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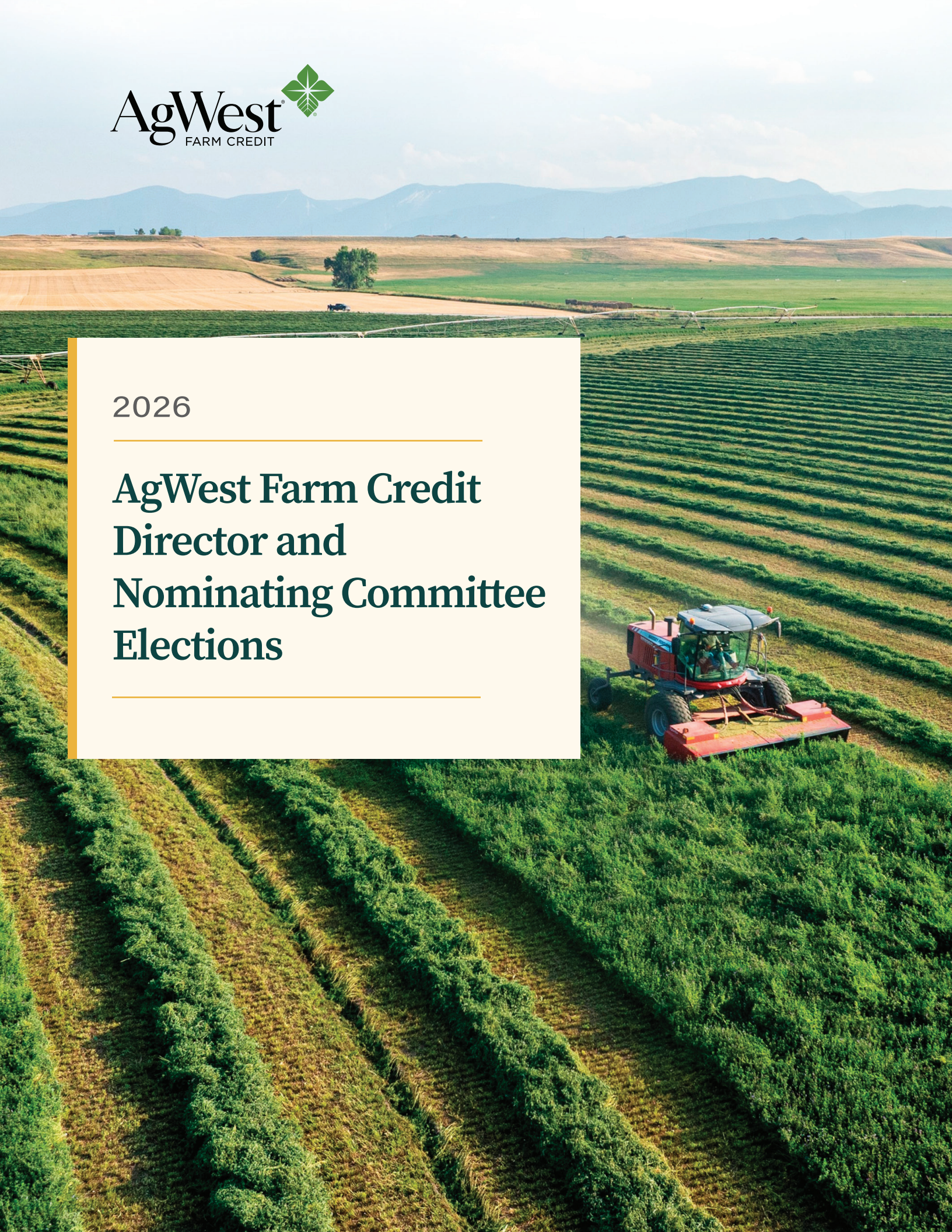

2026

AgWest Farm Credit Director and Nominating Committee Elections

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Message from the Nominating Committee Chair

The 2026 Nominating Committee is pleased to offer AgWest Farm Credit Voting Members a slate of highly qualified candidates for the 2026 director elections. Biographical information and statements provided by each director candidate from Nominating Regions 1 (Washington/Alaska), 2 (Montana), 3 (Idaho) and 8 (Southwest) are provided to help you make an informed voting choice. All director candidates have recorded a message that can be viewed on AgWestFC.com.

The Nominating Committee is also pleased to offer AgWest Farm Credit Voting Members a slate of candidates for consideration to serve on the 2027 Nominating Committee, an independent committee, comprised of stockholders, representative of AgWest Farm Credit's customer base.

The 2026 Nominating Committee was elected by Voting Members and consisted of 11 stockholders from all eight of AgWest's Nominating Regions. I would like to thank each committee member for their diligent work in 2026. The Nominating Committee appreciates all nominees who invested their time and energy in the election process. Election results will be mailed to AgWest members in early November.

All Voting Members may vote for any candidate, regardless of region. For more information about AgWest's director elections, please visit AgWestFC.com. We encourage you to cast your ballot!

Tara Becken, Big Timber, MT
2026 Nominating Committee Chair

For your vote to be counted, your ballot must be returned in the ballot return envelope or cast electronically no later than November 2, 2026.

Floor Nomination

Reagan Grabner, a candidate for the director position in Region 3 (Idaho) was nominated through a floor nomination at the Sept. 16 Annual Stockholders' Meeting.

DISCLOSURE INFORMATION

In the ordinary course of business, AgWest Farm Credit may enter into loan and non-loan transactions with directors and director nominees, their immediate families and their affiliated organizations. AgWest Farm Credit may also provide non-loan products and services to Senior Officers and their immediate family members and affiliated organizations. However, Senior Officers, their spouses and their affiliated organizations are precluded from obtaining new loans from AgWest Farm Credit. AgWest Farm Credit may offer loans to and enter into loan agreements with the immediate family members of Senior Officers, and their affiliated organizations, other than spouses. Non-loan products and services are available to all customers at the same rates and terms and are not special or extra benefits unavailable to all stockholders, and any loans are made on the same terms, including interest rates and collateral, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with unrelated borrowers. No such loans involve more than a normal risk of collectability.

AgWest Farm Credit has reviewed the required disclosures submitted by all director candidates, including loan and non-loan transactions (as well as for immediate family and affiliated organizations), family relationships with customers and employees of AgWest Farm Credit and conflicts of interest and determined that the 2026 director candidates meet eligibility requirements. No reportable disclosures were made by any director candidate in this election involving legal proceedings (bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar proceedings, any enjoining orders limiting them from engaging in any business practice, criminal proceedings or convictions or injunctions).

The director candidate biographical and educational material contained herein was prepared and submitted by each candidate and is for educational purposes only. AgWest Farm Credit does not endorse nor oppose any candidate.

