

Dear Farm Credit East Members,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to share that I am seeking reelection to the Farm Credit East, ACA Board of Directors, and to respectfully ask for your support.

Since joining the board through the Yankee Farm Credit, ACA merger, it has been a privilege to work alongside dedicated fellow directors and an exceptional Farm Credit East team. Together, our focus remains clear: delivering strong, reliable, and meaningful value to you, our member-owners, every single day.

Over the past eight years, I have been fortunate to learn all about the Farm Credit system and have become a certified board member through Premier Governance Series trainings. I currently serve as Chair of the Business Risk Committee and as a member of both the Executive and Compensation Committees. These roles have strengthened my understanding of the association's strategic priorities and the challenges and opportunities facing agriculture across our region and also nationally.

One of the aspects I enjoy most is collaborating with new directors and our Young, Beginning, and Small (YBS) board advisors to ensure diverse perspectives shape our decisions. I believe strongly in a board culture that listens, learns, and leads with accountability. In addition, I bring a unique perspective having managed both domestic and international supply chains in the consumer packaged goods sector and also at one time being a farm credit employee. Finally, I also know the commitment that the Board of Directors are required to fulfill in order to serve our customers and have the ability to honor that commitment.

It would be an honor to continue representing you and helping guide Farm Credit East for the benefit of current and future generations. Thank you for the trust you place in this cooperative and for your consideration of my candidacy.

Please feel free to reach out if you ever want to discuss the issues most important to your business or the cooperative.

Warm regards,

**Kyle Thygesen**

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