

2026 Annual Stockholders' Meeting



OFFICIAL NOTICE OF MEETING

2026 Annual Stockholders' Meeting

Wednesday, September 2, 2026
8:30 AM

5400 John Q. Hammons Dr., NW
Concord, NC 28027

The meeting will include the following:

Invocation
Call to Order
Business Session:
Board of Directors' Report
Management Report
Nominating Committee Report
Floor Nominations for Director and Nominating Committee
Candidates
Adjournment

Please call or email Darlene Ellis at 912-764-9091 or darlene.ellis@agsouthfc.com by Tuesday, September 1, 2026 if you plan to attend the meeting.

Five Director seats are up for election, as well as sixteen seats and eight alternate seats on the Nominating Committee.

Election ballots will be mailed and emailed to all voting stockholders (with a valid email on file) following the annual meeting. Attendance at the annual meeting is not required to vote. More information on this process is included in the voting information section of this meeting notice.

Voting & Reporting Information

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

There will be five Director seats, sixteen Nominating Committee seats, and eight alternate Nominating Committee seats on the Ballot that will be mailed following the Annual Meeting.

VOTING ELIGIBILITY

Stockholders entitled to vote ("C" stockholders) will be mailed a ballot following the Annual Meeting.

As of June 30, 2026, the number of "C" stockholders entitled to vote is 22,300. All "C" stockholders of record on July 31, 2026 will be eligible to vote for all seats. A majority vote of the votes cast is required in all elections.

BALLOTING

All voting for Directors and Nominating Committee members shall be by mail or electronic ballot. The ballot will be sent to each Class "C" stockholder by mail and by e-mail (for those with a valid email on file with AgSouth) within ten business days following the Annual Meeting. Biographical information on Director nominees will be included with the ballot. The election polls will be closed at the end of the twentieth business day following the date on which ballots are sent to the voting stockholders. After the polls are closed, an independent third party will tally the ballots. The results of the election will be announced within ten business days. The ballots shall be retained with AgSouth's vendor, Survey & Ballot Systems, from Eden Prairie, Minnesota until the end of the term of the elected Directors and promptly destroyed thereafter.

ADDRESSES

To confirm or update your mailing or electronic address on the stockholder lists used for mail and electronic balloting, please contact your loan officer or Darlene Ellis at 912-764-9091 or darlene.ellis@agsouthfc.com.

NOMINATIONS

(FCA Regulations 611.326 & 620.21)

Nominations from the floor:

- Will be considered for every open position
- Must be made by a voting stockholder
- Must be seconded by a voting stockholder
- Must be accepted by the nominee

Nominee must complete, in writing at the meeting, all disclosures required by FCA regulation.

ANNUAL REPORT

(FCA Regulation 620.21)

The 2025 Annual Report was mailed to stockholders in March of 2026. It was also made available for viewing on the Association's website www.AgSouthFC.com when the report was submitted to the Farm Credit Administration. You may request a copy by contacting any branch of AgSouth Farm Credit.

DISCLOSURE INFORMATION

(FCA Regulation 620.21)

AgSouth Farm Credit, ACA has had loans outstanding and other transactions during the last full fiscal year-to-date to its senior officers, Directors and Director nominees, their immediate family members and organizations with which such senior officers, Directors or Director nominees are affiliated. These loans were made in the ordinary course of business and were made on the same terms (including interest rate, amortization schedule and collateral) as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with other persons.

No loan or other transaction to a senior officer, Director, Director nominee or to any organization affiliated with such person, or any immediate family member who resides in the same household as such person or in whose loan or business operation such person has a material financial or legal interest, involved more than the normal risk of collectability.

Director Election Regions

Election Region	# Voting Stockholders	Counties
Region 1	2,182	Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Durham, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Orange, Person, Randolph, Richmond
Region 2	3,084	Anson, Cabarrus, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Union
Region 3	2,648	Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Wilkes, Yadkin
Region 4	2,628	Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Yancey
Region 5	3,197	Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Chester, Edgefield, Greenville, Greenwood, Lancaster, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Pickens, Saluda, Spartanburg, Union, York
Region 6	3,250	Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Fairfield, Hampton, Jasper, Kershaw, Lexington, Orangeburg, Richland
Region 7	2,640	Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Brantley, Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Candler, Charlton, Chatham, Clinch, Coffee, Effingham, Emanuel, Evans, Glynn, Jeff Davis, Jenkins, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Montgomery, Pierce, Screven, Tattnall, Toombs, Ware, Wayne, Wheeler
Region 8	2,671	Butts, Carroll, Clayton, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Greene, Gwinnett, Haralson, Harris, Heard, Henry, Jasper, Lamar, Meriwether, Monroe, Morgan, Muscogee, Newton, Oconee, Pike, Putnum, Rockdale, Spalding, Talbot, Troup, Upson, Walton

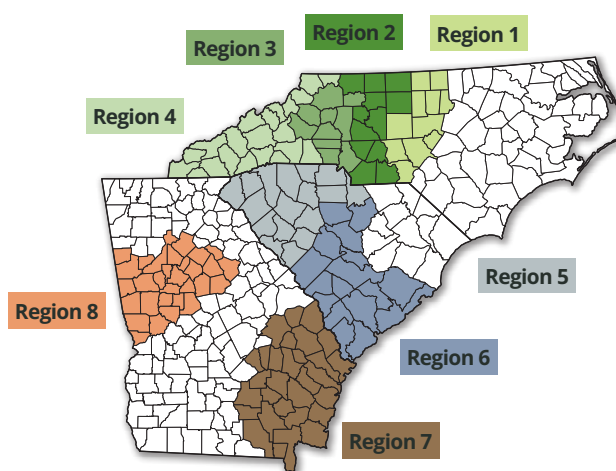
We are required to report that no incumbent Directors attended less than 75% of Board meetings or committee meetings during 2025.