2026 Director Candidate – Region 1 *(Washington/Alaska)*

(age as of Aug. 1, 2026)

Amy Frye (age 44)

Resides in: Bow, WA

Primary agricultural business address: 8855 Ershig Road, Bow, WA

Principal Occupation/Business and Employment Experience (past 5 years): I'm a first-generation farmer in Western Washington, growing certified organic mixed vegetables. I grew up next door to my grandparents' farm in Minnesota and met my husband at the University of British Columbia Farm before moving to Washington and starting Boldly Grown Farm at a farm incubator program. We purchased our property in 2021 and now farm 60 acres of vegetables, selling primarily to grocery stores and distributors throughout Washington, Oregon and British Columbia. We also run a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program serving over 300 families and a year-round farm stand. We came to farming through our environmental values and are passionate about feeding our community with healthy, locally grown food while stewarding our natural resources and creating living-wage agricultural jobs. We have two children, ages 5 and 9, who love helping on the farm.

Current Business Interests/Affiliations: Manager, Boldly Grown Farm, LLC, BGF Enterprises, LLC and Boldly Grown Ag Services, LLC (farming, ag services/equipment and input resale).

Other Affiliations/Leadership Roles and Education:

- Guest Lecturer for farmer training/undergraduate programs (Western Washington University, Washington State University, Viva Farms Practicum Program)
- Master's Degree in Resource Management and Environmental Studies, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC
- Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Studies, Luther College, Decorah, IA
- Graduate, National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS)
- Continuing education in leadership, management, communication, conflict resolution, negotiation and project management

Past Board Memberships/Affiliations:

2024: Community Advisory Group on Agritourism, Member

2016–2020: Puget Sound Food Hub Cooperative, Board Member; Board President from 2018–2020. Brought stability, systems and growth to a newly formed cooperative. Received training on cooperative board governance.

2016–2019: Viva Farms, Board Member

2006–2015: Centre for Sustainable Food Systems at the University of British Columbia Farm. As Director from 2011–2014, I oversaw the Centre's vision, strategic direction and daily operations, including 30 employees, 150 teaching and research initiatives, 2,500 university students and 50,000 annual site visitors. In 2014, I received the Shynkaryk Service Award, recognizing outstanding service, collaboration and leadership.

Farm Credit Experience: Farm Credit customer for five years, currently in my 5th year serving on the Region 1 Local Advisory Committee. I've served on the Guided Stewardship subcommittee throughout my tenure, judged scholarships, and was invited to present at the 2025 AgVision summit. This year I was selected by AgWest for the Advancing Women in Agriculture through Resilience & Distinction (AWARD) Program, through which I will attend a special FCCS session of the Women of Distinction: The Gettysburg Leadership Experience. This program recognizes excellence, strengthens resilience, and elevates women's leadership across agriculture.

Why I wish to serve on the Board: I've been consistently impressed by the quality of our cooperative and its people, and I'm excited to deepen my engagement and contribution. As an AgVision customer, I'm passionate about supporting young, beginning and small (YBS) producers. I've experienced firsthand the barriers to getting established in this industry and would welcome the opportunity to be a voice for YBS customers on the board.

I believe diversity is a key component of resilience; AgWest's merger and commodity diversification reflect the board's foresight in this regard. As growers continue to innovate, customer interest in direct marketing, agritourism and alternative markets is growing. I am eager to explore how AgWest can effectively support customers of all scales as they adapt.

Service and learning are core values of mine. With our youngest entering kindergarten and our farm on solid footing, I have the bandwidth to contribute meaningfully. Bringing my leadership, communication and business skills to AgWest's board while living those values would be a tremendous honor.

Comments about agriculture and Farm Credit: Farming is not easy, and it only seems to grow more challenging each year. I watched my grandparents leave farming in the late 1980s and their children leave the land. Working with AgWest has deepened my appreciation for how critical the Farm Credit System is in providing agricultural businesses with secure access to credit from a lender that understands their needs. This institution needs to be stewarded and protected so that American farmers can keep farming and rural communities can survive and thrive.

Family Members who are employed by or transact business with AgWest: Spouse (customer-member)

Disclosures regarding AgWest's non-loan transactions, loans and involvement in certain legal proceedings: None

2026 Director Candidate – Region 1 *(Washington/Alaska)*

(age as of Aug. 1, 2026)

Andy Werkhoven (age 64)

Resides in: Monroe, WA

Primary agricultural business address: 18230 Tualco Loop Road, Monroe, WA

Principal Occupation/Business and Employment Experience (past 5 years): I started dairy farming in 1979 in Western Washington, building my career alongside my brother by growing our family farm into a diversified agricultural and renewable energy business. Over the years, the operation transitioned into a multigenerational partnership that includes our four children and their families. Today I serve primarily as head coach and help guide the business into the future. Currently, the family operates two dairies and farms 2,500 acres of crops for dairy forage including corn, grass, alfalfa, triticale, and pasture. In an effort to be strategically diverse, we recently started a heifer-raising facility in Central Washington. We also operate the Qualco Energy digester project which co-digests food waste from the Seattle area into renewable energy and nutrients. Through Qualco, we have developed a strong collaborative partnership with the Tulalip Tribes, helping establish a model for working together responsibly within the environmentally sensitive river valleys and urban communities of the Pacific Northwest.

Current Business Interests/Affiliations: Director, AgWest Farm Credit (agricultural lending cooperative); Vice President, Werkhoven Dairy, Inc. (dairy); Member, Werkhoven Brothers, LLC (real estate holding); Director, Qualco Energy (methane digester); Director, County Sustainable Land Strategies (community environmental collaboration); Guarantor, People's Creek Dairy, LLC and People's Creek Farm, LLC (dairy/farming).

Other Affiliations/Leadership Roles and Education: I have a B.S. in Agribusiness from Dordt College. Serve on Snohomish County sustainable land strategies executive board. Serve as Sunday school teacher for 3-6 graders (this is probably one of the most important jobs I've had).

Past Board Memberships/Affiliations: Washington State Dairy Herd Improvement Board. Sno-sky Agricultural Alliance. This was a small group of farmers that started to build a habitat conservation plan but developed into a long-term relationship with the Tulalip tribe. Snohomish County Conservation district board. Dordt University ag advisory board. Served for many years in leadership roles at New Hope Fellowship Church.

Farm Credit Experience: Farm Credit customer for 23 years. I started with 9 years as a LAC member of Northwest FCS. I then served 2 years on the nominating committee for NWFCS. Also, during these years I participated in many of the offerings of the BMC.

I have served 5 years as a director on the AgWest board. My committee roles have been in Risk and Governance and I have graduated from the Premier Governance Series. On the national level I have participated in the System events and CoBank events.

The obvious accomplishments have been leading us into the AgWest merger, and to hire our new CEO.

Why I wish to serve on the Board: I align with the purpose, values, and culture of AgWest. I consider myself a lifelong learner and can't overstate the honor it is to use the investment of training and time the association has put into my development. Northwest FCS and AgWest have gone through some incredible changes in the last five years that are foundational to our future strength. Protecting our patronage and strong earnings engine is my primary goal and responsibility as a director. Also, I believe the strong relational culture of our coop is to be guarded.

On a personal level, my passion for agriculture and the next generation of farmers has only grown working here. I have tried hard to give my best self to this very worthy organization and will commit to continue to this level of service. I am honored to work with a wonderful group of people who show this same passion for their work. I'm proud of what we have accomplished and would like to keep this momentum rolling into the future. We are committed to listening and acting in our owners' best interest.

