committees you currently serve on and boards or committees you have served on in the past five years:** Past Chair and Vice Chair of Compeer Financial Board of Directors, Chair of Compeer Board Enterprise Risk Committee, served on Compeer Fund for Rural America Board. Member of the Minnesota Farm Credit Services Legislative Committee.

**Community involvement/government service:** Member of Grace Lutheran Church in Mankato, Minn. Member of Minnesota Pork Producers, Corn and Soybean Growers Associations.

**Education:** Mankato West High School. Associate of Applied Science in Livestock Production from the University of Minnesota, Waseca. Bachelor of Agricultural Business Administration from the University of Minnesota. Board training for directors through the Farm Credit Services Progressive Governance Series.

**What is your vision for the future of agriculture?** The speed of change is accelerating in the world and agriculture is not immune. We will continue to have strong diversified family operations and those who specialize in one commodity. Compeer needs to serve all clients regardless of the business model they choose. Outside influences on farming from social media, legislation and regulation will continue to be disruptors and pressure our farm operations. Agricultural operations will have to work together to defend farming and food production. Farmers are persistent and optimistic by nature and will remain nimble to provide continued opportunity for profitability and success.

**What do you believe are the primary issues facing agriculture and Compeer Financial?** The agricultural economy will continue to be cyclical and currently most commodities are in the low end of the cycle. Compeer will need to continue offering the right balance of products and services to meet our client's needs in agriculture and rural America. Compeer will have to strike the right balance in underwriting standards to keep the organization safe, yet allow our members to compete. To help our clients succeed Compeer will have to continue to monitor and be involved in legislative affairs impacting rural America. Educational training in financial and risk management is also a service Compeer needs to continue bringing to the members.

**Why do you want to serve on the Board of Directors of Compeer Financial?** After college I worked as an agricultural loan officer during the farm crisis of the 1980s for five years while farming part-time. I bring a unique perspective to the board in having sat on both sides of the desk and understand both the client and association needs and what it takes for both to succeed. It is important for the board members of cooperatives like Compeer to meet the members needs as both stockholders and clients, and return our excess capital as patronage.

I thank you for your past support and ask for your vote in this election. It is an honor to serve on the Compeer Board of Directors and I thank you for the opportunity.