

Steve Nelson

Steve Nelson is a member of the board of directors and first vice president of Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation. He farms near Axtell in south central Nebraska and produces corn and soybeans.

Nelson graduated from Hildreth High School and from the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture. He is a 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, Nelson has served on the State Legislative Policy Committee and the Membership Advisory Committee.

At the national level, Nelson chaired the American Farm Bureau Federation's Feed Grains Advisory Committee and has served on its Water Quality Task Force and Information and Technology Committee. In 2003 he was appointed to the American Farm Bureau's Making American Agriculture Productive and Profitable Committee to study the future of American Agriculture. The committee's study report was completed in January 2006.

Nelson was elected to the Nebraska Farm Bureau Board of Directors in 1997 to represent District 5 and was re-elected in 2000. In 2002 he was elected as first vice president and was re-elected in 2003 and 2006.

He is a member of Kearney-Franklin County Corn Growers, the Nebraska Soybean Association, and the Nebraska Water Users Association. He is a member of Bethany Lutheran Church near Axtell and serves on the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Nebraska Synod Public Advocacy Committee.

Nelson's wife, Elma, is a nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, where she works in centralized scheduling. Their son Scott farms with Steve at Axtell. Their daughter Stacy is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and works for National Research Corporation in Lincoln. Their daughter Sarah passed away in June 2006.

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