

Missouri State Committee



Stephen T. Burke (Chairperson) - Burke, from Charleston, Mo., has owned and managed a diversified family farm for over two decades. He served a 6 year term on the Mississippi County FSA Committee and has been an active volunteer in Parental Support for the Charleston Public School System. Burke has a B.A degree from Southeast Missouri State University.



Kenneth R. Hensley - Hensley, from Albany, Mo., owns and operates a family farm that concentrates on the implementation of conservation practices in the Conservation Reserve Program. He owned and operated a General Motors Dealership for many years and recently worked with the Bluegrass Ridge Wind Farm. He has served on the FSA County Committee in Gentry County dealing with farm program issues. Hensley is a veteran.



Sharon D. Oetting - Oetting, from Concordia, Mo., has co-owned and managed Oetting Hog Farms since 1981. The 650 acre farm produces corn, soybeans, and markets nearly 2400 hogs annually. She was named Farm Journal's Spokesperson of the Year and received the Missouri Master Farmer's Award. In 2009, her farm received the National Pork Board's Environmental Stewardship Award. Oetting also served on the FSA County Committee and St. Paul's Lutheran School Board.



Aaron Whelan - Whelan, from Stoutsville, Mo., has operated Whelan Farms with his family since 1998. He has owned Whelan Service and Repair, an agricultural equipment servicing company, since 2004. He also served as Treasurer of the Monroe County AgriLeaders and Young Farmers. Whelan has an Associate's degree in Applied Science from Illinois Central College.



Sam Schaumann - Schaumann owns and operates a commercial beef cattle operation on acreage that has been in the family since 1887 and has been designated a "Century Farm". He was previously a staff officer in the Army National Guard and has worked for the State Emergency Management Agency. Schaumann serves on the Billings RIV School District Board of Education, Christian County Soil and Water Conservation Board of Supervisors, Rose Hill and St. Peter's Cemetery Boards, St. Peter's UCC Church Council and the National Guard Retired Shooters Association. He has a B.S. degree in Wildlife Conservation/Management from Missouri State University.