

# Spotlight

DISTRICT 8

SHERWIN & KRISTIN PLATE

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Sherwin and Kristin Plate are the Young Farmer Advisory Committee representatives from District 8 in south central Iowa. They live in Mahaska County, east of Oskaloosa, on part of the family farm, 250 feet from their first hog building. Sherwin and Kristin met in grade school and began their crazy lives as a married couple in September of 2005. Sherwin joined the US Army that November and the couple spent the next four years in five states, four countries, and countless hours on the road. They are blessed with 3 children: Natalie (12), Cayden (10) and Sophia (7), who love being involved in the farming operation.



Sherwin and Kristin returned to the family farm in 2010 and began their transition into full-time farming. They have two custom feed hog sheds that they own and manage on a daily basis. Sherwin and Kristin farm with Sherwin's parents raising corn, beans and cover crops as well as an additional custom feed hog shed.

Sherwin completed his Associates degree in modern electronic devices and completed a welding program while in the Army. Kristin got her Bachelor's degree in early education and is a substitute teacher at their kids' school and teaches 3 & 4 year olds in a Mom's Bible Study. They both serve on the Mahaska County Farm Bureau Board. Kristin is also a 2018 graduate of the Ag Leaders Institute. This year, Kristin will serve as the Young Farmer Advisory Committee Historian. In their spare time they enjoy spending time with their family playing board games, biking and wood working.

