

# ***NORTH CENTRAL CARET PROFILES***



***2013***

## ILLINOIS

### **Susan Geiger Gray** (2011)



**Institution:** University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**Occupation:** Independent agronomic consultant

**Education:** B. S. in Agricultural Economics (University of Illinois) and M. S. in Agronomy (Crop Production) (University of Illinois)

**Organizations:** American Society of Agronomy and Hammond-Henry Hospital Board of Directors

**Other:** University of Illinois ACES Alumni Board of Directors and University of Illinois Crop Sciences State Advisory Committee

### **John L. Huston** (2000)



**Institution:** University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**Occupation:** Retired Executive Vice President of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association

**Education:** B. S. in Agricultural Education with an Animal Science option (University of Illinois)

**Organizations:** National Cattlemen's Beef Association; American Meat Science Association; North American Office of Bord Bia, the Irish Food Board, and the International Meat Secretariat

**Other:** CARET Executive Committee; Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation; Extension Partners; National Farm-City Council; Livestock Conservation Institute; University of Illinois' College of ACES Alumni Association; and, Illinois 4-H

## INDIANA

### **Louise Beaman** (1999)



**Institution:** Purdue University

**Occupation:** Farmer (farrow to finish hog operation, corn, and soybeans)

**Organizations:** Purdue CARET; Indiana Farm Bureau; and, American Sewing Guild

**Other:** CARET Liaison to the Academic Programs Committee on Organization and Policy (ACOP); Leadership Johnson County Graduate; past state and area CARET Chairs; past county Extension Board Chair; past county Farm Bureau Chair; past county Extension Homemaker president; past 4-H Council treasurer and past national chair and secretary, Board of Directors of the American Sewing Guild; and, Purdue Certified Sewing Educator

## **INDIANA** (continued)

### **Robert E. Guernsey** (1986)



**Institution:** Purdue University

**Occupation:** Farmer (grain, hay, cow/calf herd)

**Organizations:** Purdue CARET; Indiana Farm Bureau; Indiana Pork Producers; Indiana

Land Resource Council; National Association of Counties

**Other:** Past Chairman of CARET; National Sustainable Agriculture Advisory Council; North Central Regional Land-Grant University Scoping Conference; Kellogg Foundation Seminar on Food Systems Profession in Education; Purdue

School of Agriculture Dean's Advisory Council; Community System wide Response State Committee for Juvenile and Extension Programs in Indiana; and, former county commissioner

### **Kenneth A. Huseman** (1994)



**Institution:** Purdue University

**Occupation:** Owner/Operator Huseman Farm, Inc. (grains, soybean, and hog production)

**Education:** B. S. in Agriculture (Purdue University) and M. S. in Agricultural Economics (Purdue University)

**Organizations:** Purdue CARET and Indiana Farm Bureau

**Other:** CARET Executive Committee; Lake County Planning Commission; Lake County Drainage Advisory Board; Lake County Farm Bureau Cooperative Board of Directors; and, Lake County Extension Advisory Board

### **Rebecca Roach** (2011)



**Institution:** Purdue University

**Occupation:** Workforce Training Coordinator, Vincennes University Region 8 Area Workforce Development & Community Services

**Education:** B. S. in Management (Indiana Wesleyan University) and A. S. in General Studies (Vincennes University)

**Organizations:** Purdue CARET; Area 3 P-CARET; and, Election Board, Knox County, Busseron Township

**Other:** Professional Staff Congress, Vincennes University; Knox County 4-H Council; Knox County Extension Board; and, Dean's Advisory Council, Purdue's College of Agriculture

## IOWA

### **Don Latham** (1992)



**Institution:** Iowa State University

**Occupation:** President, Latham Farms and DTB Farms

**Education:** B. S. in Agronomy (Iowa State University)

**Organizations:** American Seed Trade Association, United Soybean Board, and Qualisoy

**Other:** Immediate Past Chairman of CARET; NRSP Review Committee; USDA/USTR Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Grains, Feeds and, Oilseeds; and, Peoples Trust & Savings Bank Director

