Commissioner Bio Questionnaire

Washington Grain Commission

Please share brief responses about your background and interest in board service.

Name: Stacey Rasmussen

Farm/Company Name:

Westside Farms, Inc.

Hometown:

Harrington

Education – degree(s) and school name(s):

BA Communication Studies, EWU; MA Communication and Leadership Studies, GU

Family:

Husband (Lance), two pups, (Ember & Ash)

Main farm operation region:

Harrington (District 1)

How you got into farming:

3rd generation dryland farmer

Farming/Professional career overview:

Out of college I began in nonprofit fundraising and program management, then returned to the farm in 2009. While farming full-time, I also was an instructor of Adult Education at Spokane Colleges from 2012–2020 and have worked as a professional photographer since 2016. I am a third-generation dryland wheat-and-fallow operator, with ground mostly west of Harrington and additional acres in the Bluestem and Davenport areas. We transitioned the operation to no-till in 2024. Besides my husband and me, we have one full-time employee and a seven-person harvest crew. My career has taken several paths, but the longest-running is farming; it has my heart.

A noteworthy fact about your operation or company:

We have a vintage granary still standing that is iconic on Coffee Pot Road.

Current and previous leadership positions:

Past-President of the EWU Alumni Association Board

Washington Wheat Foundation Board (2017-2025), one as vice-president (2024-2025).

Harrington Library Board 2012-2022

Harrington School CTE committee member (2025 to present)

Nominee to Lincoln County Committee (FSA)

Currently serving as vice-president of the EWU Foundation Board.

Why would you like to serve on the Washington Grain Commission board?

I believe strong leadership begins with service and a commitment to helping others succeed. My experience both in agriculture and across a diverse range of industries has given me a unique perspective, practical knowledge and skills that I believe would bring value to the Washington Grain Commission. With increasing

challenges to farm profitability, I want to take an active role in strengthening the industry that supports my livelihood and the livelihoods of fellow producers. Serving on the Commission would give me the opportunity to help ensure grower dollars are invested strategically, protect and expand vital export markets and advocate for the long-term success of Washington agriculture. I value collaboration, communicated effectively with people from diverse backgrounds and believe strong representation begins with listening to those you serve. I want to be a trusted voice for growers and help build a stronger, more sustainable future for Washington grain producers.

What should be the top priorities for Washington grain growers?

When I evaluate state and nationwide farm priorities, the ones that come to mind immediately are reducing input costs, increasing grain prices, securing a functional Farm Bill, preserving our river transportation infrastructure, improving wheat quality, and revising the state's environmental and tax regulations are all high priorities for me. Ultimately, however, ensuring that the most pressing needs of the region's growers remain at the top of the list is what matters most.