Comments about agriculture and Farm Credit: Agriculture is one of the most meaningful and beautiful ways in life to live. The rewards are great but come often with difficulty. The people that our nation receives as members of our society are a huge gift from agriculture. The long-term vision that a farmer needs to have is unparalleled by almost any other business.

The Farm Credit System recognizes this value in agriculture and the need to be present through the cycles of business. There is a strong resilience that is part of the DNA of both our association and its farmers. The last couple of years cannot be ignored as being very difficult for many businesses. We will continue to serve with an even-handedness. AgWest will also continue to educate and help our members in new and innovative ways.

It has been a blessing to work with my family dairy farming and I wish for others to have similar opportunities. The next generation will have challenges but a great foundation has been laid for them to build on.

Family Members who are employed by or transact business with AgWest: Spouse, son, daughter-in-law, daughters (2), sons-in-law (2), brother, sister-in-law, niece, nephew, (customer-members); daughter-in-law (AgWest employee)

Disclosures regarding AgWest's non-loan transactions, loans and involvement in certain legal proceedings: None

2026 Director Candidate – Region 2 *(Montana)*

(age as of Aug. 1, 2026)

Vicki Eggebrecht (age 59)

Resides in: Belgrade, MT

Primary agricultural business address: Vida East Road, Vida, MT

Principal Occupation/Business and Employment Experience (past 5 years): My husband and I have owned and operated Eggebrecht Farming Company for more than 30 years. Our business includes a dryland small grains and pulse crop operation. We also operate a custom farming business, providing a range of services to support other agricultural operations and producers. I am also a Certified Public Accountant with more than 20 years of experience serving and advising farm and ranch families.

Current Business Interests/Affiliations: Director, AgWest Farm Credit (agricultural lending cooperative); Owner, Eggebrecht Farming Company (farming); Member Manager, BVE Rentals, LLC and JRE Rentals, LLC (rental property); Audit Committee Member, Farm Credit System Audit Committee (oversight of the Farm Credit System combined quarterly and annual reporting and internal controls).

Other Affiliations/Leadership Roles and Education: I am a member of the Montana State University Accounting Advisory Council and a volunteer with the local 4-H Cloverbuds program. I have a Bachelor of Science in Business from Montana State University.

Past Board Memberships/Affiliations: Mustang Foundation Board member and Secretary; Phillips County Community Foundation Board member; Phillips County Hospital Board member, Vice Chair, and Finance Committee member.

Farm Credit Experience: Farm Credit customer for 32 years. I was elected to the AgWest Board of Directors in 2021 and have served on the Governance and Audit Committees, including serving as the Vice Chair of the Audit Committee since 2023. As a CPA, I am designated as the alternate "financial expert" to the AgWest Board. I also serve as a member of the Farm Credit System Audit Committee, which oversees the combined System financial statements issued quarterly and annually to investors in Farm Credit System bonds. This role strengthens my contribution as a director by allowing me to bring the perspective and knowledge of Systemwide financial reporting, governance, and internal controls back to AgWest. I participated as a panelist at the Farm Credit Council Services Leadership Conference, where directors from across the Farm Credit System discussed the responsibilities and challenges of board service in today's agricultural and financial environment. I have attended System-wide trainings, including the Premier Governance Series, and several audit committee conferences, which have enhanced my knowledge and understanding of board service and the Farm Credit System. Prior to joining the AgWest Board, I served three terms on the Nominating Committee, including two as Chair, and nine years as a Local Advisory Committee member.

Why I wish to serve on the Board: My desire to continue serving on the AgWest Board comes from my experience as both a customer-owner and director. AgWest has been a trusted financial partner in our farming operation and that relationship has strengthened my appreciation for our cooperative model. Listening to our members and understanding the diversity of agriculture across our territory helps me bring those perspectives into the boardroom and make informed decisions that reflect the needs of our members.

Serving on the Board through key milestones, including the merger of two independently strong associations and the hiring of our new CEO, has been a privilege. Looking ahead, key priorities as an AgWest Board Director for me include the implementation of AgWest's new technology platform, oversight of its first fully integrated financial audit, addressing artificial intelligence opportunities and risks, and maintaining AgWest's financial strength.

Board service provides the opportunity to give back to an organization I am passionate about while contributing to responsible governance, sound oversight, and keeping our members at the center of our decisions. It has been a privilege to serve on the AgWest Board, drawing on both my agriculture and accounting experience, and I would be honored to continue representing our customer-owners and supporting AgWest's long-term success.

Comments about agriculture and Farm Credit: The Farm Credit System has been a vital partner to agriculture for more than a century, supporting farmers and ranchers with consistent and reliable credit through both strong and challenging economic cycles. Key strengths that set the Farm Credit System apart include its cooperative structure, exclusive focus on agriculture, even-handed approach through economic cycles, and reputation as a trusted, dependable resource.

Those strengths are especially important in today's environment, where agriculture is facing increasing economic challenges. Additionally, supporting future generations - including young, beginning, and small producers - while addressing the growing need for succession planning among many of our farm and ranch families remains critical for the Farm Credit System. In this environment, AgWest's role as a trusted advisor and financial partner is more important than ever.

AgWest is well positioned, with strong earnings and capital, to partner with our customers through these cycles while returning value through patronage, providing education through the Business Management Center, investing in our grassroots Local Advisory Committee, and supporting stewardship programs. Preserving this balance of financial strength and member value is critical as the needs of our customer-owners continue to evolve.

Family Members who are employed by or transact business with AgWest: Spouse (customer-member)

Disclosures regarding AgWest's non-loan transactions, loans and involvement in certain legal proceedings: None

2026 Director Candidate – Region 2 *(Montana)*

(age as of Aug. 1, 2026)

Ryan Lankford (age 44)

Resides in: Chinook, MT

Primary agricultural business address: 7444 Lankford Lane, Chinook, MT

Principal Occupation/Business and Employment Experience (past 5 years): I operate a diversified farming and ranching operation in North Central Montana with my wife, Lindsey, and children. Our family operation includes a large dryland farm with winter and spring wheat as core commodities alongside pulses and oilseeds. A portion of our acreage is certified organic, providing added market and risk diversification.

In 2021, we expanded into livestock with a Red Angus herd, integrating grazing resources and strengthening the long-term stability of our operation. Our business model focuses on diversification, disciplined capital allocation and sustainability.

I utilize technology and data-driven decision-making to improve efficiency in farming and ranching, including GPS-based livestock tracking. These investments position our operation for evolving traceability standards and environmental markets.

Current Business Interests/Affiliations: President, R L Lankford Farms, Inc. (farming); Owner, Kimberlite Farms DBA Kimberlite Farms (farming).

Other Affiliations/Leadership Roles and Education: U.S. Army Veteran, Non-Commissioned Officer-Staff Sergeant, Total Army Instructor. Education: Bachelor of Science - Civil Engineering, Montana State University.

I currently serve on the Board of Directors for the USDA Risk Management Agency's (RMA) Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture. Serving on the board has given me valuable insight into the U.S. agricultural industry and the critical role risk management plays for producers.