### **Sally Stutsman** (2008)



**Institution:** Iowa State University

**Occupation:** Representative, Iowa Legislature (2012) and family farm partnership (2,000 acres of land, raise feeder cattle and have registered Angus cow calf herd)

**Education:** B. S. in Sociology (Iowa State University)

**Other:** Johnson County Extension Council and ISU Extension Citizen Advisory Council

### **Robert J. Petrzela** (2013)



**Institution:** Iowa State University

**Occupation:** President, Geode Forestry, Inc.

**Education:** B.S. in Forest Resource Management from Iowa State University

**Organizations:** Iowa House of Representatives; Society of American Foresters; Iowa Society of American Foresters; Iowa Tree Farm Committee; Iowa Wood Industries Association; Mt. Pleasant Trees Forever; Statewide Forest Health Task Force; and, Southeast Iowa Forestry Advisory Council

**Other:** Forest Management Instructor at Southeastern Community College

## KANSAS

### **Steve Irsik, Jr. (2005)**



**Institution:** Kansas State University

**Occupation:** General Partner, Irsik Equities, LP (a family-owned agricultural business involved in irrigated and dry land farming, a native grass ranch, commercial Angus cow herd, dairy, commercial cattle feeding, feed milling with significant interests in wheat and oats milling and further processing)

**Education:** B. S. in Agricultural Economics (Kansas State University)

**Organizations:** Kansas Natural Resources Legacy Alliance; Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership; Livestock Meat Industry Council; and,

Kansas Prosperity Summit

**Other:** Chair, Kansas Water Authority and Royal Farms Dairy; 21 C Holding, LP; and, American State Bank Holding Company

### **Connie Pelton Kays (2005)**



**Institution:** Kansas State University

**Occupation:** Co-Owner, Joe Smith Company (convenience store industry)

**Education:** B. S. in Agriculture and Business Administration and M. S. in Agriculture (Kansas State University)

**Organizations:** American Junior Hereford Association; American Society of Animal Science; United Way; and, International Brangus Breeders

**Other:** CARET Liaison to the Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy (ESCOP - 2015)

## MICHIGAN

### **Ben Kudwa (2013)**



**Institution:** Michigan State University

**Occupation:** Consultant, Michigan Potato Owner, Black Star Farms (an inn, winery, distillery, farm market, creamery, orchards, and vineyards) – an agricultural destination

**Education:** B. A. (Cornell University) in hotel administration and international and trade programs at Columbia and Harvard Universities

**Organizations:** Michigan Department of Agriculture; Traverse Bay Economic Development Corporation; Traverse City Convention and Visitors Bureau; and,

Wine Michigan

**Other:** Commissioner, Michigan Department of Agriculture and MSUE and MAES State Advisory Council

## MICHIGAN (continued)

### **Douglas E. Lewis** (2005)



**Institution:** Michigan State University

**Occupation:** Attorney/Director, Student Legal Services, University of Michigan

**Education:** B. A. (University of Michigan) and J.D. (Thomas M. Cooley School of Law)

**Organizations:** Washtenaw County Bar Association; Michigan Posse.; Michigan Horse Council; Black Western Historical Society; African American West Project; and, Measure for Measure;

**Other:** Washtenaw County 4-H and MSU Extension Advisory Board; and, Michigan 4-H Foundation

### **Charlotte L. Wenham** (2006)



**Institution:** Michigan State University

**Occupation:** Partner, Wood, Wenham & Henderson Consultants, LLC.

**Education:** B. A. in Communications, Speech (Michigan State University); M. A. in English (Michigan State University); and Ed. D in Educational Administration (Western Michigan University)

**Organizations:** Citizens for Michigan; Rotary Club; and, St. Joseph Township Zoning Board of Appeals; and, Shoreham Village Planning Co.

