



Jon  
Chair  
American Farm Bureau  
Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee

*Home State: Oregon*



Jon is a third-generation family farmer in Oregon. Jon farms with his father, two uncles, an aunt, and two cousins. The family farm includes about 1,100 acres of tall fescue, perennial ryegrass, hairy vetch for seed and also produces tulips, industrial hemp, and table and wine grapes.

The tulip farm, a branch of the farm, offers an agritourism venture that allows the family to sell cut flowers, bulbs, wine, and CBD products directly to the consumer. In addition to growing hemp on the farm, the business does CO2 extraction and processing for CBD oil.

Jon graduated from Oregon State University with a degree in Crop and Soil Science and a minor in Ag Business. After two years as an agronomist, he returned to the farm and is now the farm manager responsible for crop rotations, contracts, enterprise budgets, fertilizer, and spray recommendations.

Jon and his wife have been married since 2009. His wife was a middle school science teacher for 10 years before becoming a stay-at-home mom. They have four daughters.

Jon has served on his county Farm Bureau board of directors since 2008 and was the county president from 2013-2017, and he is currently the county vice president. He has also served on his state YF&R committee since 2008.





Jocelyn  
Vice Chair  
American Farm Bureau  
Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee

*Home State: California*



Jocelyn is a fourth-generation almond, walnut, and row crop farmer from California. She works alongside her father, managing her family farm and operating a walnut huller during harvest.

Jocelyn earned her bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies, along with her California Teaching Credential from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, and a master's degree in Education from Chapman University.

After a career in teaching and owning a business, she transitioned back to the family farm and became involved in YF&R and Farm Bureau. She was appointed to the AFBF YF&R Committee in 2020. She currently serves as a director for her County Farm Bureau, is the vice chair of the California YF&R Committee, and is a board member for her County Resource Conservation District. She is also a graduate of California Leadership Farm Bureau.

Jocelyn uses her experience in education tutoring students (kindergarten to high school) in the community after school. When not working on the farm or attending meetings, she can be found with her family and friends. She enjoys the outdoors, being active at the gym, yoga, hiking the numerous trails in the region, biking, snowmobiling, and spending time at the lake wakeboarding or wake surfing.





Eric and April  
Secretary (April)  
American Farm Bureau  
Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee

*Home State: Kansas*



Eric and April live in a small town in southeast Kansas on a hog and chicken farm. They operate the farm on their own, raising about 28 sows, five boars, and between 700-800 chickens each year.

The couple primarily raises Durocs, Spots, Yorkshire, and crosses as show pigs and project animals for 4-H and FFA youth. They also raise hogs and chickens for meat consumption. They participate in local farmers markets, selling their meat every weekend during the season.

Eric is a high school vocational agriculture teacher, and April runs a licensed home daycare. Eric and April both graduated from Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas with bachelor's degrees in Agriculture Services and Development. Eric serves as vice chair on the local Farm Bureau board, and he is also the YF&R chair. April serves as the county Women's chair and is involved in the children's program at their church.

Eric and April have two children. They live on their farm and work hard to manage and operate it in a debt-free manner with goals of expansion and growth in both diversity and size.





Ben  
American Farm Bureau  
Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee



*Home State: Georgia*

Ben is a proud fourth-generation farmer from Georgia. He and his wife, Vicki, have a 72-acre family farm where they raise hair sheep, cattle, and host educational field tours. Their goals include expanding the sheep herd and instilling a love and respect of agriculture in their children and in all students, who visit the farm.

Educating the public about agriculture has always been important to Ben and he learned it at a young age growing up on his family's dairy farm. His love of agriculture continued as he attended Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Georgia. Ben values sparking the minds of young people about where their food and fiber come from. He does this with farm field trips and through Farm Bureau events like Ag in the Classroom and Farm Safety Camps. He is a positive role model to the youth and is engaged in the community as he serves on the PTA Board, is active in the FFA Alumni and coaching baseball. He recently successfully advocated for legislature funding to be allocated to build an Ag Education building at one of the local high schools.

Farm Bureau has been a cornerstone in his life. Ben has served on his county Farm Bureau board since 2014. He and Vicki were top three finalists for Georgia's YF&R Achievement award in 2017 and served two years on the state YF&R Committee. In 2019, Ben became the state YF&R chair and served on Georgia Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

Ben and his wife have two sons.