I also serve on the Management Board for the Prairie Pothole Joint Venture (PPJV), a conservation partnership covering five states administered through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Locally, I serve with the Ranchers Stewardship Alliance (RSA), where we focus on keeping ranchers on the land.

Past Board Memberships/Affiliations: Montana Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Committee Chairman; Blaine County FSA Chairman; Ag Board - Island Mountain Development Group Chairman; Fort Belknap Livestock Marketing Board member; Knights of Columbus Council member.

Farm Credit Experience: Farm Credit Customer since 2009. AgWest and I worked together on a trip to Washington, D.C. to advocate for veterans in agriculture. As an Army veteran who used the GI Bill to earn my Civil Engineering degree from Montana State University, I helped advocate for veterans to use their military experience and training to qualify for lending programs. Representing both AgWest Farm Credit and veterans through in-person advocacy, we were able to improve opportunities for veterans. I have continued to grow with AgWest through real estate loans, operating loans, crop insurance services, the AgVision program, and business management workshops.

Why I wish to serve on the Board: AgWest has played a foundational role in the growth and stability of our operation, and I believe strongly in the cooperative Farm Credit model and its role in maintaining stable access to capital for producers. As agriculture faces increased volatility, interest rate pressure, consolidation, and generational transition, strong governance and disciplined capital stewardship will be key. Having a board member who is personally active and engaged in these challenges, and aware of how others from across the country are engaging in these same hurdles, creates an opportunity to strengthen AgWest.

I am motivated to contribute a perspective shaped by my borrower progression, risk governance experience, and large-scale management. I understand the distinction between management and oversight, and I am prepared to serve with a fiduciary mindset focused on AgWest's strength and long-term sustainability for our member-owners.

Comments about agriculture and Farm Credit: Agriculture today is more high-risk than ever, and through my role with the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation I have seen first-hand how important risk management is to the future of our industry. I look forward to the opportunity to bring my experience and knowledge from the national policy level to AgWest to ensure producers can continue to grow and succeed through the risks and challenges agriculture faces.

I understand the extreme swings agriculture can bring, but through my partnership with AgWest I have been able to continue growing my operation. I want to help ensure that same opportunity remains available for AgWest member-owners well into the future.

Family Members who are employed by or transact business with AgWest: Spouse, father, mother (customer-members)

Disclosures regarding AgWest's non-loan transactions, loans and involvement in certain legal proceedings: None

2026 Director Candidate – Region 3 *(Idaho)*

(age as of Aug. 1, 2026)

Reagan Grabner (age 44)

Resides in: Moscow, ID

Primary agricultural business address: 2350 Trail Road, Moscow, ID

Principal Occupation/Business and Employment Experience (past 5 years): I farm, and I help run a farming company. On our family farm in the Idaho Palouse, our five sons work alongside us raising wheat, canola and legume crops.

For the past fifteen years I have been a partner in CSS Farms, a farming company with more than 500 employees and operations in eight states, growing primarily potatoes for the chip and seed markets.

Earlier I worked in finance and then at Lamb Weston.

Current Business Interests/Affiliations: Managing Partner, CSS Farms, LLC (farming); Owner/Manager, Reagan & Lindsey Grabner Farms (farming/land holding); Partner, Hyas Food Group, LLC (start-up/regional development); Director, Columbia-Snake River Irrigators Association (water policy and advocacy).

Other Affiliations/Leadership Roles and Education: Member, Association of Washington Business (via CSS Farms, committee service); Associate Supervisor, Latah Soil and Water Conservation District (promotes stewardship of natural resources); youth basketball coach. I hold an MBA from the Harvard Business School.

Past Board Memberships/Affiliations: Member, Liberty Christian School Board; Chair, Potato Certification Advisory Committee, Oregon Seed Certification Service; Member, USDA/USTR Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade; Member, Pasco Chamber of Commerce; guest lecturer, University of Idaho. I have also provided testimony to the Washington State Senate on agricultural policy.

Farm Credit Experience: I have seen Farm Credit from nearly every side but one. My parents were borrowers when I was a child. My own relationship began with a Beginning Farmer loan and today includes operating and real estate credit.

At Lamb Weston I helped coordinate financing for a grower partnership program and advocated for Farm Credit because of its cost advantage and ease of doing business; a number of growers became Farm Credit borrowers as a result.

Today I serve on a Local Advisory Committee, have championed Guided Stewardship projects each of the past two years, and have served on the Guided Stewardship selection and scholarship awards committees.

The side I have not seen is this association's boardroom.

Why I wish to serve on the Board: In a very tangible way, AgWest allowed me to become a farmer. Like many in agriculture, I was raised on a farm. Also like many, there wasn't a perfect fit for me in the family operation. While I was working an off-farm job, AgWest supported my wife and me in buying our first piece of land through the Beginning Farmer loan program. That opportunity shaped the direction of our lives.

Large, well-collateralized loans are the easiest business any lender can write, and a risk-priced portfolio will always drift toward them. The harder business - the young family, the first parcel, the operation in the middle of a transition - is the reason this cooperative exists. The strongest defense of our charter is fulfilling it.

On our wheat farm, life is dirty jeans, turning wrenches and late nights, most of it alongside our boys. I would like them, and the next family in our position, to have the same chance we were given.

Comments about agriculture and Farm Credit: Who gets to farm next?

Access to fair, patient capital largely decides that question, and answering it well is why the Farm Credit system exists.

As an example, in my part of AgWest's territory, most farmland changes hands privately, often between family members, and often well below what it would bring in an open sale. Those transfers become comparable sales. Weighted alongside true arm's-length transactions, they pull appraised values down and can leave a young family unable to borrow against the price they actually paid. My experience suggests there may be opportunities to tangibly support beginning and new farmers by revisiting real-world issues like this one.

More broadly, few organizations can align agriculture better than a Farm Credit Association, and through that alignment we can have a meaningful impact on state, regional and federal policy.

Family Members who are employed by or transact business with AgWest: Spouse, father, mother (customer-members)

Disclosures regarding AgWest's non-loan transactions, loans and involvement in certain legal proceedings: None

2026 Director Candidate – Region 3 *(Idaho)*

(age as of Aug. 1, 2026)

Scott Steele (age 62)

Resides in: Idaho Falls, ID

Primary agricultural business address: 1810 E. 49 N., Idaho Falls, ID

Principal Occupation/Business and Employment Experience (past 5 years): Our primary business is a custom cattle feeding operation in Southeast Idaho that I started in the early 1990s. We are transitioning that business to a new location with new facilities and more room for expansion. We also have a farming operation growing primarily forage crops that supply a majority of the feed required for the feedlot. The higher quality alfalfa we produce is typically sold into the dairy or export market. We are currently transitioning my youngest son, Ryan, into the day-to-day management of these two businesses.

Current Business Interests/Affiliations: President/Treasurer/Secretary, Steele Farms, Inc. (cattle and livestock); Member, SRS Cattle Co., LLC, SRS Ag, LLC and SRS Transport, LLC (cattle feedlot, farming and cattle/commodity hauling); Manager, Steele Land Holdings, LLC (land holdings).

