

Nominating Committee Candidates - Region 2

Acker, Jay, Bay City, WI - Grain operation (corn and soybeans, 2400 acres); 10 years farming experience; Ag Partners Coop Board Director for six years, second year as Vice President.

Bates, Tim, Elmwood, WI - Dairy operation (75 cows, raise youngstock, feed out 30-40 Holstein steers a year, cash crop, 500 acres owned and rented); 32 years farming experience; Countryside Coop Board of Directors, local town board, Sacred Heart Catholic Church member and Buildings/Grounds Committee.

Boettcher, Herman, Bloomer, WI - Dairy (110 cows, 180 heifers and steers), cash crop (own 480 acres, rent 600 acres), custom planting, combine harvesting, and grain trucking; 52 years experience; FFA Alumni Officer, Emmanuel Cemetery Association President, Farm Bureau, Farmer's Union, St. John's Lutheran Church member.

Brand, Steven, Ellsworth, WI (*Incumbent*) - Dairy operation (700 dairy cows, 600 acres); 31 years farming experience; Farm Bureau, St. Francis Catholic Church, AgStar Nominating Committee.

Brown, C. Pat, Faribault, MN (*Incumbent*) - Grain operation of corn and soybeans (approximately 1100 acres, also helps son with crop farming); 44 years farming experience; Rice County Farm Bureau Vice President, Rice County Warsaw Township Board Supervisor, Member of Divine Mercy Church.

Dicke, James, Red Wing, MN - Custom dairy heifer and grain operation (350 head of livestock, 500 acres); 35 years farming experience; Ag Partners Coop, member of Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Fetzer, Paul, Elmwood, WI - General Manager and part owner of 1500 cow dairy with 2 brothers and mother (1500 cows, 1700 acres owned and rented for silage, grain and alfalfa); returned to family farm in 1993 after serving in the Air Force and working in other industries for 8 years. Plum City American Legion member, active church member, Valley Gospel Choir member in Eau Claire, Ag Partners Coop Board of Directors in Goodhue, MN.

Hadler, James, Goodhue, MN (*Incumbent*) - Dairy and grain operation (80 cows, 700 acres); 25 years farming experience; Farm Bureau, member of St. John's Church.

Huppert, Le Allan, Ellsworth, WI - Dairy operation (140 dairy cows, 120 youngstock, own 80 acres, rent 350); 24 years farming experience.

Jirik, Jeff, Faribault, MN (*Incumbent*) - Cash grain operation (200 acres); lifetime farming experience (35 adult years); Bethlehem Academy High School Board, River Bend Nature Center Board and a director of the North Central Cheesemakers Association Board.

Liebenstein, Barb, Dundas, MN - Dairy operation (400 cows, 500 acres); 22 years farming experience, Midwest Dairy Association Board- Division and Corporate, Rice County Dairy Herd Improvement Board, St. Peter's Lutheran Church member in Northfield, MN.

Otte, Blake, Randolph, MN (*Incumbent*) - Dairy, crop and steer operation (450 cow dairy, 450 replacement heifers, finish out 30 steers a year, 1400 acres of corn, alfalfa, soybeans and canning crops); 24 years farming experience; St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Dakota County 4-H Auction Committee, Dakota County DHIA.