

Mark Jagels

Mark Jagels represents District 2 for the Nebraska Corn Board and has been serving as a director for the Nebraska Corn Board since 1999. Mark is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics. He is a fourth generation family farmer and farms with his father outside of Davenport, Nebraska. He lives on the home place that was originally homesteaded in 1885. They are diversified producers who raise irrigated white corn, yellow corn, and soybeans; have a cow/calf operation; custom feed cattle; and operate a trucking company. Mark mentioned the most important thing is leaving the land they farm now in better shape than what they started with for future generations.

Along with serving on the Nebraska Corn Board, Mark's leadership and commitment to the livestock and grain industries, as well as his community is evidenced through his service on local, state, national, and international levels. He is a graduate of the *Nebraska LEAD XI (11)* program and is now an alumnus. In 2007 he received the Outstanding Nebraska LEAD Alumni award. Mark has also received the Outstanding Service to Agriculture Award from the Nebraska Agribusiness Club. On the state level, Mark is an Agriculture Builders of Nebraska member, Nebraska Cattlemen member, and participated in Nebraska Governor's Trade Mission to Cuba. Nationally, Mark has been very active with the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) by serving on various committees and is currently serving as the vice-chair. He has also been actively involved with the U.S. Grains Council, National Corn Growers Association, and has lobbied senators and representatives in Washington D.C. for the Nebraska Corn Board, National Corn Growers Association, and Nebraska Cattlemen. He has also played a key role representing agriculture on the international level by hosting trade teams and traveling to Japan, South Korea, South America, European Union, Poland, and Hungary representing the USMEF and the Nebraska Corn Board.

When Mark isn't busy representing agriculture on the state and national levels, he can be found serving in his local community. He is a former District 4 Representative for the Nebraska Farm Bureau Young Farmers/Ranchers Committee, participant in the Nebraska Farm Bureau Ag Pen Pal Program, Thayer County Livestock Feeder member, Thayer County Farm Bureau member, and a Davenport Lions Club member. He has also served as a beef leader for Circle D 4-H Club and was on the advisory board for Cargill at the Carleton location for the Nebraska elevator expansion project. In his community he has served as a youth group sponsor, church secretary, and is a member of the Voter's Assembly. He was also elected to serve on the school board for St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Mark has also volunteered as an umpire and was a former coach for the local summer baseball league.

He and his wife, Suzanne, have three sons. Derek, a merchandiser for AGP, Brett and his wife Kristin, live in Austin, Texas where he teaches third grade at St. Paul's Lutheran School, and Jason is a junior at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.