**Other:** MSUE County Advisory Council

## MINNESOTA

### **David G. Benson** (2013)



**Institution:** University of Minnesota Extension

**Occupation:** Manage a beef cattle and sheep operation and produce food-grade soybeans and small grains

**Other:** Former county commissioner

### **Richard Magnusson** (2006)



**Institution:** University of Minnesota

**Occupation:** Farmer (Kentucky bluegrass and ryegrass, native grass (Big Bluestem and Indian grass) wheat, sunflowers, soybeans, corn, flax, and peas)

**Education:** Associate's Degree (University of Minnesota Crookston) and B. S. in agronomy (North Dakota State University)

**Organizations:** Minnesota Crop Improvement Association; Minnesota Association of Wheat Growers; Minnesota Turf Seed Council; RL Growers Cooperative; and, Citizens State Bank of Roseau



## MISSOURI

### **Thomas Brown** (2006)



**Institution:** Lincoln University

**Occupation:** Farmer (cattle, sheep, poultry, hogs, greenhouse plants, and produce) and automotive mechanic

**Education:** Graduated from automotive mechanics training

**Other:** Steering Committee for New Beginnings Program 2006 of the University of Missouri-Columbia

### **Kristin M. Perry** (1992)



**Institution:** University of Missouri-Columbia

**Occupation:** Executive Director, Agricultural Leadership of Tomorrow; President, Perry Agricultural Laboratory, Inc.; and, Attorney at Law

**Education:** B. S. in Education (University of Missouri-Columbia) and J. D. (University of Missouri School of Law)

**Organizations:** Missouri Bar Association; Bar Association of Pike County; American Agricultural Law Association; Missouri Agricultural Industries Council; Missouri Pork Producers; Missouri Farm Bureau; Rotary

International; and, Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce; Bowling Green Rotary Club; and, Bowling Green United Fund

### **Edwin S. Turner** (2005)



**Institution:** University of Missouri Extension

**Occupation:** Chief Executive Officer, EST Enterprises

**Education:** B. S. in Agricultural Economics (University of Missouri, Columbia)

**Organizations:** National Association of Realtors; Missouri Association of Realtors; North Central Missouri Association of Realtors; National Association of Master Appraisers; Missouri Ag Industries Council; Cub Scouts of America; Boy Scouts of America; Girl Scouts of America; Grand River YMCA Board of Governors; Chillicothe Development, Inc; Missouri State Fair Foundation Board;

Kansas City Development Council; and, Chamber of Commerce

**Other:** Missouri 4-H

## **NEBRASKA**

### **Rodney K. Gangwish (2003)**



**Institution:** University of Nebraska

**Occupation:** Farming and agribusiness (corn, seed corn, and soybeans)

**Education:** B. S. in Agronomy (University of Nebraska)

**Organizations:** Board on Managers, KAAPA Ethanol; Board of Managers, Energy Grain Development Group; Board of Directors, KAAPA Cooperative; Board on Managers, KAAPA Investments, LLC; National Corn Growers Association; Nebraska Corn Growers Association; Nebraska Corn Board; Agricultural Builders of Nebraska; Nebraska Farm Bureau; Nebraska Soybean

Association; Agricultural Advisory Committee, Chicago Board of Trade; and, Agricultural Advisory Committee to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission

**Other:** CARET Liaison the BAA Budget and Advocacy Committee for Fiscal Years 2014-2015; Board on Director, Nebraska Agricultural Leadership Council; Agricultural Extension for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Task Force; President's Advisory Council for the University of Nebraska; and, Nebraska Agricultural Relations Council

### **Richard Hahn (2006)**



**Institution:** University of Nebraska

**Occupation:** Farm and Ranch Real Estate Sales Associate with Farmers National Company; retired president and chief executive officer, Farmers National Company; Metropolitan Life Agricultural Investments; and, retired Captain, United States Navy and Navy Reserves

**Education:** B. S. in Agricultural Economics (University of Nebraska) with a specialization in farm and ranch management

**Organizations:** American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers; Nebraska National Resource Commission; National Association of Conservation Districts; Nebraska Association of Natural Resources Districts; Agriculture Builders of Nebraska; Farm Foundation; and, Omaha Agri-Business Club

