

## **Keith Olsen**

Keith Olsen, president of Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation, farms near Grant in southwest Nebraska and produces wheat, certified seed wheat and ecofallow corn. He began farming in 1967 in the southwest corner of Perkins County.

Olsen graduated from Grant High School in 1963 and from the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture in 1967. He is a past president of the Perkins County Farm Bureau and served many years on its board of directors. At the state level of Farm Bureau, he served eight years on the State Legislative Policy Committee and four years as a member of the Tax Advisory Committee. He was elected to the Nebraska Farm Bureau Board of Directors in 1992 to represent District 7 (southwest Nebraska) and re-elected in 1995. He was elected first vice president in 1997 and served in that capacity until Aug. 1, 2002, when he became president. In January 2004, the American Farm Bureau Federation elected Olsen to serve on its board of directors.

Olsen is a Certified Lay Speaker in the United Methodist Church and is a member of Grant United Methodist Church. He was a 4-H leader for 30 years. He is currently serving as president of the Nebraska FFA Foundation board.

Olsen's wife, Doris, is a Registered Nurse, retired from Perkins County Community Hospital. The Olsens have three grown sons -- Craig, Jeff and Curtis -- and several grandchildren.

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