Other Affiliations/Leadership Roles and Education: Current chairman of the Bonneville County Planning and Zoning Agricultural Land Preservation commission. Active member of Idaho Farm Bureau, Bonneville County Farm Bureau, Idaho Cattle Association, Idaho Water User Association, Bonneville/Jefferson ground water district and a board member of the Idaho Falls Airport Association. I am a graduate of the University of Idaho with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance.

Past Board Memberships/Affiliations: I served on the Idaho Farm Bureau Board of Directors for both the federation and the insurance company from 2010-2025. While on those boards I have received formal recurrent board training and served many leadership roles including: seven years on the executive committee, chairman of IFBF's Agra PAC from 2018 to 2025, and being appointed to CEO search committees for both the federation and the insurance company. Past member of the Idaho Cattle Association Feeder Committee.

Farm Credit Experience: Customer for 42 years. Board of Directors Nominating Committee 2020. Over the years, I've appreciated and benefited from the many learning opportunities offered by Farm Credit.

Why I wish to serve on the Board: The Farm Credit System is an integral part of agriculture in the United States and AgWest is an exciting and growing part of that framework. I believe that governance by a board comprised of its customer-members is a major part of what makes that system work so well for those of us in agriculture. I have been a customer of Farm Credit for over 40 years and believe that I have unique experience and knowledge to offer to the AgWest board to help address the challenges of the future and ensure the soundness of AgWest for generations to come.

Comments about agriculture and Farm Credit: The agricultural economy is experiencing an unusually difficult time right now, perhaps more difficult than many producers have ever witnessed. We are very fortunate that the leadership of the past had the foresight to bring together two associations to create an institution that is better positioned to deal with the challenges of today and continue to provide a consistently high level of service to our customer-members. The leadership of tomorrow will have to build on those strengths and continue to address the many challenges of the future that include the astonishing advancements in new technology (especially AI), maintaining the high standard of our remarkably talented employees, continuing to innovate and create products to meet our customer-members' varied needs and maybe the most challenging will be to help facilitate the generational transfer that will inevitably come. It is more important now than ever for AgWest to continue to be a stabilizing force in agriculture.

Family Members who are employed by or transact business with AgWest: Son (customer-member)

Disclosures regarding AgWest's non-loan transactions, loans and involvement in certain legal proceedings: None

2026 Director Candidate – Region 3 *(Idaho)*

(age as of Aug. 1, 2026)

Cori Ann Wittman Stitt (age 44)

Resides in: Lapwai, ID

Primary agricultural business address: 33588 McCormack Ridge Road, Lapwai, ID

Principal Occupation/Business and Employment Experience (past 5 years): I am a fourth-generation owner/manager of Wittman Farms, a diversified 18,000-acre crop, cattle, and timber operation in North Central Idaho. I work in partnership with my husband, a cousin and a brother-in-law producing small grains, pulses, oilseeds and hay, and we run a 320-head cow-calf herd. Before returning to the family operation, I worked in agricultural policy in Washington, D.C. including time with the American Farm Bureau Federation, the U.S. Senate, and the National Association of Wheat Growers. I also spent five years in Thailand with a Christian nonprofit focused on sex trafficking prevention. Since my return in 2015, I have focused on finance, marketing, and general management for the family business, and also provide farm financial management and succession planning trainings through Wittman Consulting.

Current Business Interests/Affiliations: President, Wittman Farms, Inc. (cattle/livestock); General Partner, Wittman Farms, Ltd. (farming/grains); Treasurer, Wittman Legacy, Inc. and Tammany View Farms, LLC (land holding, timber); Member, Sweetwater Enterprises, LLC (land holding, farming).

Other Affiliations/Leadership Roles and Education: Bayer Sustainability Council member (an independent council that advises the Board and Management of Bayer AG); Environmental Defense Fund's Top Producer Network member (advisory committee that helps influence farm conservation and finance policy); Board member of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Lewis-Clark Valley and the LC Valley Youth Resource Center (a shelter and after-school program for homeless and displaced youth); University of Idaho - B.S. Business, B.A. Spanish, 2004; Kansas State University - Master of Agribusiness, 2011; The Executive Program for Agricultural Producers (TEPAP), 2014-15.

Past Board Memberships/Affiliations: Leadership Idaho Agriculture, 2019-2020 and Co-Chair, 2022-2023.

Farm Credit Experience: I have been a Farm Credit customer since 2009.

Why I wish to serve on the Board: AgWest has been a steady, respected and dependable partner, helping operations like ours navigate periods of economic uncertainty like those we're experiencing today. That stability remains critical to the health of individual operations and to rural communities across the region. I am interested in pursuing a director position to listen and learn first, and then to pursue ways to contribute meaningfully to their mission to champion the growth and advancement of agriculture, ensuring operations like ours have the support and resources to navigate the challenges of this generation and the next.

Comments about agriculture and Farm Credit: I believe one of the most important issues facing both agriculture and the Farm Credit System is the ongoing profitability crisis across production agriculture. Producers are navigating a prolonged period of rising input and equipment costs, weak commodity markets, trade uncertainty, labor shortages, and weather volatility, all of which are placing significant pressure on margins and long-term financial viability. In many cases, these challenges are extending beyond operational decisions and affecting generational continuity, as some producers are considering selling assets or exiting the industry altogether. This has important implications not only for rural communities, but also for the long-term strength and future customer base of Farm Credit. I believe this environment presents an important opportunity for Farm Credit to demonstrate stable, thoughtful leadership and deepen its partnerships with producers. The next several years will require difficult conversations and disciplined decision-making, but they will also require institutions that can help customers adapt, build resilience, and maintain a long-term outlook. As a Board member, I would be particularly interested in how AgWest can continue balancing financial strength with its mission to serve agriculture through periods of economic stress and industry transition.

Family Members who are employed by or transact business with AgWest: Spouse, father, mother, cousins (2), cousins-in-law (2), sister, brother-in-law, brother, sister-in-law (customer-members)

Disclosures regarding AgWest's non-loan transactions, loans and involvement in certain legal proceedings: None

2026 Director Candidate – Region 8 *(Southwest)*

(age as of Aug. 1, 2026)

Josh Gladden (age 42)

Resides in: Buckeye, AZ

Primary agricultural business address: 30359 W. Old U.S. Hwy. 80, Palo Verde, AZ

Principal Occupation/Business and Employment Experience (past 5 years): My family and I own and operate a diversified dairy and farming enterprise in Buckeye, Arizona. As a fourth-generation family business, we are fortunate to have multiple generations involved including my father, great uncle and brother. I currently oversee dairy operations, managing multiple sites dedicated to milking cows and raising our young stock. In addition to dairy production, our operation farms forage crops including alfalfa, corn, triticale and sorghum in the Buckeye and Gila Bend areas.

Current Business Interests/Affiliations: President/Secretary, JG Farms, Inc. (farming); Member, JG Dairy, LLC (dairy); Partner, Gladden Farms II (farming); Member, Gladden Farms Inc. (land ownership); Director, United Dairymen of Arizona (dairy cooperative).

