

# 2019 TRIUMPH OF AG EXPO

## AGRI AWARD WINNER - STEVE NELSON



Steve Nelson has been involved in farming all of his life. He farms near Axtell in south central Nebraska and produces irrigated corn, hybrid seed corn, and soybeans. He was elected a President of Nebraska Farm Bureau in December 2011.

A graduate of Hildreth High School, Steve also received a degree from the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture. He is past president of the Kearney-Franklin County Farm Bureau and served many years on its Board of Directors. At the state level of Farm Bureau, Steve has served on the State Legislative Policy Committee and Membership Advisory Committee. In the American Farm Bureau Federation, Steve has served as the Chairman of the Feed Grains Committee, the Water Quality Task Force, the Information and Technology Committee, and the MAAPP (Making American Agriculture Productive and Profitable) committee to study the future of American Agriculture.

Prior to becoming President, Steve was elected to the Nebraska Farm Bureau Board of Directors in 1997 and was re-elected in 2000. In 2002, he was elected to the position of First Vice President. He was elected to the AFBF Board of Directors in 2014. He currently serves on American Farm Bureau Trade Advisory and Governance committees.

Steve is a member of numerous state and national agricultural organizations. He is a life-long member of Bethany Lutheran Church near Axtell, Nebraska. Steve and Elma became members of the Hastings-area chapter of Compassionate Friends after their daughter, Sarah, passed away unexpectedly following a 2006 surgery.

Steve's wife, Elma, is a retired nurse. Their son, Scott, farms with Steve near Axtell and is married to Amy. Scott and Amy are parents of Sam and twins Britta & Luke. Their daughter, Stacy her husband, Bobby O'Brian III, reside in Ashland, NE. Bobby is a Financial Advisor at Raymond James in Omaha.

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