



Director Position #1, Director Region #2

Matthew H. Chastain

Talking Rock, GA ; Gilmer County

Date of Birth: 12/5/1973

Resident of AgGeorgia Territory: Lifetime

Spouse and/or Children: Spouse – Cindy Chastain
Children – Luke Chastain



Mr. Chastain states, “I’ve been a full-time farmer for decades, producing commercial pullets since 1996 and raising cattle since 1980. My operation includes four pullet houses and a quality herd of registered Santa Gertrudis beef cattle. I also serve as a senior accounts manager at Custom Truck, bringing business insight to my agricultural work. I’m seeking a director role with AgGeorgia to help support fellow producers and strengthen our rural communities through practical, experienced leadership.”

Business Address: The primary residence is also the primary business address.

Business Experience/Principal Occupation/Employment in Last 5 Years:

- Self-employed farmer
- Owner/operator of White Rock Poultry Farm, Inc.
- Senior Accounts Manager – Custom Truck One Source

Current Board Positions and/or Employment in Positions of Authority held by Nominee in Business Entities, and the Nature of Business of each Entity:

- None stated

Immediate Family Relationships and Organizations Affiliated with, who had Transactions with the Institution at any Time during the Past Year:

- None stated

Education (including Special Courses and/or Certifications):

- Gilmer High School

Extent of Present Agricultural Operations:

- 90 acre operation including hay, pullets, and cattle
- 4 pullet houses producing for Pilgrim’s in Canton, GA – two 40’ x 500’s and two 40’ x 420’s
- 90 head registered Santa Gertrudis operation with emphasis on breeding show-quality cattle

Accomplishments Relative to Agriculture and the Farm Credit System:

- As a commercial pullet producer since 1996, I’ve built a high-performing operation recognized for consistent quality. In 2024, I was awarded a letter of intent and a special poultry production incentive to expand, reflecting confidence in my management and production standards. My pullets are regularly ranked among the top performing hens at the hen farm. In cattle, my farm produced the Reserve Champion heifer at the 2015 National Santa Gertrudis Show and continues to raise show-quality cattle. Support from AgGeorgia has been instrumental in scaling my operation and maintaining excellence across both poultry and cattle production.

Business or Professional Experience:

- In addition to managing a full-time operation, I serve as a senior-level accounts manager with Custom Truck. In this role, I oversee key client relationships, coordinate complex equipment solutions and contribute to strategic sales planning. My experience in both agriculture and business has sharpened my skills in financial management, logistics and customer service. This dual background allows me to approach challenges with a practical mindset and a strong understanding of operational efficiency and long-term planning.

Past/Present Affiliations with any Farm Organizations:

- Ag Central Co-op – Athens, TN – member; agriculture cooperative
- Gilmer County Farm Bureau – member; agriculture promotion
- Gilmer County Young Farmers – member; agriculture promotion
- National FFA Organization – past chapter president and American Farmer Degree recipient; agriculture promotion
- Santa Gertrudis Breeders International – member; cattle industry promotion

Past/Present Affiliations with any Organizations (e.g., business professional, civic, church groups):

- None stated

John H. Reece

Ellijay, GA; Gilmer County

Date of Birth: 3/22/1971

Resident of AgGeorgia Territory: Lifetime

Spouse and/or Children: Spouse – S. Rachel Reece
Children – Taner Reece, Emily Reece, Josie Reece



Mr. Reece states, “My wife, Rachel and I have 3 children, Taner, Emily and Josie. Farm Credit helped my father, B.J. Reece build chicken houses, helped me build chicken houses, raise cattle and grow my orchard operation and my son to build chicken houses. I would love to be able to keep farming and Farm Credit strong in our community and I would be dedicated and honored to serve on the AgGeorgia Farm Credit Board. It has always been a family thing to do business with Farm Credit.”

Business Address: The primary business address, 9131 Hwy 52E, Ellijay, GA 30536, differs from candidate’s primary residence address.

Business Experience/Principal Occupation/Employment in Last 5 Years:

- Self-employed farmer
- Owner/operator of B.J. Reece Orchards
- Produce business, hay production, cattle farming
- Farm approximately 400 acres

Current Board Positions and/or Employment in Positions of Authority held by Nominee in Business Entities, and the Nature of Business of each Entity:

- Georgia Mountain Apple Growers Association – board president; agriculture promotion
- Georgia Apple Commission – board member; agriculture promotion

Immediate Family Relationships and Organizations Affiliated with, who had Transactions with the Institution at any Time during the Past Year:

- Family Relationship – Wife

Education (including Special Courses and/or Certifications):

- Gilmer High School
- Georgia Residential Contracting License, Georgia Pesticide License

Extent of Present Agricultural Operations:

- 200 acres of apples
- 12 acres of peaches
- 4 acres of Asian pears
- 25 acres of produce
- 88 acres of leased pasture land
- 120 acres of hay production
- Beef cattle

Accomplishments Relative to Agriculture and the Farm Credit System:

- In 1991, Farm Credit helped me with a loan to build 6 chicken houses, raise beef cattle, and dairy cattle for 30+ years. I have kept an operating loan with Farm Credit since 1995 when we were owner financing the orchard operation. We started with 40 acres and currently have over 200 acres of orchard and vegetables. In 2010, Farm Credit loaned us the money to build 8 new 42 X 600 chicken houses. The loans Farm Credit gave to me and my wife allowed us to plant new orchard each year, buy cattle and buy, sell and trade like farmers do. We now have over 200 acres of apples, 4 acres of pears, 12 acres of peaches and 25 acres of produce, in addition to our hay and beef cattle operations.
- AgGeorgia Farm Credit – past Nominating Committee member and secretary

Business or Professional Experience:

- In 1995 I was in the dairy business for about 5 years and I owned 14 broiler chicken houses.
- Sold chicken houses in 2018 after 28 years of growing.
- General contractor for 30 years as well as own commercial rentals in Ellijay.

