

Biography

John Wicks – President, Liberty/Toole Local Farmers Union (Montana)

John Wicks is a fourth-generation farmer in Liberty County, MT. Born in Havre, Montana, John spent most of his childhood on a dry-land wheat farm south of Chester, and also spent a considerable amount of time in Eastend, Saskatchewan, where his family farmed until 1997.

John earned his Associates Degree of Applied Science in Welding and Machining from Helena College of Technology and worked in the field before attending Montana State University to study agriculture. While attending Montana State, John's father Russel passed away, and John returned home to run the family farm at the age of 21.

John has been farming in North Central Montana since 2007. John and his father raised cattle for a short time. John primarily grows lentils, chickpeas, wheat, durum, rye, and barley. John started farming organic ground in 2016 and converted the entire 4,000-acre farm to USDA certified organic in 2021.

John served on the Liberty County FSA County Committee for nine years before terming out. He currently chairs the Montana's Agriculture Development Council, serves as a Farmers Union Local President, and is on the Executive Board for the Montana Organic Association.