Dean and Sara  
American Farm Bureau  
Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee

*Home State: South Carolina*

Dean and Sara farm 3,400 acres in South Carolina growing cotton, peanuts, soybeans, corn, and wheat. Dean is a seventh-generation farmer and Sara's from a fourth-generation family farm.



Dean returned to the farm full-time in 2011 after graduating from Newberry College with a degree in Business Administration. Sara is a 2015 graduate of Clemson University. She returned home to further her education at Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College where she received an associate degree in nursing. She works full-time off the farm as an ICU nurse and earned her bachelor's degree in Nursing at Claflin University.

Both Dean and Sara have been active in Farm Bureau, serving on the state YF&R committee. Dean served as the state chair 2016. Currently, he serves as the county president and on several state committees including the Nomination and Political Action Committees. Sara just began a four-year term on the State Women's Committee. They were the recipients of the Achievement Award in South Carolina in 2019.

In their spare time, Sara and Dean are die-hard Clemson football fans and enjoy spending time at the beach or at home with their beautiful daughter and five-year-old Labrador Retriever.





Kenny and Jamila  
American Farm Bureau  
Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee

*Home State: Utah*



Kenny and Jamila are representing Utah. Kenny is a sixth-generation farmer. The farm has changed over the years from livestock and dairy to now specializing in growing vegetable crops, supplying sweet corn, onions, pumpkins, and squash to Utah and neighboring states.

When Kenny and Jamila decided to join the family farm business, they brought their niche of roadside produce stands as a part of the business model. These stands span three counties and are a great way for their customers to find fresh and local produce daily. Kenny is continually utilizing the latest technology on the farm and works with local universities and extension offices to allow his farm to support agricultural research.

Both Kenny and Jamila attended Utah State University and are proud to be "Aggies." Kenny earned his bachelor's degree in Entrepreneurship from the John M. Huntsman School of Business. Jamila earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in Psychology, with an emphasis in School Counseling. During her education, Jamila was able to serve as Utah State University's Ambassador to the President of the University.

As they farm and raise their family, Kenny and Jamila have continued to pursue leadership positions in the organizations they have passions for supporting. They have both been active in their county YF&R program, served on the state YF&R Committee, and have just completed their term as State YF&R chairs. During their year as the chairs, they worked with the committee to create the Civic Leadership Award and established a strategic plan. Kenny also serves on the Utah Onion Association and is actively involved in their County Planning Commission.

Kenny and Jamila have four children, two girls and two boys. They enjoy living on the farm and love spending time together either in the fields or in the mountains.





Sally  
American Farm Bureau  
Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee

*Home State: Wisconsin*



Sally grew up on her family's 100-cow dairy farm in southwestern Wisconsin. She attended the University of Wisconsin–Madison, majoring in Agronomy and Animal Science.

Sally worked as an agronomist for several years and earned the designation as a Certified Crop Advisor. She also worked several years as a dairy nutritionist for an independent feed mill. Sally is currently employed as an Energy Services Manager.

Sally completed the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's Leadership Institute, a one-year premier leadership training program. She serves on her county Farm Bureau board of directors as the Young Farmer and Agriculturalist Chair and serves on the Wisconsin Farm Bureau YFA Committee. She has been active in Farm Bureau, competing in the state's Discussion Meet competition, and has participated in other events, including Ag Day at the Capitol.

Sally still helps on her home farm, which is now a beef cow-calf operation. She also enjoys the outdoors and running with Team BEEF Wisconsin.





Tanner and Kerre  
American Farm Bureau  
Young Farmers & Ranchers  
Committee



*Home State: Missouri*

Tanner and Kerre Clark are the new owners of a Fertilizer & Feed store in Missouri. They recently purchased the business from Kerre's parents and have been actively involved in the growing business for the past 14 years. Their business specializes in Dry fertilizer application, Ag Lime, Bag feed, Liquid Feed, and Seed. They have also added weed control to dry fertilizer this year.

Tanner and Kerre also live and work on a 1200-acre cattle ranch that consists of owned and leased land in Missouri with Tanner's parents. Tanner is the Ranch Manager. They raise registered and commercial Black Angus. They run about 200 cow/calf pairs, along with approximately 125 bred heifers and yearlings depending on the time of year. They produce all of their own hay each year that is mixed grass, such as fescue, orchardgrass, and clover.