Since publication of the annual report, no Director or senior officer has had any involvement in legal proceedings that require disclosure.

No Director resigned or declined to stand for re-election since the last annual meeting because of policy disagreements with the Board.

CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

FCA Regulation 618.8310(b) requires institutions to provide all candidates (upon request) with a list of stockholders that can be used for distributing campaign materials. Such communications should not be construed as giving the appearance that the institution has endorsed any candidate.



DIRECTOR POSITIONS

The following is a list of Director nominees selected by the 2026 Nominating Committee. The name, city and state of residence, business address if any, age*, and business experience during the last five years including principal occupation and employment of each nominee is listed. Also included are all business interests on whose board of directors the nominee serves or is otherwise employed in a position of authority including the principal business in which the business interest is engaged and any family relationship of the nominee that would be considered reportable under FCA Regulation 612.2145 as required by FCA Regulation 611.303.

There are no events to report that are material to an evaluation of the ability or integrity of any of these nominees to serve as a Director. The nominees have completed disclosure documents as required under 611.330, 620.05 and 620.21 of FCA Regulations.

**All ages listed in this AMIS are as of August 1, 2026.*

TERMS

Based on Association bylaw 420.2 and action of the AgSouth Board of Directors, the 2026 Nominating Committee was tasked with allocating three five-year terms and two four-year terms to the five seats up for election. This allows for staggering of the terms to ensure at least one seat is up for election in any given year, as required by FCA Regulation 611.110.

Region 2 | Seat 1 | 4-Year Term



Mark A. Bray

Age: 68

Residential: Lawsonville, NC

Business: Lawsonville, NC

Commodity:

Beef Cattle | Stocker/Feeder Cattle |
Poultry | Dairy

Related Party Loans & Transactions: Self | Spouse | Son

How long have you been a customer of AgSouth: 39 years

Principal Occupation/Employment and Business Experience during the Past 5 Years:

- Ridgecrest Farms – Owner/Operator
- Bray Family Farms – Co-Owner
- Receiving Station for Livestock Markets - Operator

Boards Nominee Serves on or is employed in a Position of Authority and Organizations in which Nominee is a Member:

- AgSouth Farm Credit Board of Directors (Agricultural Lending Cooperative)
 - Audit Committee - Member
 - Compensation Committee - Past Member
 - Governance Committee – Past Member/Past Chair
- Stokes County Cattlemen’s Association – Member/Past President (Promotion of Agriculture)
- Patrick County Cattlemen’s Association - Member (Promotion of Agriculture)
- Virginia Cattlemen’s Association – Member (Promotion of Agriculture)
- North Carolina Cattlemen’s Association – Member/Past President (Promotion of Agriculture)
 - Stocker/Feeder Cattle Committee – Past Chair
 - Legislative Committee/NCBA – Past Chair/Policy Director
- National Cattlemen’s Beef Association – Member (Promotion of Agriculture)
- Lawsonville Volunteer Fire Department – Board Member/Director (Public Service)
- Peter’s Creek Baptist Church – Member (Religious)

Education & Certifications:

- South Stokes High School – Diploma
- Attended North Carolina State University

“I am honored to be nominated for a board seat for AgSouth Farm Credit.

My wife, Dorinda, and I own and operate Ridgecrest Farms. Our operation includes broiler breeder poultry houses, cow/calf and stocker cattle, and a finishing cattle business in Stokes County, North Carolina, and Patrick County, Virginia. We also run a small farm store where we sell our beef, along with locally sourced pork and chicken. We also have a receiving station for a stockyard. Our youngest son helps manage the farm while also raising cattle of his own, and we have four part-time employees who help keep things going. Dorinda and I have three married sons and six grandchildren. Our other two sons are both in ag-related careers and each have cow herds of their own.

I started farming in 1977 when an uncle gave up my grandfather’s small tobacco allotment and my grandfather asked if I wanted it. Of course, I said yes. Before long, word got around in the neighborhood and I ended up renting several more farms. With a Production Credit Association operating loan, co-signed by my father, I was off and running. As it turned out, 1977 was one of the hottest and driest years on record. My crops made only about one-third of what I expected. One night, I was riding past a field with my girlfriend at the time and telling her how tough things were. She asked how long I planned to make a living farming, and I told her I hoped to do it for the rest of my life. When I took her home that night, she told me she didn’t want to live broke and said, “Call me in twenty years and let me know how the farming thing works out.” Ouch!! Thankfully, my loan officer, who I’m still friends with, had more faith in me than my ex-girlfriend. We worked things out, and with perseverance and persistence we had some better years. I share that story for two reasons: because 2026 is starting out eerily similar; and, because AgSouth Farm Credit says, “We are here in the good times and the bad times”. They proved that to me by helping a nineteen-year-old kid with a dried-up row to hoe restructure his loan and keep farming.

