



Laura Reiter

Farm experience

I graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture, majoring in Crop Science. I am a Professional Agrologist (PAg) with the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists. I currently operate the family grain farm with my husband, Jack, and brother, Bryan, at Radisson. We started farming in 1996 with my parents, John and Marg Clair. Before returning to the farm, I spent time working in research and in the agriculture retail sector.

Why are you running for the Sask Wheat Development Commission board?

I was honoured to be elected to the board during the last election. I think that Sask Wheat has done good things over the first two years, such as co-funding the Saskatchewan Varietal Performance Trials as well as being part of the rail transportation review. There is much more to be done in research and market development! I would like to continue to be a part of the path forward. My Dad felt it was important to be a part of our industry and not just a bystander. I am proud to share that philosophy.

What will your priorities be, if elected?

My priority, if elected, is to continue to push for levy dollars to be used in a manner that provides farmers with a good return on their investment. One of the best ways to do this is by investing in research. Agronomic research and varietal development are ways to help farmers increase their profitability. The agronomic side of research has been losing ground recently and I feel it's important to reverse that trend.

What special qualifications/experience would you bring to the position?

I became a member of the first elected Board of Directors for Sask Wheat in January 2014. Since that time I have served as the Sask Wheat representative to Farm and Food Care Saskatchewan, and currently serve on the Research Committee. In addition to my work with this Board, I previously served six years on the Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association Board, and four years on the Board for the Western Applied Research Corporation.