

Management Snapshot

Agronomy Manager Mark Corrigan

Years Service

Operations / Custom applicator for S & B Plant Food (current Ottawa location) for 12 years, Ottawa location manager for Utica Elevator for 19 years, Agronomy Manager for Northern Partners since its inception March 2009

Personal and Career information

Raised on a farm south of Leland, part of a family of six children. I have been married to my wife Donna for 32 years. We have 2 daughters and 3 granddaughters. I enjoy tinkering around home and working on my old "68" Camaro.

Thoughts/Vision of the current state and future of Agriculture

Being involved with production agriculture in the Midwest has always been a rewarding experience. There is something to be said about the satisfaction of providing nutrition, and now energy to the world. We have witnessed great changes in the ways that crops are produced today. Adoption of new technologies has been the largest factor influencing the efficiencies that farming has achieved. I can't see any reason to believe that this rate of change will not continue or increase. Global competition and a hungry world will continue to push American agriculture to be as efficient as it can be. Every step in the process will be challenged to innovate and streamline their operations.

Thoughts/Vision of the future of Northern Partners Coop

The formation of Northern Partners has been a huge step towards ensuring that this company will survive and prosper. But, I am a firm believer that this is only the first step of many. We need to continue to evolve as our patrons needs change. The Cooperative structure is a tremendous advantage moving forward. This allows us to partner with our patrons, adopting new technologies, implementing efficient systems, streamlining processes, investing in better equipment and better utilizing our assets. Northern Partners is dedicated to providing our customers the best service, products and information possible. We will continue investigating new ventures that could enhance our company's offerings into the future.