**Jeff Kirwan** New Windsor, IL Corn and Soybean producer District Director – Illinois Farm Bureau

Jeff Kirwan is a leading-edge grower from west-central Illinois. He has managed the farm to "perfect" the art of growing a crop on both marginal and highly productive land. With a degree in Agronomy from the University of Illinois, and experience in ag retail, he has implemented technology and strong business management to advance productivity on the 2400 acres of row-crops he farms. Jeff's passion for being "forward thinking" has pushed him into early adoption of many technology's that provide high rates of return on his farm. His participation in Precision Solutions, a precision think tank and data management company, have started to achieve a goal of Jeff's in harnessing the power of data to advance productivity and start making profitable decisions with it.

Jeff is a District 3 Director for the Illinois Farm Bureau Board. He is also very active in farm policy, including serving on a "farm profitability" task force and on Congresswomen Cheri Bustos "Ag Advisory" committee.

Jeff and his wife Teresa live in New Windsor, Illinois and have three daughters. Being mindful of the future of ag, Jeff has an approach of "its time to move past the whole field and concentrate on profitability by the acre."