

Brent Johnson, President, Iowa Farm Bureau

Brent Johnson of Manson was elected president of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation (IFBF) in December 2021.

Johnson's long-time service to agriculture and Farm Bureau started at the county level, where he held several positions with the Calhoun County Farm Bureau board of directors, including president. He previously served as IFBF's Young Farmer Committee Chair and was first elected as the district 4 representative to the state board of directors in 2016. He also served as the Calhoun County Soil and Water Commissioner.

As president, Brent serves as chairman of the board of FBL Financial Group, Inc., and Farm Bureau Life Companies. During his tenure on the IFBF board, he has been involved in several advisory committees and as a director of the Farm Bureau Life board.

He is the 2020 recipient of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Environmental Leader Award, the 2014 Renew Rural Iowa Award winner, the 2009 Outstanding Young Farmers National Award winner and the 2007 IFBF Young Farmer Achievement Award winner.

Johnson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy from Iowa State University (ISU) and has specialized in precision agriculture, previously working as an agronomist and certified crop advisor. In 2006, Johnson founded an independent crop consulting business, utilizing cutting edge technology to advance soil health and data management.

Johnson farms with his wife, LuAnn, son, Matt, and daughter-in-law Rebekah. He grows corn and soybeans on their Calhoun County farm. He and LuAnn also have a daughter, Kaeli, and two grandchildren.