Over the years I’ve held leadership positions in several other organizations. I served as president of the North Carolina Cattlemen’s Association. I served as chairman of the Stocker/Cattle Feeders Committee and the Legislative Committee, and as NCBA Policy Director for several years. I served on the board of directors of the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association for five years, as well as in many roles in the Stokes and Patrick County cattlemen’s organizations. I served as vice chairman and chairman of Carolina Farm Credit and chairman of the Governance Committee.

It would be an honor to serve another term on the Board of Directors. In case you are wondering, I didn’t call the ex-girlfriend after 20 years.”

Region 2 | Seat 1 | 4-Year Term



Lucas J. Weavil

Age: 30

Residential: Kernersville, NC

Business: Kernersville, NC

Commodity:

Tobacco | Corn | Soybeans | Wheat

Related Party Loans & Transactions: Self | Business Entity | Spouse | Father

How long have you been a customer of AgSouth: 12 years

Principal Occupation/Employment and Business Experience during the Past 5 Years:

- Weavil Farms, LLC – Owner/Operator

Boards Nominee Serves on or is employed in a Position of Authority and Organizations in which Nominee is a Member:

- AgSouth Farm Credit Advisory Council
- Forsyth County, North Carolina Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Committee – Board Member (Ag Partner)
- Forsyth County Agricultural Advisory Board - Board Member/Chair (Service Organization)
- Union Cross Fire and Rescue – Board Member (Public Service)

Education & Certifications:

- Robert B. Glenn High School - Diploma

“I am a third-generation farmer in Kernersville, North Carolina. I farm alongside my dad and brother. We raise tobacco, wheat, corn, and soybeans. I was born into agriculture, but I’d say my journey in agriculture really started around age 12 when my dad gave my brother and I a little field of tobacco to take care of through the summer when we were out of school. At the time, it felt like more of a chore, and maybe in a way it was, but I realize now that the real value of what we received was the knowledge, dedication, and work ethic required to raise a crop.

I currently serve as a member of the Forsyth County FSA County Committee, chairman of the Forsyth County Agricultural Advisory Board, member of the AgSouth Foothills Region Think Tank, as well as a board member of Union Cross Fire and Rescue. These boards and council have given me the opportunity to work alongside others who may have differing opinions on matters but have the same goal in mind — bettering our constituents, organizations, and communities. I have been honored to serve and be a voice for folks involved in agriculture and my community.

Like many, the area in which I farm is rapidly becoming more developed every year, inflating our land prices to levels at which a producer can’t compete. That, along with all the other issues we producers face due to weather, inputs, and markets, can make many of our futures in the industry seem unknown. Still, I take pride in being a farmer no matter how tough it can seem at times; I feel fortunate to have been given the opportunity from the Lord to care for and raise what He created. To me, agriculture has raised not only crops but also families, communities, cities, states, and this great country. I hope to continue to pass this way of life down for the generations to come because to me there’s simply nothing else like it.

I know that AgSouth has given our farm the opportunity to continue to grow despite what is going on in agriculture today and that we wouldn’t be where we are after three generations without their support financially. I deal with AgSouth because they understand what it takes today to be a farmer, and they are there to help me succeed. The success of family farms are dependent on a healthy, trusting relationship with institutions like AgSouth and those who manage it.”

Region 2 | Seat 3 | 5-Year Term



Adam L. Barnhardt

Age: 34

Residential: Mooresville, NC

Business: Mooresville, NC

Commodity:
Poultry | Lamb | Cut Flowers

Related Party Loans & Transactions: Self | Business Entity | Spouse | Brother In Law | Sister In Law | Uncle

How long have you been a customer of AgSouth: 7 years

Principal Occupation/Employment and Business Experience during the Past 5 Years:

- Barnhardt Poultry, Inc. – Owner/Operator & President
- Barnhardt Farms of Rowan County, LLC – Member/Manager
- B & B Livestock, LLC – Member/Manager

Boards Nominee Serves on or is employed in a Position of Authority and Organizations in which Nominee is a Member:

- Rowan County Farm Bureau – Board Member/President (Promotion of Agriculture)
- Rowan County Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers – Member (Promotion of Agriculture)
- North Carolina Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers – State Committee Member (Promotion of Agriculture)
- North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation – Member (Promotion of Agriculture)
- North Carolina Grange – Member (Promotion of Agriculture)
- Back Creek Presbyterian Church – Member (Religious)

Education & Certifications:

- West Stanly High School - Diploma
- North Carolina State University – Poultry Science (BS)

“I’m a 1st generation farmer who lives in Mooresville, North Carolina. My wife, Carrie Hoffner Barnhardt, and I have 2 children: Tucker (7) and Macie (5). We are members of Back Creek Presbyterian Church in Mt. Ulla, NC.

In 2014, I graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Poultry Science from North Carolina State University. I immediately began working as a Live Production Trainee with Wayne Farms in Dobson, NC. After getting married in 2015, I took a position as a Flock Supervisor at Hubbard Breeders in Statesville, NC.

I met my wife while in college; she was a dairy farmer’s daughter with an extensive agricultural background. With no possibility of inheriting a farm, we set a goal to start our own someday. In 2017, our dream became a reality when we purchased a 45-acre tract. Barnhardt Farms of Rowan County, LLC and Barnhardt Poultry, Inc were established. Construction on four breeder houses was completed in 2018, where I have worked full-time since. My education, previous career, and nearly 10 years of on-farm experience have provided me with a reputation for producing high-quality hatching eggs.

