FOWL INTENTIONS

TEAM BIOGRAPHIES

Hunter Thomas

AGRIBUSINESS | PORK PRODUCTION | COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Hunter was born and raised in Broken Bow, Nebraska. After graduating from Broken Bow High School, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agribusiness from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Hunter serves as Vice President of Thomas Livestock Company, a multigenerational farrow-to-finish pork production business with approximately 24,000 sows producing 700,000 market pigs annually. He enjoys outdoor activities, time with family, and an occasional round of golf. Hunter serves as President of the Custer County Foundation Board and was chairman of the Nebraska One Box Pheasant Hunt last year. Hunter and his wife, Faith, have been married for eight years and have two children, Thea and Henry.

Chris Myers

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT | COMMUNITY SERVICE

Chris is from Broken Bow, Nebraska, and serves as Vice President of Myers Construction. He earned a bachelor's degree in Construction Management from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. At Myers Construction, Chris oversees projects of all sizes throughout Nebraska. He enjoys outdoor experiences with his wife, Jami, and their five children, including driving Hummers in the river and working with cattle. Chris is actively involved in the local community and previously served eight years on the city council and five years on the Nebraska One Box Board.

Todd Wardyn

AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS | CENTER PIVOT & GRAIN SYSTEMS

Todd is from Litchfield, Nebraska, where he owns and operates a Valley center-pivot and grain-bin business. He graduated from Litchfield High School and earned a degree from Kearney State College. For 29 years, Todd has worked extensively in center-pivot development and grain-bin construction. He enjoys hunting deer, pheasants, coyotes, and turkeys. Todd and his wife and business partner, Darlene, have been married for 34 years. They have three children and five grandchildren who live nearby.

Senator Pete Ricketts

Nebraska Governor, United States Senator

Senator Pete Ricketts was born in Nebraska City and raised in Omaha, Nebraska. Senator Ricketts graduated from Westside High School before attending the University of Chicago where he earned his bachelor's degree in biology and an M.B.A. in marketing and finance. After Graduate school, Senator Ricketts went to work for his family's company which became known as Ameritrade. He was sworn in as Nebraska's 40th Governor on January 8th, 2015, and reelected to a second term in November of 2018. Senator Ricketts now holds our representation in Washington D.C. as one of two Nebraska Senators. Mr. Ricketts is married and has three children. He enjoys hunting deer, ducks, turkeys and pheasants and is a Past Shooter of the Nebraska One Box Pheasant Hunt.

Eric Ogren

ANIMAL SCIENCE | AGRONOMY | SWINE PRODUCTION

Eric is from Marcus, Iowa, and has worked as a swine multiplication producer for 16 years. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science and Agronomy from Iowa State University. In his professional role, Eric works with a team to distribute swine genetics effectively and improve efficiencies for producers around the world. In his free time, he enjoys bowhunting whitetail deer and turkeys. Eric lives with his wife and two children on their family farm, established in 1877, where they raise cattle, corn, and soybeans.