

2018 Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative
“Meet Your Candidates”

Name: David W. Hammer

David W. Hammer has been raising sheep since 1976, when he purchased several small commercial flocks. In 1977 he purchased a registered Columbia ram from the Jim Wilson Holiday Farm's flock. Since then he has raised at different times, Columbias, Rambouillets, and Lincolns, as well as the commercial sheep. In the late 1980s he began showing fleeces at the Wisconsin State Fair Wool show. As his children grew older, he sponsored them in junior shows and later open sheep shows. His two sons showed the Rambouillets, his oldest daughter, the Columbias, and his youngest daughter, the Lincolns. After the children, left home, he continued showing the Rambouillets and the white and colored Lincolns in area state and county fairs.

David has been a member of the board of directors and served two terms as president of the Southwest Wisconsin Sheep Breeders. He has served several terms on the Board of Directors for the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Wisconsin Columbia Sheep Breeders, the Wisconsin Rambouillet Sheep Breeders, and the Board of Directors for the National Lincoln Sheep Breeders Association.

David worked for 38 years at John Deere Dubuque Works as a Tool and Die Maker. He spent 28 years in the Air Force and Wisconsin Air National Guard. He has been on the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors for the past 8 years, currently serving as the chairman of the Human Resources, Land Conservation, Finance, Veterans, and Executive Committees. He served 3 terms on the Lafayette USDA Farm Service Agency, serving as the Chairman for 8 years.