Both graduated from Missouri State University. Tanner with a degree in Animal Science and Kerre's degree was in Agronomy. They both had been working on the farm and at the fertilizer plant and continued to do so.

Tanner and Kerre have one son and two daughters. All three are very active and love being involved at the store and on the ranch.

Tanner and Kerre have served on their county Farm Bureau board of directors since 2015. Kerre has served as Secretary during part of that time and Tanner is currently serving as the vice president. They have also served on the Missouri YF&R State committee of which Tanner was the State Chair in 2020. Kerre also serves as President of a local FFA Booster Club. Tanner and Kerre are also members of a local church, where Tanner is a Deacon.







Drew  
American Farm Bureau  
Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee

*Home State: Illinois*

Drew is a 4th generation farmer from Illinois. Drew farms corn, soybeans, and beef cattle with his dad, uncle, and cousin.



Drew returned home to the family farm after graduating from the University of Illinois. He has taken an active role in running the planter and the auger wagon, baling, hauling, fixing equipment, and everything in between.

Drew and his wife Adrienne have three children. Adrienne stays at home with the children and is an agriculture mental health advocate and consultant.

Drew serves on his county Farm Bureau board of directors. He has been active in state and county Farm Bureau Young Leaders since 2009, and was the 2020 Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader Chair. He also has experience with the Illinois Soybean Association, Illinois Corn Growers, and several other agriculture organizations. He enjoys participating in opportunities to learn about agriculture policy and leadership, like Leaders to Washington and Ag Industry Tours, and believes in playing an active role in advocating for the industry.



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Charlie and Casey  
American Farm Bureau  
Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee



*Home State: Ohio*

Charlie and Casey own a family farm based out of Northeastern Ohio, where, alongside their 3 children, they raise Beef, Pork, and Chicken that is sold directly to local consumers. They also grow corn, soybeans, and hay.

Charlie attended The Ohio State University and holds a degree in animal science focused on Ruminant Nutrition. Casey also attended The Ohio State University majoring in Agriculture Communications.

Charlie is the current president of their county farm bureau, Casey has served as the county membership chair, and they are both graduates of Ohio Farm Bureau Federation's premier leadership program, Agri-Power. They work with several local organizations such as the local chamber of commerce, rotary, church and more.





Justin and Allison  
American Farm Bureau  
Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee

*Home State: Indiana*



Justin and Allison McKain both grew up on family-owned farming operations in Indiana and are the third generation to return to Allison's family operation. Currently working alongside Allison's brother, they are rebuilding the family operation, focusing on corn and soybean production with a conservation mindset.

Justin, a Precision Agronomist and Digital Ag Specialist for a large independent Ag Retail, graduated from Ivy Tech Community College Terre Haute with an Associates in Agriculture and was awarded 2016 Alumni of the Year. He continues to be involved with the Ivy Tech Agriculture and Precision Ag programs through advisory boards and adjunct instruction.

Allison attended the Ivy Tech Community College Terre Haute Agriculture program where she participated in collegiate livestock judging and graduated from Indiana State University with a Bachelors in English. Allison is a Division of Soil Conservation Resource Specialist for the Indiana State Department of Agriculture. In this capacity, Allison works within a 5-county region providing education, technical assistance and oversees conservation planning and implementation for producers adopting conservation practices as part of their farm management. Allison serves on the County Ag Day Committee and the West Central Indiana Watershed Alliance Advisory Board.

Justin and Allison began their involvement with Farm Bureau in 2010 when they became members of their county's Young Farmer Program. Since then, Justin has served on the County Farm Bureau County Board of Directors and is currently Vice-President. Justin and Allison have served on the Indiana Young Farmers and Ag Professionals State Committee since 2018.

Justin and Allison were married in 2014 and have been blessed with two sons.





Jarad  
American Farm Bureau  
Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee

*Home State: Florida*

Born and raised in Florida, Jarad and his family have been involved in agriculture his entire life.

As a Farm Manager for a major U.S. producer, Jarad assists in the management of nearly 40,000 acres of farmland in Florida. The primary crop produced is sugarcane while the farm also consists of sweet corn production and fallow land leased to farmers for green bean production.



The company Jarad works for produces around 800,000 tons of refined sugar on around 245,000 acres of land, which includes company-owned, growers, and leased land. U.S. Sugar is the country's largest, totally integrated producer of sugarcane and cane sugar. In addition to the company's substantial sugar production, they also produce over 4 million crates of sweet corn annually, which is over half of Florida's sweet corn production.

