

Rodney Weinzierl is a third-generation farmer from Stanford, IL. For the past 26 years, he and his wife Kathy have grown commercial corn and soybeans on their 500 acres. Over time, they have implemented conservation practices like no-till, planting cover crops, and optimizing nitrogen use according to right rate, right time, right source, and right place recommendations.

Rod is a farmer member of the Precision Conservation Management program which benchmarks his farm against other farms in his region and allows him to share his farm's data to be aggregated and make recommendations to benefit all farmers in Illinois.

Rod is also the Executive Director of the IL Corn Growers Association and IL Corn Marketing Board. He has served on staff since May 1988 and in his current position since June 1993. His farming expertise and the opportunity to manage a farmer-led, farmer-focused association have been mutually beneficial, with each impacting the other.

Rod and Kathy have three adult daughters and two grandchildren. They are actively bringing their eldest daughter Gracie into the family farm via a managed transition plan.

Rod received his B.S. in Agricultural Sciences and Production from Illinois State University.