

Walter Schweitzer

President, Montana Farmers Union

Walter Schweitzer is a third-generation farmer and lives in Geysers, Montana. He was elected President of Montana Farmers Union in 2019 and serves as chair of the National Farmers Union Legislative Committee and secretary of Farmers Union Enterprises.

Schweitzer started his own farming operation while attending Montana State University as an Agronomy major. Forced to start an international consulting business to pay down the debt from farming during the 1980's, he lived and worked in several countries in Europe, Asia, and Africa. He has years of experience in export/import business. In 1990 he came back to Montana and started a foundation seed potato farm along the Tiber Reservoir. Schweitzer sold this successful seed business, purchased the family farm, and now raises registered black angus selling bulls and replacement heifers.

As President of Montana Farmers Union, Schweitzer helped start two meat processing ventures: Montana Premium Processing Cooperative and Glacier Processing Cooperative. He has been working with MSU Northern to start a meat processing curriculum and MFU has funded scholarships to Northern for meat science.