In 2021, we diversified into raising market lambs and a small seasonal cut flower field. In 2025, we co-established B & B Livestock, LLC with another farming couple to expand lamb to the Piedmont Triad area. In May of 2026, we opened ‘The Flower Shop at Barnhardt Farms’ to sell floral designs and other farm items to the public.

I have been very involved with Farm Bureau for over a decade. I was nominated to serve as a Board of Director for Rowan County Farm Bureau in 2019, then elected as President in January of 2026. Carrie and I also served as Co-Chairs for Rowan County Young Farmers & Ranchers (YF&R) for over 5 years. We worked hard to kickstart the program after a 20-year hiatus. We are currently serving on the NC Farm Bureau’s State YF&R Committee, where my wife serves as Chair. Carrie and I also won the NC Farm Bureau YF&R Achievement Award in 2023 and ranked in the Top 10 at the national competition in 2024.

I am also a member of our local Corriher Grange and the North Carolina Grange. Our farm was awarded both the Corriher Grange and North Carolina Grange “Farm of the Year” in 2021. I also placed 3rd in the North Carolina Young Farmer of the Year competition in 2024 during the inaugural NC Farmers Appreciation Day celebration.”

Region 2 | Seat 3 | 5-Year Term



Andrew W. Burleson

Age: 48

Residential: New London, NC

Business: Richfield, NC

Commodity:

Cotton | Corn | Soybeans | Hay | Beef
Cattle | Timber

Related Party Loans & Transactions: Family Business Entity | Father | Uncle | In-Laws

How long have you been a customer of AgSouth: 27 years

Principal Occupation/Employment and Business Experience during the Past 5 Years:

- Thurman Burleson & Sons Farm – Partner
- Rolling Hills Gin – Owner
- General Fertilizer Equipment – Owner/Partner

Boards Nominee Serves on or is employed in a Position of Authority and Organizations in which Nominee is a Member:

- AgSouth Farm Credit Board of Directors – Board Member (Agricultural Lending Cooperative)
 - Risk Management Committee – Member
 - Governance Committee - Past Member
- AgFirst Farm Credit Bank District Advisory Committee – Alternate Member
- National Cotton Council – Alternate Board Member (Promotion of Agriculture)
- Southern Cotton Growers – Board Member (Promotion of Agriculture)
 - Executive Committee – Member
- North Carolina Cotton Producers Association – Board Member/Past President (Promotion of Agriculture)
- Stanly County Farm Bureau – Board Member/Treasurer (Insurance)
- North Carolina Farm Cotton Advisory Committee – Chair

Education & Certifications:

- Albemarle High School – Diploma
- North Carolina State University – Agronomy (BS), Minor - Agribusiness

“I am a third-generation farmer from Richfield, North Carolina, and agriculture has shaped every part of my life. Growing up on my family’s farm taught me the values that guide me today: stewardship, responsibility, and a commitment to preserving farming for the next generation. Those lessons led me to earn a degree in Agronomy from NC State University, giving me a strong foundation that complements my experience in production agriculture.

Our family farm has grown and adapted over the years, but our mission remains the same: to produce high-quality crops, care for our land, and strengthen agriculture in our region. Working alongside my family, I have seen firsthand the challenges farmers face – unpredictable markets, rising costs, labor pressures, and the need for innovation. These realities have reinforced my belief in the vital role Farm Credit plays in supporting rural communities and helping family farms remain strong.

I have also been active in agricultural leadership beyond my own farm. Through service with Farm Bureau, Cotton Incorporated, Southern Cotton Growers, and the NC Cotton Producers Association, I have worked with others to support research and advocacy efforts that benefit agriculture and rural communities.

For the past five years, I have had the privilege of serving on the AgSouth Board, and I would welcome the opportunity to continue that service. That experience, combined with my background in farming and agricultural leadership, has deepened my understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing agriculture today.

My commitment to service extends beyond agriculture. I have served on the Board of Directors for Gray Stone Day School and held leadership roles at New Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church, supporting students, families, and our broader community.

Agriculture is the backbone of rural communities across our region, supporting families, creating jobs, and preserving a way of life that matters deeply to all of us. I believe in protecting and strengthening that foundation for future generations.

It would be an honor to continue serving and helping secure the future of agriculture and rural communities for the next generation.”

Region 3 | Seat 1 | 5-Year Term



Betina L. Gonzalez

Age: 63

Residential: Yadkinville, NC

Business: Yadkinville, NC

Commodity:
Poultry | Beef Cattle | Hay

Related Party Loans & Transactions: Self | Business Entity | Daughter | Son-In-Law

How long have you been a customer of AgSouth: 28 years

Principal Occupation/Employment and Business Experience during the Past 5 Years:

- Twisted Sweetgum Farms, LLC – Owner/Manager
- Chinquapin Farms, LLC – Owner/Manager

Boards Nominee Serves on or is employed in a Position of Authority and Organizations in which Nominee is a Member:

- Loflin Handle Company, Inc. – President/Director (Land Management)

Education & Certifications:

- Forbush High School – Diploma
- Surry Community College – Electronics Engineering Degree
- Surry Community College – Business Management Associates Degree

“I was raised in the foothills of North Carolina where we raised tobacco, had beef cattle, and my father and grandfather had a wooden striking tool factory making axe handles, plow handles, pick, mattock and the like. I was driving a tractor at 6 years old! We worked hard but it was a great life. I remember summer nights filled with lightning bugs and listening to the bull frogs down at the pond after a hard day’s work in the fields. I could not imagine a better life. Agriculture gave me that life.

