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For the past five years, Russell J. Derickson has owned and managed his own farming operations, which produced corn, soybeans, and wheat. He has also been an Agricultural Advisor and Warehouse Examiner for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture of St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. Derickson attended South Dakota State University where he received a M. Ed in Ag Education and B.S. in Agricultural Education and Mechanized Agriculture. Mr. Derickson has served as a member of the board of directors since May 2006.