Jarad graduated from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College with a B.S. in Diversified Agriculture. Upon graduation, Jarad went to work full time for the same company he interned for during college. He obtained his Certified Crop Advisor License in 2018. In 2020, Jarad graduated from Warner University with a Master of Business Administration. As a farm manager, Jarad is responsible for managing all aspects of sugarcane production from planting to harvest.

Jarad's involvement with Farm Bureau began in 2016 when he attended his first YF&R State Leadership Conference. Since then, he has served on his county board since 2017 and as the county board secretary since 2018. Additionally, Jarad has served as the county YF&R committee chair since 2016. In 2018, he was selected to serve on the state YF&R Leadership Group as part of the 2018-2021 class. Jarad has also served as a technical advisor for the state Sugar Advisory Committee since 2019.





Eric and Alisha  
American Farm Bureau  
Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee

*Home State: Texas*



Eric and Alisha are the third generation of farmers on their operation in Texas. Eric farms alongside his dad. They operate roughly 3,000 acres of both irrigated and non-irrigated cotton, grain sorghum, wheat, and corn in addition to coastal hay grown for their own cow calf herd.

Eric graduated from Texas Tech University in 2013 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. After working as a project engineer for a fertilizer manufacturing company for 4 years post graduation, he made the decision to move back to the family farm. Since his return to the farm, he has turned the operation's focus towards soil health. Additionally, Eric owns and operates a custom cotton harvesting business.

Alisha graduated from Purdue University in 2013 with degrees in Soil and Crop Science and Agricultural Economics. While remaining hands-on with their operation at home, she also works full-time as a Product Manager for John Deere. As such, she manages a suite of agricultural software products that enables growers across the world.

Eric and Alisha were married in 2016, and they have three children. Together, they have served on the Texas Young Farmer and Rancher Committee since 2019, and Alisha served as Vice Chair for the committee in 2020. Alisha has served on her county's Farm Bureau board since 2017. The two are also very active in their church where Eric is a member of the Knights of Columbus organization and Alisha teaches CCD classes.





Brenda  
American Farm Bureau  
Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee

*Home State: Michigan*



Brenda is a farm girl through and through. She was raised on her family's 850-acre corn, soybean, and wheat operation in Michigan. The farm also consists of a 50-head predominantly Holstein feedlot and used to house 2,500 feeder-to-finish hogs.

Brenda has a passion for the livestock industry. She grew up showing Shorthorn cattle at the local, state, and national level, and served as President of the American Junior Shorthorn Association. She is a 2011 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in Animal Science.

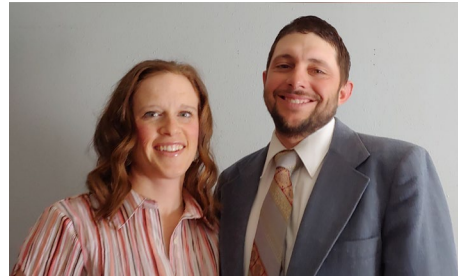
Brenda and her husband Neil own 20 Simmental and Angus cows. Most weekends you will find the two of them working with these cattle as they do extensive artificial insemination and embryo transfer work while also preparing them for exhibition and sales.

Brenda has served on her county Farm Bureau board since 2018. In 2019, she was the Michigan Farm Bureau Young Farmer Agriculture Employee Award winner and in 2020 a finalist at the State Discussion Meet.





Kyle and Jessica  
American Farm Bureau  
Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee



*Home State: Idaho*

Kyle and Jessica have a custom feeding, grazing, and calving operation in Idaho. A few years ago, Kyle's father retired, selling most of the farm ground and leasing the rest to Kyle. When father and son worked together, the property was a farming and ranching operation, but now all the cattle are sold, and Kyle uses the land for the couple's custom operation.

Kyle and Jessica have an eight year-old boy who loves to be outside and work with them. They love camping and hunting as a family when they are not on the ranch.

Jessica graduated from Idaho State University with a Bachelor of Science in Education. After graduating, she taught kindergarten for five years and has now taught second grade for five years.

Kyle and Jessica have served on their county Farm Bureau board as YF&R chairs. They have served on their state YF&R committee since 2014 and are also currently on their county Farm Bureau board.