My college degrees are Electronics Engineering and an associate’s in business; for 30 years I farmed and worked in manufacturing in maintenance management and in 2009 turning to farming full time with my husband and daughter to grow to 100,000 poultry breeders, 100 head of beef cattle and 80 acres of hay production.

My great-grandfather was a patron of The Federal Land Bank, which now has become AgSouth Farm Credit; my grandfather, my father in their lifetimes, then myself and now my daughter are patrons of AgSouth Farm Credit. I believe in the premise of AgSouth Farm Credit they have kept agriculture in good standing since 1916.

I am very involved with farmland conservation; in our area the soybean, corn, tobacco and hay fields are disappearing. Agricultural product income in North Carolina is \$18.69 billion. Farmland conservation will help ensure agricultural opportunities are there in the future for generations to come.

The main crop on our farms is our grandchildren. We are the stewards of the land; we are obligated to ensure it is there for the future of agriculture and for the generations to come after us.

I would welcome the opportunity to use my experience to serve AgSouth Farm Credit stockholders. I understand the hard work they do, the challenges they face, and the sacrifices they make to ensure that the plans they have for their farming operations come to fruition.”

Region 3 | Seat 1 | 5-Year Term



Jennifer S. Hemric

Age: 54

Residential: Hamptonville, NC

Business: Hamptonville, NC

Commodity:

Poultry | Cattle | Soybeans | Corn |
Wheat | Triticale | Agritourism

Related Party Loans & Transactions: Self | Spouse

How long have you been a customer of AgSouth: 30 years

Principal Occupation/Employment and Business Experience during the Past 5 Years:

- New Hope Pregnancy Care d/b/a Compassion Care Center – Executive Director
- Alpha and Omega Corn Maze, LLC – Co-Owner
- Hemric Farms, Inc. (Tommy's Market in Duck, NC) – Vice President (2019 – 2023)
- Van Hemric Farms – Co-Owner

Boards Nominee Serves on or is employed in a Position of Authority and Organizations in which Nominee is a Member:

- Yadkin County Board of Education
 - Board Member (2012 – 2024)
 - Board Vice-Chair (2016 – 2019)
 - Board Chair (2019 – 2024)
- New Hope Pregnancy Care d/b/a Compassion Care Center (2008 – present) – Executive Director (Non-Profit Org.)
 - Ex-Officio Board Member of the Board of Directors
- Yadkin County Educational Foundation Advisory Board Member (2025 to present)
- Yadkin County Chamber of Commerce – Member
- Union Baptist Church – Member (Religious)

Education & Certifications:

- Forbush High School – Diploma
- Surry Community College – Accounting (AAS)
- Lees-McRae College – Elementary Education (BA)

“I am Jennifer Hemric, and for 35 years I have been part of a family farm with my husband, Van. My work on the farm is hands-on and varied: I helped with tobacco before we opened our agritourism business, Alpha and Omega Corn Maze, in 2013; I care for the chickens daily; and, I help manage our corn maze, which brings thousands of visitors, many of them children, onto the farm each year. We also raise cattle and grow soybeans, corn, wheat, and triticale. Running an agritourism venue has given me a unique perspective on how disconnected many people are from agriculture and how powerful simple, educational experiences can be in showing the role farming plays in everyday life.

Our relationship with AgSouth began in 1996, and their support has been instrumental in the growth and sustainability of our farm. The structure of their loans and the dividends we've received allowed us to expand in ways traditional banking did not. Because of that support, our farm has been able to pursue opportunities that otherwise would have been out of reach.

My professional background compliments my farm experience. I hold an AAS in Accounting from Surry Community College and a BA in Elementary Education from Lees-McRae College. For the past 18 years I have served as Executive Director of New Hope Pregnancy Care (Compassion Care Center), growing the organization from a \$44,000 budget and a single staff member to a \$590,000 budget and a team of nine. Under my leadership we expanded services to a level that places our small, rural center among the top 1% of pregnancy centers nationwide for the breadth of services offered. I also served on the Yadkin County Board of Education from 2012 to 2024, including as Vice Chair 2016-2019; Chair 2019-2024. The COVID-19 years, which tested and strengthened my strategic planning and crisis-management skills.

I am committed to the time and responsibilities of a board role and bring experience in business operations, strategic planning, and marketing. My family and community ties run deep: Van and I have four children and three grandchildren, and we are active in our church and local organizations. I want to serve on the AgSouth Board to give back to the agricultural community that has supported us, to help other farmers achieve their goals, and to advocate for the vital role agriculture plays in our lives.”

Region 7 | Seat 1 | 5-Year Term



Fleming "Pete" Wall

Age: 70

Residential: Sylvania, GA

Business: Sylvania, GA

Commodity:

Beef Cattle | Sheep | Hay

Related Party Loans & Transactions: Self | Spouse | Son | Grandson

How long have you been a customer of AgSouth: 30 years

Principal Occupation/Employment and Business Experience during the Past 5 Years:

- Wall Family Farms – Owner/Operator
- Fast Track Club Lambs – Owner
- Evangelist Minister

Boards Nominee Serves on or is employed in a Position of Authority and Organizations in which Nominee is a Member:

