

Building Connections Between Livestock & Crop Farmers

Greg Lefebvre, Nelson Dairy Consultants - Foley, MN

John Braun, Braun Farms - Warner, SD

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Greg, John, and Matt will discuss how they have worked together over the years for the benefit of both livestock and crop farmers, and how building those relationships can help enhance your operation. They will also discuss how they approach such partnerships with others as well as opportunities they see in the future.



Greg grew up on a diverse crop and dairy farm 40 miles NW of Minneapolis. He graduated with a B.S. in Farm Management from UW-River Falls in 1981 and farmed with his Dad and brother until they decided to exit the business in 1999. He has since worked for Nelson Dairy Consultants where he does nutrition and management consulting on dairy and steer farms ranging in size from 60 to 1000+ herd sizes. He emphasizes producing and feeding abundant quality forages to his clients.



John is a 4th generation farmer and beef producer from Brown County in South Dakota. Braun Farms is a family-owned operation that grows mainly corn and soy beans. Braun Farms is also in the beef cattle industry which includes maintaining a stock cow herd as well as finishing fat cattle in their feedlot. John is married to Jackie and they have 4 children.



Mathew Kaschmitter is a managing partner for Silverstreak Dairies, LLC, focusing on the cropping division, equipment fleet, and waste removal of all sites. He also works with surrounding neighbors and operations procuring feeds for Silverstreak Dairies, LLC. Mathew started working for Silverstreak Dairy in 2003 as a manager and became managing partner in 2013. In his free time Mathew likes to spend time with his wife and five kids. He enjoys snowmobiling, fishing, hunting, and camping.