Other Affiliations/Leadership Roles and Education: I currently serve as President of Dairy Management West, dairy promotion in Arizona and Nevada; United Dairy Industry Association Board of Directors and Executive Committee, national dairy promotion; President of Arizona Dairy Herd Improvement Association, dairy record monitoring. I also serve on the Board of Directors for the Be Better Be Different Legacy Foundation which aids and mentors at risk youth in high school basketball programs. I attended Arizona State University and studied accounting.

Past Board Memberships/Affiliations: Secretary/Treasurer of Maricopa Dairy Herd Improvement Association - 2014-2017; Dairy Voice Network, media and communication training - 2021-2022; United Dairymen of Arizona Young Cooperators - 2013-2016.

Farm Credit Experience: Customer for 3 years. I currently serve as a member of the Local Advisory Committee for the Southwest region and have recently been engaged with the Guided Stewardship committee as well. My family has participated in a variety of the AgWest seminars offered including succession planning which has been invaluable and is certainly part of the association's incredible value proposition.

Why I wish to serve on the Board: My family's operation may be relatively newer customers but in a very short amount of time I have come to deeply appreciate AgWest and the partnership that it provides. Before moving to AgWest nearly three years ago we had solely relied on commercial banking operations to provide financing for our agriculture enterprise. Even while we remained in good standing and in a healthy financial position, we endured instances of our financing not being renewed or extended due to these institutions exiting the dairy or ag industry. On top of that we were very clearly just numbers to some of these banks and never felt as though they were truly vested in our interest and success. Our time at AgWest has simply been the opposite and they support us in ways that extend well past financing our operation. As I have gotten to know and become more involved in the association it is clear to me that we have found a long-term partner for our family's business. The opportunity to learn from fellow board members and staff while also bringing my thoughts and insights to the board would be tremendously rewarding to my development and professional career. AgWest Farm Credit has earned the trust of families and operations throughout the western United States, and it would be an honor to help the association continue to be the lender and partner of first choice for generations to come.

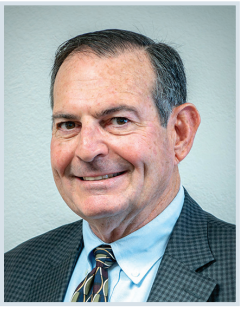
Comments about agriculture and Farm Credit: We are operating in a challenging and volatile agricultural environment. While generations of producers have faced uncertainty, today's intense market swings, inflationary costs, and natural resource pressures require an association that its members can rely on. AgWest truly understands what it takes to face these challenges, playing a vital role in the financial landscape of all agriculture in the Western US. With the help of great staff, engaged board members and a diverse customer base, I believe this cooperative can continue to drive quality growth and achieve strong financial results. AgWest and its members should be proud of what has been accomplished through the merger and the strength that has been created. While the future holds plenty of uncertainty, I am confident that AgWest and its customer-owners are positioned to thrive—built on a foundation of respect for the past and a strong focus on the opportunities ahead.

Family Members who are employed by or transact business with AgWest: Spouse, father, mother, brother, sister-in-law, great uncle (customer-members)

Disclosures regarding AgWest's non-loan transactions, loans and involvement in certain legal proceedings: None

2026 Director Candidate – Region 8 *(Southwest)*

(age as of Aug. 1, 2026)



Josh Meyer (age 61)

Resides in: Scottsdale, AZ

Primary agricultural business address: 3075 S. Avenue 4E, Suite B1, Yuma, AZ

Principal Occupation/Business and Employment Experience (past 5 years): I am the Manager and principal Member of Tierra Management, LLC, a farm and commercial property manager, Meyer Farms, LLC, a family farming and real estate company, with farmland in the Yuma, Imperial, Coachella and Sacramento Valleys; and several other agricultural and commercial property investment companies. We mostly lease our land, but we are and have been involved in the production of a variety of crops, including conventional and organic walnuts, peaches, prunes, forage crops, commodity crops (cotton, corn, soybean and rice), leafy greens, berries, wine grapes, dates, asparagus and citrus.

I am also an attorney licensed to practice in Arizona, with extensive experience in real estate and water related matters.

Current Business Interests/Affiliations: Manager/Member, Meyer Farms, LLC, Manager/Member of Member, Riverby Ranches, LLC, and Member, Hassayampa Vineyard & Farm, LLC (farming/land and commercial real estate ownership); Manager/Member of Member, Meyer Imperial Investments LLC, Meyer Imperial Investments II, LLC, and Tierra Partners X, LLC, Manager/Member of Sole Member, Brawley Development Group, LLC, General Partner, Tierra Partners VIII, LP (land ownership); Manager/Member of Member, Jamel Greenway LLC, Jamel Greenway II LLC, Tierra Partners, LLC, Tierra Partners IV, LLC, Tierra Partners VI, LLC, Tierra Partners VII, LLC, 8319 E. Bell Road, LLC, and 3178 Camelback, LLC (commercial real estate ownership); Member of a Member, Tecno Parque A SDERLDECV and Tecno Parque C SDERLDECV (commercial real estate ownership in Mexico); Manager, Border Self Storage, LLC (self-storage facility); Manager/Member of Member, Tierra Financial Services, LLC (farmland and commercial real estate ownership and development); Trustee, Henry R. Meyer & Lynn Meyer Community Property Trust (trust); Manager/Member, Tierra Management, LLC (real estate/asset management).

Other Affiliations/Leadership Roles and Education: Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctor degrees from the University of Arizona. Current Member of Sunkist, California Canning Peach Association, American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, Sacramento River Settlement Contractors, and Colorado River Water Users Association. In addition, my experience running a family company with six siblings has taught me how to work in groups and my legal experience with real estate and water issues helps in understanding land values.

Past Board Memberships/Affiliations: Board Member and General Counsel, Hillander C Irrigation District; Past President, Yuma County Young Lawyers Division of the Arizona Bar Association.

Farm Credit Experience: Customer for 32 years. While I do not have any experience with Farm Credit boards or committees, I have banked with Farm Credit my entire career and my parents were members long before I got involved in the business. I started with Farm Credit Services Southwest, and I have had loans from several other lenders in the Farm Credit system in different farming regions.

Why I wish to serve on the Board: I am at the point in my career where I have the time available to help, so I am ready to give back to the agricultural community. I believe my extensive experience with many different crops, different growing regions and water issues make me uniquely qualified to serve as a director of AgWest. My ability to work with groups, my experience working with many different Ag lenders, and my legal experience would be helpful in fulfilling my Board responsibilities. I believe in the Farm Credit system of farmers helping farmers in a co-op type entity, and I want to do my part in preserving that system. In addition, to preserve the public's access to good, clean, and diverse food, it is important to serve and support the small and medium size farmers.

Comments about agriculture and Farm Credit: As everyone knows, we are in a tough time for agriculture, yet investors have kept land values high, making it hard for farmers to stay in farming. I started my career in the early 90s when we were coming out of the last bad ag recession. It was good for many years, and I am confident that the good times can return and AgWest will be there when it does to support farmers. AgWest has grown substantially in the last few years, and I would like to slow down, reflect and emphasize its core mission to support agriculture and rural communities by continuing to focus on and advocate for the small and medium sized farmers.