- AgSouth Farm Credit Board of Directors – Board Member/Vice-Chair (Agricultural Lending Cooperative)
 - Executive Committee – Chair
 - Audit Committee – Past Member
 - Compensation Committee – Past Member/Past Vice-Chair
 - Risk Management Committee – Past Member
- Southeast Georgia Cattle Marketing – President (Promotion of Agriculture)
- National Cattlemen's Association – Member (Promotion of Agriculture)
- Ogeechee Cattlemen's Association – Member (Promotion of Agriculture)
 - Past President
- Georgia Club Lamb Producers – Member/Past President (Promotion of Agriculture)
- Georgia Farm Bureau – Member

Education & Certifications:

- Southeast Bulloch High School – Diploma
- Attended Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
- Attended University of Georgia

“Why did you do that?” A question I ask daily. It originated when I was on a 4-H livestock judging team, coached by Dr. Dan Daniels in 1972. Whenever we would evaluate livestock, he would ask us that question. My answer must've worked! I became a Master 4-Her. In 1973, I was State Star Farmer for FFA. One of the first questions the committee asked when they came to see my project was, “Why did you do that?” I guess they liked my answer.

After a short stint in college, I came home to farm full time. Hogs were my passion. My original plan was to raise purebred Hampshires and sell them all over the world. However, that was too radical. Conventional wisdom at that time was to produce your own corn. I tried both; hogs did well, the corn did not. Our county was declared a disaster from 1976 through 1980. In 1978, the grain dealer where I stored soybeans decided to sell my beans without paying me. Valuable, yet tough lessons learned during that time. My Granddaddy always said it was cheaper to learn from other people's mistakes. We lost everything but each other, 12 Hampshire sows, and a God who didn't just bring us to it, but through it. We eventually sold Hampshire hogs all over the United States and Japan.

Speaking at events like a Farm Bureau banquet many years ago opened the door for our ministry and move to Screven County. I am daily amazed at how God works. The hog industry went through major changes, and we were able to trade the hogs for cattle and sheep. Many people asked, “Why did you do that?” Those that know the direction of the swine industry understand.

Our current farming set up is different than most. We couldn't find a path for either son to come work with us. However, our grandson came to the farm a few years ago. Now I ask the question often: “Why did you do that?” If it's bad enough, “Why in the world did you do that?” Still challenging at times, we make it work. His answers to the questions excite me and sometimes speed up the aging process. He has added to the operation: freezer beef and lamb, predator management (mostly wild hogs), vegetable production, and more. He considers his AgSouth loan officer one of his best advisors.

Ironically, the AgSouth loan officer was at that Farm Bureau banquet where I spoke. He became a big part of us moving forward. He asks often, “Why did you do that?” Guess he likes my answers. Like our farm, I think AgSouth, especially in these challenging times, has to be open and responsive to the ever-changing needs and goals of the customer. I consider it a blessing to be able to make a living doing what I love to do. It is also a blessing to be a part of the wonderful organization that AgSouth is.”

Region 7 | Seat 1 | 5-Year Term



John D. Newton

Age: 39

Residential: Statesboro, GA

Business: Millen, GA

Commodity:

Cotton | Peanuts | Cattle | Timber

“I am the co-owner and operator of DRN Sons Farm with my brother where we grow cotton, peanuts and timber. I also own Newton Ag which does crop consulting specializing in precision fertilizing.

I attended the University of Georgia where I received a BSA in Agricultural Business. After graduation, I have worked in various parts of the agriculture industry before finally finding myself on the farm. Agriculture is the lifeblood of our community. Agriculture is the top contributor to our economy from farm gate value to ag input sales and peanut processing.”

Related Party Loans & Transactions: Self | Business Entity | Brother

How long have you been a customer of AgSouth: 11 years

Principal Occupation/Employment and Business Experience during the Past 5 Years:

- DRN Sons Farm – Co-Owner/Operator
- DRN Sons, LLC – Co-Owner/Operator
- Newton Ag Crop Consulting – Owner
- NNF, LLC – Co-Owner

Boards Nominee Serves on or is employed in a Position of Authority and Organizations in which Nominee is a Member:

- Jenkins County Farm Bureau – Board Member (Insurance)
- Cotton Incorporated – Director (Trade Organization)
- Cotton Incorporated State Support Committee - Member (Promotion of Agriculture)

Education & Certifications:

- Bulloch Academy - Diploma
- University of Georgia – Agricultural Business (BSA)

Region 8 | Seat 3 | 4-Year Term



Catherine M. Filios

Age: 39

Residential: Senoia, GA

Business: Senoia, GA

Commodity: Strawberries | Blackberries | Honey | Eggs | Blueberries | Equine Services (Equine essential + specialized services and amenities – shelter, space, feed, care, and education)

Related Party Loans & Transactions: Business Entity

How long have you been a customer of AgSouth: 2 years

Principal Occupation/Employment and Business Experience during the Past 5 Years:

- Delta Air Lines – Captain B737
 - Passenger Flights, Crew Leadership, Risk Management, Regulatory Compliance
 - Active Professional Standards Committee (ALPA Union)
- Beak & Berry Farm – Family Owned/Operated
- New Chance Farm – Owner/Operator

Boards Nominee Serves on or is employed in a Position of Authority and Organizations in which Nominee is a Member:

- New Chance Farm – Owner/Operator (Livestock Rescue/ Equine/Agritourism/Events)
- Beak & Berry Farm – Family Owned/Operated (Berry Farm)
- Delta Air Lines – Captain B737
 - Professional Standards Committee (ALPA Union)
- Envoy Airlines ALPA-MEC (2018-2022)
 - Pilot Peer Support Program – Chair
- Bavarian Village Homeowner's Association – Board Member (2013-2017)
- The RAQ New Orleans – Director of Sales (2011-2013)
- C&K Dressage Horses – Partnership With a Dressage Professional (2014-2016)