**Other:** Past Board Member, Lower Elkhorn and Central Platte NRD; Past Board Member, Methodist College of Nursing; Board Member, Methodist Hospital; Board Member, Methodists Physicians Clinic; Trustee, University of Nebraska Foundation; Past Chair, Methodist Hospital Foundation; past member, National FFA Foundation Sponsor Board; past member, Concordia University Foundation; Navy League of the United States; Naval Reserve Officers Association; Agricultural Council, Omaha Area and State Chamber of Commerce; Economic committee

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## **NEBRASKA** (Continued)

### **Michael B. Jacobson** (2007)



**Institution:** University of Nebraska

**Occupation:** Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of NebraskaLand National Bank and NebraskaLand Financial Services, Inc.,

**Education:** B. S. in Agricultural Economics/Agricultural Education (University of Nebraska); Diploma, Colorado Graduate School of Banking; and, RMA Loan Management School

**Organizations:** American Bankers Association; Nebraska Bankers Association; Agriculture Builders of Nebraska; Nebraska Diplomats; Nebraska

Champions Advisory Board; North Platte Development Corporation; North Platte Redevelopment Authority; Great Plains Health Care Foundation; North Platte Public Schools Foundation; and, North Platte Rotary Club

**Other:** Nebraska Hall of Agricultural Achievement

### **Roger R. Wehrbein** (2010)



**Institution:** University of Nebraska

**Occupation:** Livestock Producer/Farmer; Nebraska Legislature, 20 years (Appropriations Chairman – 10 years)

**Education:** B. Sc. in Animal Science (University of Nebraska)

**Organizations:** Agricultural Builders of Nebraska; Nebraska Cattlemen; Nebraska Diplomats; Cass County Economic Development Council; Plattsmouth Rotary Club; Plattsmouth Bridge Commission; Nebraska Wind Export Association; Omaha Agri-Business Club; Greater Omaha Chamber of

Commerce; Nebraska AgRelations Council; Alpha Gamma Rho Foundation; and, Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce

**Other:** Nebraska Hall of Agricultural Achievement

## **NORTH DAKOTA**

### **Jerry Doan** (2011)



**Institution:** North Dakota State University

## OHIO

### **Nathan André (1996)**



**Institution:** The Ohio State University

**Occupation:** Owner/Partner, André Farms, André Land Forming, and André Farm Composting

**Education:** B. S. in Agricultural Mechanization and Systems and Agricultural Education (The Ohio State University)

**Organizations:** American Society of Agricultural Engineers; Ohio Land Improvement Contractors; Ohio Farm Bureau; Fulton County Extension Advisory Committee

**Other:** The Ohio State University Vice President's Advisory Council and Ohio Agricultural Development Center Support Council

### **Robert J. Boggs (2013)**



**Institution:** The Ohio State University

**Occupation:** Retired

**Education:** B. A. in Government and Public Administration (American University) and M. A. in Public Administration (Kent State University)

**Organizations:** American High Speed Rail Association; Farm Bureau; Ohio Clerks and Trustees Association; Omnicron Delta Kappa; Ohio High Speed Rail Authority; National Conference of State Legislatures; Council of State Governments; and Sierra Club

**Other:** Former County Commissioner; former member of the Ohio House of Representatives and Ohio Senate; and, former Director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture

### **Susan Crowell (2011)**



**Institution:** The Ohio State University

**Occupation:** Editor, *Farm and Dairy* (a weekly general agriculture newspaper that covers several states in the eastern Midwest)

**Education:** Kent State University

**Organizations:** Farm Bureau Federation; Ohio Agricultural Communicators Association; Ohio Agri-Women; National Newspaper Association; and, Society of Professional Journalists.