Family Members who are employed by or transact business with AgWest: Brothers (3), sisters-in-law (2), sisters (2) (customer-members)

Disclosures regarding AgWest's non-loan transactions, loans and involvement in certain legal proceedings: None

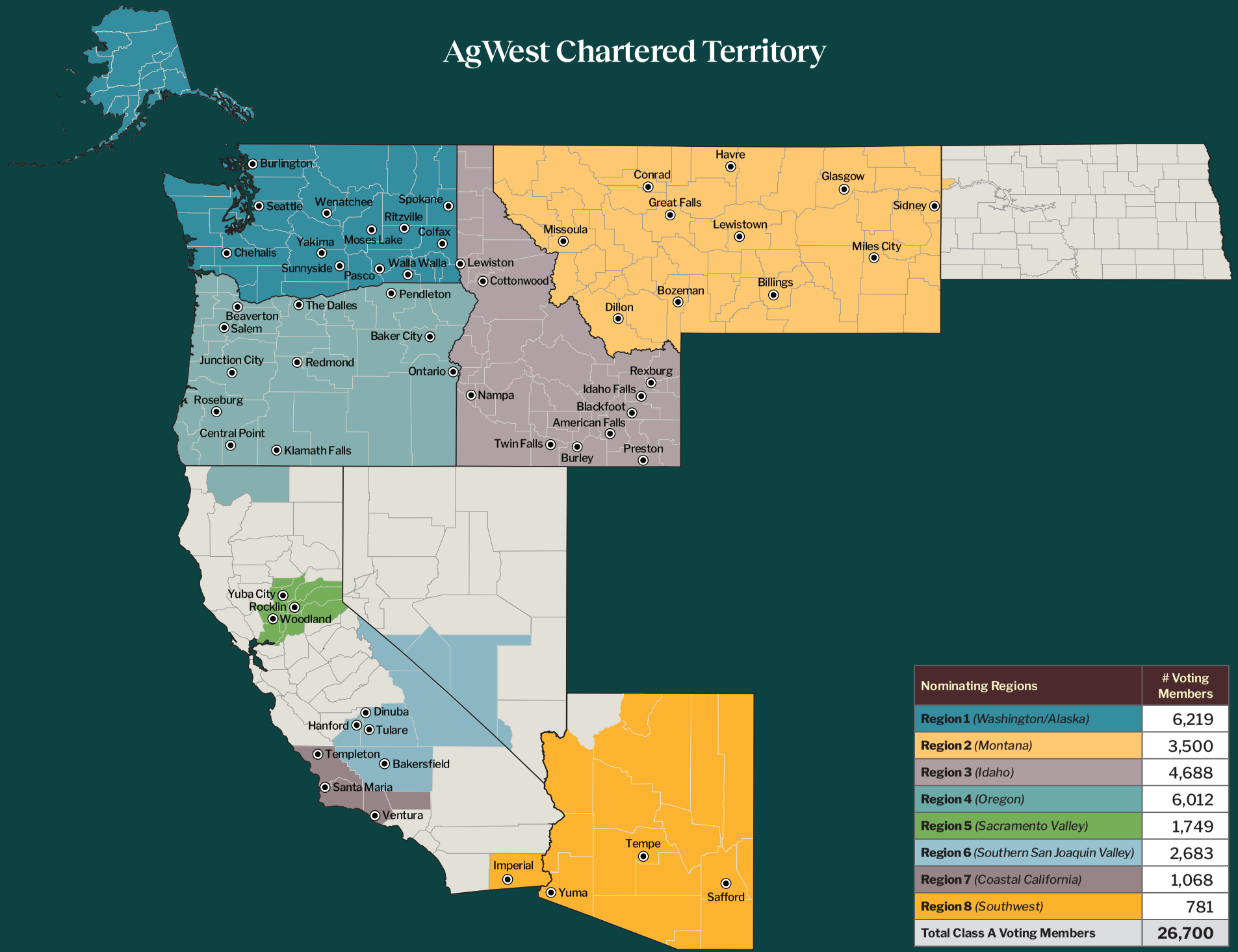
2027 Nominating Committee Candidates

Position		
	Region 1 *(Washington/Alaska)*	
1	**Miles Kohl, Yakima, WA** (Pasco Branch): Miles is an owner and CEO of Allan Bros., Inc. et al., a vertically integrated tree fruit operation located in Naches, WA. The company grows apples, cherries and wine grapes. The company also packs apples and cherries and operates a winery.	**Shawn Tweedy, Yakima, WA** (Pasco Branch): Shawn is one of the owner/operators at Columbia Reach and Chiawana Orchards, a vertically integrated grower, packer, shipper of apples and a small quantity of cherries. Shawn and his wife Megan both grew up in the Yakima Valley. After pursuing careers in other fields, they returned to Yakima almost 20 years ago to raise their children closer to family and become a part of the family business.
2	**Brian Baumann, Washtucna, WA** (Spokane Branch): Brian is a fourth-generation farmer, owning and operating Baumann Century Farm with his father. It is a deep well irrigated and dryland farming operation that produces wheat, sunflowers and canola in the Columbia Basin region.	**Russ Kehl, Quincy, WA** (Moses Lake Branch): Russ and his wife own and operate Farmer Bean & Seed and Soranco Bean Products where they grow, process, and sell seed and commercial edible beans domestically and internationally from three locations in WA, ID and CO. They also own and operate Kehl Farms, growing potatoes, beans, corn and other row crops.
	Region 2 *(Montana)*	
3	**Tara Becken, Big Timber, MT** (Billings Branch): Tara and her husband own a cow-calf and hay operation with their family. Tara is the Program Director for REAL Montana, a two-year leadership program for individuals in the agriculture and natural resource industries.	**Shawn Rettig, Rudyard, MT** (Great Falls Branch): Shawn and his wife own and operate Black Coulee Farms with their son. They seed approximately 5,000 acres of wheat, hay, malt barley and feed barley annually in Hill and Choteau counties. They also run a small cow-calf operation.
	Region 3 (Idaho)	
4	**Jennifer Moss, Twin Falls, ID** (Twin Falls Branch): Jennifer is a fourth-generation owner of Moss Greenhouses, Inc. The operation serves eight states, primarily supplying wholesale bedding and vegetable plants. They also operate a retail garden center in Jerome.	**Kirt Schwieder, Iona, ID** (Idaho Falls Branch): Kirt and his wife Kaelyne own and operate Idaho Sod, providing quality sod across Eastern Idaho, Western Wyoming and Northern Utah. They also own Agriwest that manages 4,000 acres of irrigated farmland, including 500 acres of sod. Raising hay, grain, cattle and kids has been their priority and passion.
	Region 4 *(Oregon)*	
5	**Glenn Barrett, Bonanza, OR** (Klamath Falls Branch): Glenn, along with wife Linda, operates a stocker feeder operation in South Central Oregon. They operate mostly on irrigated pastures with intensive grazing and integrated feed on pasture programs. They are also feeding cattle for a small local ranch to rail program.	**Melissa Lindsay, Heppner, OR** (Pendleton Branch): Melissa is a fifth-generation farmer. She and her husband own and operate her family's century farm Turner Ranch Inc., along with Fritz Cutsforth Land Co. and Turner Lindsay Farms. They farm irrigated and dryland wheat, mint, alfalfa and grass seed. Melissa also spent 20 years at Bank of Eastern Oregon where she helped build a successful Mortgage Division.
	Region 5 *(Sacramento Valley)*	
6	**Anthony Laney, Live Oak, CA** (Yuba City Branch): Anthony and his wife Melissa operate Twin Peaks Agriculture, Inc. growing walnuts and peaches in the Yuba City area. He is also a partner in a farm management company that manages walnuts, almonds, peaches, prunes and rice.	**John Amarel, Yuba City, CA** (Yuba City Branch): John is a partner with his wife Shanann and his parents in REASON Farms and is a third-generation farmer growing prunes, walnuts and almonds. He is a member of class 38 of California Ag Leadership and a director of the Sutter Extension Water District.
7	**Martin Mariani, Woodland, CA** (Woodland Branch): Martin farms almonds and walnuts in Winters, CA with his wife Theresa. He is a partner in Mariani Nut Company and is a managing member of Monticello Farming Company. They also farm wine grapes in Sonoma with their children and are partners in Scribe Winery. Martin is a director of Tri Counties Bank in Chico, a member of the Dean's Advisory Board for the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences at UC Davis.	**Jamie Traynham, Maxwell, CA** (Yuba City Branch): Jamie farms and ranches with her husband in Northern California and Southern Oregon. They grow rice, walnuts and hay in addition to running an Angus based cow-calf operation. Jamie is also the CFO for T&P Farms, a large, diversified farming operation in the Sacramento Valley.