Education & Certifications:

- Canton High School – Diploma
- Wayne State University School of Medicine – Master's Degree in Physiology
- Michigan State University – Bachelor of Science Degree in Physiology
- FAA Airline Transport Pilot's Certificate
 - FAA Commercial Privileges B737, 757, 767; ERJ 170, 190

“I have been actively involved in agriculture since 2008 when my family owned Copper Creek Farm in Michigan. This is when I began working in the equine industry and farm community. Today my family own and operate New Chance Farm, LLC, an equestrian facility, and Beak & Berry Farm, LLC, a you-pick blueberry, strawberry, blackberry, honey, and egg farm in Senoia, Georgia. These operations provide me with daily hands-on experience in livestock management, specialty crop production, agritourism, and the challenges of operating small agricultural businesses.

Agriculture in my community is important to me, not only as part of my family's livelihood, but as a source of education, opportunity, and stability for the next generation. Through my farms, my professional background, and my community involvement, agriculture has allowed me to work every day to be a responsible producer and thoughtful steward of the land. Education opportunities and community involvement in agriculture will help our future farmers with preparation, sound judgement, and long-term commitment to sustaining families, strengthening local businesses, and will shape our community for years to come.

I am honored to be part of this agricultural community and remain dedicated to helping it grow stronger for today's families and tomorrow's generation.”

Region 8 | Seat 3 | 4-Year Term



Tara H. Green

Age: 37

Residential: Griffin, GA

Business: Griffin, GA

Commodity:

Poultry | Beef | Flowers | Hay |
Agritourism

Related Party Loans & Transactions: Self | Business Entity |
Spouse | Uncle | Aunt

How long have you been a customer of AgSouth: 10 years

**Principal Occupation/Employment and Business Experience
during the Past 5 Years:**

- S&T Green Gate Farm, LLC – Co-Owner/Operator
- The Flower Shack – Co-Owner/Operator
- Green Tree Service, LLC – Secretary
- Southside Animal Hospital (2017 – 2021)

**Boards Nominee Serves on or is employed in a Position of
Authority and Organizations in which Nominee is a Member:**

- AgSouth Farm Credit Board of Directors (Agricultural Lending Cooperative) – Board Member
 - Audit Committee – Member
 - Governance & Ethics Committee – Past Member
- Georgia Cattlemen's Association – Member (Promotion of Agriculture)
- Georgia Cattlewomen's Association – Member (Promotion of Agriculture)
- Mid-Georgia Cattlemen's Association – Board Member/County Chair (Promotion of Agriculture)
- Perdue Farm Council – Member (Promotion of Agriculture) (Trade Association)
- Association of Specialty Cut Flower Growers – Member (Education/Promotion of Agriculture)
- Spalding County Farm Bureau – Member (Service Organization)
 - Legislative Chair
- Spalding County 4-H and UGA Extension – Active in Education Opportunities for Students and Adults Regarding Agriculture (State Cooperative Extension)
- Georgia Veterinary Technician Association – Member (Professional Organization)
- North Ridge Church Thomaston – Member (Religious)

Education & Certifications:

- Faith Christian Academy – Diploma
- Fort Valley State University – Degree in Veterinary Technology
- Master Cattleman Certification
- Premier Governance Series (PGS) Cybersecurity Training Certificate

“To me, agriculture is more than just livestock and crops. It's my family's way of life and our future.

I grew up farming on my family's farm in middle Georgia right alongside my grandfather. In 2013, he offered for me and my husband to buy part of the very farm that I grew up on, including 4 broiler houses. On that day, my passion for agriculture and this lifestyle grew even more. What began as two young farmers out on our own has bloomed into what our farm is today. Through the years we have learned to diversify, work hard and have huge faith. We have also built so many relationships along the way in agriculture that are truly irreplaceable.

I now work full-time on our farm with my husband and our 9-year-old daughter. I am also the secretary for our commercial/residential tree care company. On our farm today, we raise broiler chickens for Perdue, beef cattle, and produce hay. We also have added an Agri-tourism part of our farm, Green Gate Farm and Flower Shack, where we grow u-pick flowers, host events, offer floral designs, grow pumpkins, vegetables, and berries and offer our pasture-raised meats at our store front. Having people come to our farm to learn about agriculture is so important to me! AgSouth has certainly been a huge blessing and has played a vital role in expanding our farm throughout the years to offer more products to our consumers.

It has been an honor serving on the AgSouth Board of Directors and I wholeheartedly believe in their mission of helping farmers financially and in any other ways possible. The future and sustainability of agriculture is especially crucial to me, and I believe AgSouth plays a fundamental role. The knowledge I have gained, the people I have met and the farmers I have the pleasure and responsibility of serving means so much to me! It would be an honor to continue serving the agriculture community that raised me and has helped shape me into the farmer and person I am today.”

Nominating Committee Positions

Following is a list of Nominating Committee nominees selected by the 2026 Nominating Committee. The city of residence and/or business, and commodity of each nominee is listed.

TERMS

Based on Association bylaw 420.2 and action of the AgSouth Board of Directors, the 2026 Nominating Committee was tasked with allocating two primary seats to serve a one-year term and one alternate seat to serve a one-year term for each Region.

Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4
Johnny R. Rogers <i>Roxboro, North Carolina</i> Cattle, Sheep	David F. Correll <i>Cleveland, North Carolina</i> Produce, Cow/Calf Pairs	Vance C. Proctor III <i>Vale, North Carolina</i> Poultry, Soybeans, Corn, Wheat, Hay, Beef Cattle	James S. Cox <i>Crumpler, North Carolina</i> Vegetables, Christmas Trees
J. Brent Scarlett, DVM <i>Asheboro, North Carolina</i> Brood Cows, Goats, Freezer Beef	Charles R. Thomas <i>Winston-Salem, North Carolina</i> Beef Cattle, Corn, Soybeans, Small Grain	Derek L. Smith <i>Boonville, North Carolina</i> Poultry, Tobacco, Cattle, Wheat, Corn, Soybeans	Donald R. Smart <i>Waynesville, North Carolina</i> Beef Cattle, Tobacco, Vegetables, Dairy Cattle, Grain
Alternate	Alternate	Alternate	Alternate
Ernest Ted Moore <i>Hurdle Mills, North Carolina</i> Soybeans, Wheat, Tobacco, Corn, Hay	Daniel L. Knox <i>Cleveland, North Carolina</i> Dairy Replacement Heifers, Beef Cattle	Olivia P. Miller <i>Lincolnton, North Carolina</i> Dairy	Zachary Ross <i>Waynesville, North Carolina</i> Dairy Cows

Region 5	Region 6	Region 7	Region 8
Baron R. Buzhardt <i>Saluda, South Carolina</i> Cattle, Timber	Bryan R. Dantzler <i>Santee, South Carolina</i> Corn, Cotton, Soybeans, Wheat	Logan A. Gillis <i>Axson, Georgia</i> Peanuts	J. Emmett Collins, Jr. <i>Woodbury, Georgia</i> Cattle, Timber
Samuel A. Milford <i>Abbeville, South Carolina</i> Cattle, Hay	Adair M. McKoy IV <i>Wadmalaw Island, South Carolina</i> Vegetables, Row Crops	Russell A. Simmons <i>Twin City, Georgia</i> Pecans	Thomas G. Vanhuss <i>Smarr, Georgia</i> Poultry
Alternate	Alternate	Alternate	Alternate
Marion Black <i>Saluda, South Carolina</i> Cattle	Bates R. Houck <i>Cameron, South Carolina</i> Vegetables	Don I. Burke <i>Millen, Georgia</i> Cotton, Peanuts, Timber	Kenneth E. Chapman <i>Woodland, Georgia</i> Cattle, Hay, Timber

Current Directors

Region	Name	Position	Type(s) of Agriculture	Age	Year First Term Began	Term Expires
4	D. Kaleb Rathbone	Chair	Beef Cattle, Hay	43	2012	2027
7	Pete Wall	Vice-Chair	Cattle, Sheep, Hay	70	2021	2026
5	H. Frank Ables, Jr.	Director	Poultry, Beef, Row Crops	66	2015	2028
N/A	John M. Barnard	Outside Director	N/A	68	2004	2027
7	K. Neal Bennett	Director	Beef Cows, Row Crops, Pecans, Hay	68	2024	2029
2	Mark A. Bray	Director	Beef Cattle, Stocker Cattle, Poultry, Dairy	68	2003	2026
2	Andrew W. Burleson	Director	Cotton, Corn, Soybeans, Hay, Beef Cows, Timber	48	2021	2026
6	David V. Cantley	Director	Corn, Cotton, Soybeans, Hay, Beef Cows, Timber	63	2020	2028
1	David M. Coltrane	Director	Dairy, Replacement Heifers	52	2009	2027
8	Tara H. Green	Director	Poultry, Beef, Vegetables, Flowers, Agritourism	37	2021	2026
1	Tina T. Gross	Director	Row Crops/Agritourism	52	2024	2029
8	Wesley C. Ham	Director	Poultry, Cattle, Alligators, Forestry	37	2022	2030
3	Dan A. Hunsucker	Director	Beef Cattle, Hay, Corn, Wheat, Soybeans	66	2020	2030
4	Joseph A. Lail	Director	Corn, Wheat, Soybeans, Beef Cattle	71	1997	2028
8	Sean F. Lennon	Director	Fruit	48	2017	2030
2	Craig L. Myers	Director	Poultry, Beef Cattle, Hay, Soybeans	41	2025	2030
1	Clark M. Newlin	Director	Beef Cattle, Grain, Hay	78	2002	2026
5	J. Jay Peay	Director	Timber	64	2015	2028
6	William T. Robinson	Director	Timber, Row Crops, Cattle, Hay	59	2011	2029
4	Leslie G. Sparks, DVM	Director	Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Swine	39	2019	2029
6	Hugh E. Weathers	Director	Row Crops	70	1998	2027
N/A	David H. Womack	Outside Director	N/A	68	1991	2028

Certification – August 18, 2026

The undersigned certify that we have reviewed the 2026 Annual Meeting Information Statement of AgSouth Farm Credit and that the report has been prepared in accordance with all applicable statutory or regulatory requirements, and that the information contained herein is true, accurate, and complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.


D. Kaleb Rathbone
 Board Chair


Chad M. Puryear
 Chief Executive Officer


C. Robert "Bo" Fennell
 Chief Financial Officer

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