



Tony Akin Director Profile

Tony Akin, Manhattan, was elected in 2006 to his first term as Cooperative board member.

FARMING OPERATION: I currently farm about 640 acres in the Zeandale area and run 90 cow/calf pairs.

NUMBER OF YEARS AS COOP DIRECTOR: 2 years

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED AS A DIRECTOR: I am still learning the cooperative system. There are so many things that come into the board meetings and every decision has many pro's and con's. The right answer is not always obvious.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO TELL THE MEMBERS ABOUT THE COOPERATIVE: We are doing our best to try to keep the coop progressive in these quickly changing times.

WHAT IS THE MOST DIFFICULT PART ABOUT BEING A DIRECTOR: The most difficult parts are coming out of the field and missing family activities to attend these meetings. There are also some issues that you may not agree with, but have to look at the bigger picture and vote for the good of the coop organization.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO CHANGE WITHIN YOUR COOPERATIVE: I feel we are on the right track in the updating of equipment and facilities. Our goal is to provide needed services in a timely manner and at a fair price, while still being profitable for our members.