	Region 6 *(Southern San Joaquin Valley)*	
8	**Mike Frey, Bakersfield, CA** (Bakersfield Branch): Mike is a partner in Buttonwillow Land and Cattle Company which grows almonds and pistachios, wine grapes and field crops including carrots, chipper potatoes, cotton, corn silage, wheat and alfalfa.	**Rolland Rosa, Hanford, CA** (Hanford Branch): Rolland is a partner in M.F. Rosa Dairy, a 1,050-head operation that also farms over 600 acres. Rolland and his brother formed Rosa Brothers Milk Company in 2012. This operation processes a growing share of M.F. Rosa Dairy's milk production and sells premium, flavored milks and ice cream.
	Region 7 *(Coastal California)*	
9	**Chris Sayer, Santa Paula, CA** (Ventura Branch): Chris is a fifth-generation farmer who grows avocados in Ventura County. He serves on the boards of the Ventura County Farm Bureau and Citrus Mutual Water Co. He's also a host farmer for Ventura County Farm Day, an annual event that encourages the local community to visit and learn about agriculture.	**Scott Klittich, Fillmore, CA** (Ventura Branch): Scott and his wife own Otto & Sons Nursery growing container roses, herbaceous perennials and fruit trees. They market their products through their onsite retail garden shop and to garden centers and landscapers across Southern and Central California. Scott is an advocate for ag education and industry leadership and serves as a Director of the Ventura County Farm Bureau.
	Region 8 *(Southwest)*	
10	**Brian Strahm, Holtville, CA** (Imperial Branch): Brian is a fourth-generation farmer, owning and operating Artesia Farms with his father. The operation grows carrots, onions, wheat, cantaloupe, alfalfa, Kleingrass and Bermuda grass in the Imperial Valley.	**Scott Van Sant, Tonopah, AZ** (Tempe Branch): Scott is a dairyman and farmer in Maricopa County, located west of Phoenix. He owns and operates Belmont Mountain Dairy and Tonopah Farms in partnership with his family, where they grow crops to feed their dairy herd.

AgWest Board of Directors

Director	Age (as of 8/1/26)	Region	First Elected/ Appointed	Present Term	Profession or Type of Agriculture Engaged In
Joseph C. Airoso, Pixley, CA	66	6	2007	2024-2028	Dairy, corn, wheat, alfalfa, pistachios
Mark A. Cook, Willcox, AZ *Board Chair*	53	8	2016	2026-2030	Pecans, pistachios, alfalfa
Nels DeBruycker, Choteau, MT *Board Vice Chair*	65	2	2018	2024-2028	Cow-calf operation, alfalfa, grass hay, small grains; raises/trains and sells registered Quarter Horses
Vicki Eggebrecht, Belgrade, MT	59	2	2021	2021-2026	Wheat, lentils, peas, chickpeas, custom farming
Duane M. "Skip" Gray, Albany, OR	70	4	2015	2026-2030	Vegetable & grass seed, vegetables, hazelnuts, greenhouse/processing/packing facilities
Robert Hansen, Hanford, CA	74	6	1999	2021-2026	Cattle/feedlot, cow-calf operation
Blake Harlan, Woodland, CA	60	5	2003	2022-2027	Tomatoes, rice, wheat, corn, sunflowers, almonds, olives, alfalfa/alfalfa processing
John Helle, Dillon, MT	62	2	2012	2022-2027	Commercial/purebred sheep; cow-calf, small grains/hay; part owner in wool apparel company
Greg Hirai, Wendell, ID	56	3	2014	2025-2029	Wheat, potatoes, corn, alfalfa and triticale as feed for local dairies
Tom Ikeda, Arroyo Grande, CA	66	7	2017	2022-2027	Vegetables, citrus, avocados, berries
Beth Kennar, Spokane Valley, WA *Board-Appointed Outside Director*	57	n/a	2021	2021-2026	Attorney specializing in labor and employment law
Bill Martin, Rufus, OR	56	4	2020	2026-2029	Wheat, alfalfa, garlic, mint, organic herbs; cow-calf operation
Colin Mellon, Yuma, AZ	58	8	2007	2021-2026	Vegetables and vegetable seed, grains, cotton, alfalfa, fruit
Barry T. Powell, Sacramento, CA *Board-Appointed Outside Director and Financial Expert*	70	n/a	2007	2022-2027	Financial Consultant in the agricultural sector
Derek Schafer, Ritzville, WA	50	1	2017	2022-2027	Wheat, peas, canola; operates grain and seed dealership
Brian Talley, Arroyo Grande, CA	60	7	2016	2025-2029	Vegetables, lemons, avocados, seed crops, strawberries, wine grapes/winery
Shawn Walters, Teton, ID	65	3	2010	2021-2026	Wheat, barley, alfalfa, potatoes; fresh pack potato facility
Andy Werkhoven, Monroe, WA	64	1	2021	2021-2026	Dairy, corn, grass, alfalfa, triticale; digester business

AgWest Chartered Territory



Nominating Regions	# Voting Members
Region 1 *(Washington/Alaska)*	6,219
Region 2 *(Montana)*	3,500
Region 3 *(Idaho)*	4,688
Region 4 *(Oregon)*	6,012
Region 5 *(Sacramento Valley)*	1,749
Region 6 *(Southern San Joaquin Valley)*	2,683
Region 7 *(Coastal California)*	1,068
Region 8 *(Southwest)*	781
Total Class A Voting Members	**26,700**