**Other:** OSU Extension Advisory Council; Dean's Advisory Council; and, eXtension National Leadership Council

## **SOUTH DAKOTA**

### **Brenda Forman (1999)**



**Institution:** South Dakota State University

**Occupation:** Executive Director, South Dakota Association of Cooperatives

**Education:** B. S. in Animal Science Production and Plant Science (South Dakota State University)

**Organizations:** Pierre Kiwanis; South Dakota Rural Development Council; 4-H Club; South Dakota Highway Users; South Dakota Crop Advisory Program; Ag Unity; South Dakota Agricultural and Rural Leadership; South Dakota Value Added Development Center; Co-op State Councils; Co-op State

Council; Ag Advisory Committee; South Dakota 2007 Farm Bill Coalition; South Dakota Crop Residue Management Coalition; South Dakota Health Care Round Table; South Dakota Ag in the Classroom Board of Directors; South Dakota Crop Improvement Association; South Dakota Cattlemen's Association; and, South Dakota No-till Association

**Other:** South Dakota State University National Review

### **Randy C. Frederick (2012)**



**Institution:** South Dakota State University

**Occupation:** Farmer (diversified grain and livestock farm)

**Education:**

**Organizations:** South Dakota Republican Party; Farm Bureau; South Dakota Soybean Association; American Soybean Association; Jaycees

**Other:** Former Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee in the South Dakota Legislature and Epsilon Sigma Phi SDSU Chapter Friend of Extension

### **Chuck Langner (2012)**



**Institution:** South Dakota State University

**Occupation:** Farm Broadcaster, KWAT Radio

**Education:**

**Organizations:** National Association of County Agriculture Agents

**Other:** Extension Agent/Educator, South Dakota State University

## **SOUTH DAKOTA** (Continued)

### **Tom Varilek (2000)**



**Institution:** South Dakota State University

**Occupation:** Farm/Ranch Operator

**Education:** B. S. in Animal Science (South Dakota State University)

**Organizations:** 4-H leader; State Extension Advisory Board officer; South Dakota Cattlemen's Association; South Dakota Angus Association; South Dakota Irrigators' Association; Charles Mix Crop Improvement Association; Geddes Commercial Club; South Dakota Stockgrowers Association; South Dakota Rodeo Association; Knights of Columbus; and, Jaycees

**Other:** County Extension Board

### **Becky Walth (2012)**



**Institution:** South Dakota State University

**Organizations:** National Cattleman's Beef Association; National Beef Council; South Dakota Beef Industry Council; and, South Dakota Cattleman's Association

## **WISCONSIN**

### **Colleen A. Bates (2000)**



**Institution:** University of Wisconsin-Extension

**Occupation:** Retired, medical clinic office manager

**Education:**

**Organizations:** Wisconsin Association of County Extension Committees and Wisconsin

Counties Association Board

**Other:** Former CARET Executive Committee member; Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors and University of Wisconsin Extension Task Force on New Strategies for Enhancing Relationships with Local Governments; and, University of Wisconsin Extension/Strategies for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

## **WISCONSIN** (Continued)

### **Debbie Crave** (2013)



**Institution:** University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Occupation:** Vice President, Crave Brothers Farmstead Cheese

**Education:** B. S. degree in Forestry and Horticulture (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

**Organizations:** World Dairy Expo Board; Thrive; Wisconsin Specialty Cheese Institute; Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin; Wisconsin 4-H Foundation; and, Wisconsin Agriculture and Life Sciences Alumni Association

**Other:** Former employment at the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

### **Robert S. Krause** (2013)



**Institution:** University of Wisconsin-Extension

**Occupation:** Grain farmer, Krause Farms (corn, soybeans, wheat, alfalfa, and custom operations)

**Education:** FISC (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

**Organizations:** Shawano County Farm Bureau; Shawano County Board of Supervisors; and, Town of Green Valley Planning Commissioner

**Other:** Wisconsin Associated County Extension Committees

### **Charles “Tom” Talbot** (2011)



**Institution:** University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Occupation:** Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Glen Oak Lumber and Milling, Inc.

**Education:** B. A. in Marketing and Business (University of Northern Illinois)

**Organizations:** GOPAC, Inc., Board of Directors; National Hardwood Federation; and,

Kentucky Forest Industries Association

**Other:** National Wrestling Hall of Fame and UW Athletics Advisory Council