

## Washington State Committee



**Mark Hemingway**, a fourth-generation farmer from Whitman County, is State Committee Chairman. Mark is the president and owner of a wheat, barley and legume farm where he implements minimum tillage and soil conservation. He has served as a Whitman County Committee member for 10 consecutive years, three of which he was the chairman.

Mark and his wife, both WSU alumni, have two children, who have graduated from WSU. His affiliations include the WA Association of Wheat Growers, the WA/ID Pea & Lentil Association, Masonic – Past Master, El Katif Shrine, American Legion, Sigma Chi, Washington State University President Associates, and Life memberships in WSU Alumni Association and Elks.

Vacant



**Clint B. Didier** is an owner and operator of three irrigated farms in the Tri-Cities area. A second-generation farmer, he raises alfalfa hay, grass seed and wheat on approximately 900 acres. His family is one of the pioneer farm families in the area. He received a B.A. in Business Administration from the Columbia Basin Community College and a Bachelor of Science from Portland State University.

He has been a Little League baseball coach for the past five years and an assistant football coach for three years at Connell High School. Clint was a professional football player from 1981-1990.



**Lon Inaba** is president and operations manager of a third generation family farm in the Yakima Valley. Inaba Produce Farms is a grower, packer, and shipper of fresh market vegetables. The family farms around 1,200 acres using both conventional and organic farming practices.

Lon earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Engineering from Washington State University. He worked as a research engineer at Battelle Northwest Laboratories before returning to the family farm operation.

He currently serves on the Yakima County Planning Commission, the Washington Growers League board of directors, and the Yakima Reservation Irrigation District's board of directors. He is also a member of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, the Institute of Food Technologists and the Washington Agriculture and Forestry Education Foundation.

Past involvement has included the Food Alliance Board, the Pacific Northwest Vegetable Association Board, WSDA Ag Market Development Advisory Council, the Research Committee for the Washington Asparagus Commission, and the Washington State University's Center for Sustaining Agriculture and Natural Resources Advisory Committee.



**James Wilcox, Jr.** was born in Pierce County, Washington where he grew up on the family farm. He graduated from Yelm High School and was active in sports and Future Farmers of America (FFA) before graduating from the University of Puget Sound, where he played varsity baseball.

Jim joined the family business in 1961 and developed the dairy side of Wilcox Farms. He was a member of the first Washington Agriculture and Forestry Leadership class and later served as president of the board of the WA Agriculture and Forestry Leadership Foundation.

He served as a board member and president of Master Dairies, a buying group made of some of the country's largest dairy processors. He also served as president of the board of the Greater Lakes Mental Health Foundation. Other board duties included the National Milk Pep Board (two years executive committee), Washington Dairy Products Commission, and the National Milk Industry Foundation.

Jim is Chairman of Wilcox Farms. He is married and has four children, two of which work in the family business. Wilcox Farms has operations in Pierce, Grant and Spokane counties in Washington and in Aurora, Salem and Eugene, Oregon. The farms produce and process eggs and milk for distribution in western states including Alaska, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Washington.