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TEAM BIOGRAPHIES

Justin Wrage

PLANT BIOSOLUTIONS LEADERSHIP | AGRICULTURE

Justin attended Mount Michael High School before earning a Bachelor of Science in Marketing from Creighton University and a master's degree in Agricultural Economics from Purdue University. With more than 20 years of experience in agriculture, he serves as Head of Plant Biosolutions, North America, at Novonesis. Justin and his wife, Angela, have two sons. As a family, they enjoy fishing, hunting, camping, and cheering on their sons in hockey, baseball, and football.

John Blattner

FINANCIAL BENEFITS | OUTDOORSMAN

John is from Panora, Iowa, and holds a bachelor's degree in business. He brings 36 years of experience and expertise in financial benefits. Outside of his professional work, John enjoys pheasant and quail hunting, watercraft, and fishing for walleye. He also enjoys following his grandchildren and supporting them in their many activities.

Ryan Ortner

AGRICULTURE | CATTLE & FARMING OPERATIONS

Ryan is from Long Pine, Nebraska, and attended South Dakota State University. After college, he spent 20 years in the John Deere dealership industry, serving as a General Manager and Director of Sales. In 2017, Ryan and his wife, Kate, purchased a feedyard in north-central Nebraska. Now known as RK Cattle, the operation has grown to feed more than 20,000 head daily and farm approximately 8,000 acres. Ryan remains actively involved in the feedlot and farming operations, with a focus on marketing. Ryan and Kate have eight children and enjoy watching them pursue their individual passions.

Rhett Witt

PROFESSIONAL RODEO ATHLETE | RANCHING

Rhett is from Valentine, Nebraska. After graduating from Valentine High School, he pursued an associate degree in Applied Sciences and Equine Facilities Management through Laramie County Community College and the University of Wyoming. Rhett competes on the professional rodeo circuit as a steer wrestler. When he is not traveling between rodeos, he enjoys helping his dad on the family ranch and hunting deer and coyotes in the Nebraska Sandhills.

Chris Clemens

PUBLIC SERVICE | U.S. NAVY VETERAN | ATHLETE

Chris attended the University of Missouri, where he earned both undergraduate and graduate degrees. He serves as a Trustee for the Town of Bennett, Colorado, and as a member of the Denver Regional Council of Governments Board of Directors. Chris also completed 23 years of service in the United States Navy. An accomplished athlete, he is an American record holder in the long jump and represented the United States in track and field at the 2012 Paralympic Games in London. Outside of his professional and public service commitments, Chris is an avid upland bird hunter. He and his wife have a son and two grandchildren.