

President Texas Farm Bureau

Russell Boening of Poth was elected to the Texas Farm Bureau Board of Directors in December 2008 and became secretary-treasurer in December 2011. He grows feed grains, cotton, watermelons and wheat, as well as operating a 450-cow dairy and a beef cattle operation with his brother and father near Floresville.

He is a 1981 graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in Agricultural Economics. Boening served as president of the Poth ISD school board and is a member of Dairy Farmers of America.

He was chosen as the TFB Outstanding Young Farmer & Rancher in 1986.

Boening has held every office on the Wilson County Farm Bureau board, serving for more than 30 years, including president for five years. He also took part in TFB's first FarmLead class.

The fourth-generation farmer was elected president of Texas Farm Bureau and Affiliated Companies Dec. 8, 2014. He was elected to the American Farm Bureau Board of Directors Jan. 13, 2015. He was appointed to the AFBF Trade Advisory Committee in January 2016. He has been a spokesman on a wide range of agricultural issues, including crop technology, trade, and water.

Boening and his wife, Margie, have three children and four grandchildren.