

# South Dakota Soybean Research & Promotion Council

Board of Directors Election, District 6

## Candidates for Election



### Todd Hanten

Todd Hanten, a fourth generation farmer from Codington County, lives on and operates the same parcels of land that were homesteaded by his great-grandfather in 1893. His wife Monica, and their children Brittany and Brock all actively participate in the family business. In high school he was active in 4-H and FFA. In 1983 he graduated from Lake Area Vocational Technical Institute with a degree in Ag Production, and he has been farming ever since. Todd raises soybeans, corn and wheat in addition to managing a cattle feeding operation. He was chosen in 2006 to represent South Dakota in the American Soybean Association/DuPont Young Leader Program. Todd is currently State Treasurer for the SD Soybean Association and a member of the SD Corn Growers and SD Cattlemen. He has

served as President of the SD Holstein Association, President of the Coteau Hills Cattlemen's Association, and as a state board member of the SD Cattlemen's Association. He has also served on the advisory board for the Watertown Winter Farm Show and the Lake Area Vo-Tech Ag Programs.



### Justin Metz

Justin Metz is a sixth generation farmer from Roberts County. Justin and his wife Tonya raise soybeans and corn on their family farm. They have three children Ali (11), Ian (8), and Alex (4). Justin was the first to join his parents, Bob and Karen, in their farming operation 14 years ago, and he now also farms alongside his brother Josh and brother-in-law Steve. Justin received his bachelor's degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato in Business Management in 1999. During and after college he worked at various Target Stores in southern Minnesota before moving up to Target Headquarters

in Minneapolis. He has been serving on the Browns Valley Community Elevator board for five years and is on his church's parish council. In addition, Justin is a member of the South Dakota Soybean Association and the South Dakota Corn Growers Association.