Past/Present Affiliations with any Farm Organizations:

- Georgia Apple Commission – board member; agriculture promotion
- Georgia Cattlemen’s Association – member; cattle industry promotion
- Georgia Certified Farm Market – member; agriculture promotion
- Georgia Mountain Apple Growers Association – board president; agriculture promotion
- Georgia Grown – past member

Past/Present Affiliations with any Organizations (e.g., business professional, civic, church groups):

- Liberty Baptist Church – Pastor
- New Liberty Baptist Church – previous pastor



Director Position #1, Director Region #3

Justin L. Arthur

Danielsville, GA; Madison County

Date of Birth: 9/23/1992

Resident of AgGeorgia Territory: Lifetime



Mr. Arthur states, "My grandmother, Anne Sisk-Smith, served on the AgGeorgia Farm Credit Board for 20 years, playing a crucial role in supporting local farmers and strengthening the agricultural community. My mother, Pam Arthur, worked at the Royston Branch for 36 years, retiring in 2024. I witnessed the invaluable contributions that AgGeorgia makes to local farmers, my family and its members. The organization's commitment to empowering agricultural success has left a lasting impression. I am passionate about continuing my family's legacy and ensuring that the same support and resources are available for both the current and future generations of farmers."

Business Address: The primary business address, 618 Griffeth Rd, Danielsville, GA 30633, differs from candidate's primary residence address.

Business Experience/Principal Occupation/Employment in Last 5 Years:

- Self-employed poultry farmer and beef cattle producer
- Events Director – Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education

Current Board Positions and/or Employment in Positions of Authority held by Nominee in Business Entities, and the Nature of Business of each Entity:

- Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education – Events Director

Immediate Family Relationships and Organizations Affiliated with, who had Transactions with the Institution at any Time during the Past Year:

- None stated

Education (including Special Courses and/or Certifications):

- Madison County High School
- Athens Technical College – Associate of Science (Business Administration)

Extent of Present Agricultural Operations:

- 200 acre farm operation
- 8 broiler chicken houses
- Beef cattle

Accomplishments Relative to Agriculture and the Farm Credit System:

- I am a fifth-generation farmer and third-generation poultry and cattle farmer and have grown our family operation while modernizing our practices. I have expanded our cattle herd and upgraded our poultry houses.

Business or Professional Experience:

- I've developed skills in project management, vendor relations, budget oversight, and creating professional development opportunities for educators across Georgia's career and technical education system as the Events Director for Georgia ACTE. My farming experience has built my understanding of agricultural economics, risk management, and sustainable practices.

Past/Present Affiliations with any Farm Organizations:

- Georgia Cattlemen's Association – member; cattle industry promotion
- Georgia Young Farmers Association – member; agriculture promotion
- Madison County FFA Alumni – past member; agriculture promotion

Past/Present Affiliations with any Organizations (e.g., business professional, civic, church groups):

- Association for Career & Technical Education – member
- Madison County FBLA Advisory Committee – member
- Moon's Grove Baptist Church – member

Jason W. Oliver

Martin, GA; Franklin County

Date of Birth: 7/6/1970

Resident of AgGeorgia Territory: Lifetime

Spouse and/or Children: Spouse – Candace Oliver
Children – Mackenzie Burns, Chris Oliver, Dee Oliver, Mylie Oliver



Mr. Oliver states, "Over my professional career as a teacher, Athletic Director, and hobby farmer, I have been afforded many opportunities to form relationships with people all over the State of Georgia. Having taught the basic principles of Economics for over twenty years as a high school teacher, I have a desire to see those basic principles applied in the agricultural community that I grew up in and currently reside."

Business Address: The primary business address, 3001 Starrs Bridge Rd, Canon, GA 30520, differs from candidate's primary residence address.

Business Experience/Principal Occupation/Employment in Last 5 Years:

- Self-employed beef cattle producer
- Owner/operator – J & W Cattle
- Owner/operator – Oliver Embroidery
- Athletic Director – Franklin County High School (now retired)

Current Board Positions and/or Employment in Positions of Authority held by Nominee in Business Entities, and the Nature of Business of each Entity:

- Franklin County School System – board member
- Franklin County Fellowship of Christian Athletes – board chairman
- Oliver Embroidery – Owner/operator

Immediate Family Relationships and Organizations Affiliated with, who had Transactions with the Institution at any Time during the Past Year:

- None stated

Education (including Special Courses and/or Certifications):

- Franklin County High School
- Truett McConnell College – Associate of Arts
- University of Georgia – Bachelor of Science (Political Science Education)
- Piedmont College – Master of Arts (Early Childhood Education)
- University of Alabama – Educational Specialist (Leadership and Administration)

Extent of Present Agricultural Operations:

- Hobby farm
- 80 brood cows

Accomplishments Relative to Agriculture and the Farm Credit System:

- J & W Cattle at one point had over 300 SimAngus brood cows. So, what started as a small cow/calf operation became much more. AgGeorgia came alongside us and provided the financial capital for us to expand our operations and made it possible to be profitable in an industry that we love. Today, we have downsized the operation to more of a hobby farm and a way to allow my children and grandchildren to bond with my dad and gain valuable insights to the benefits of our agricultural community.

Business or Professional Experience:

- My professional experience has allowed me the opportunity to manage budgets, put together teams of employees, provide oversight, and develop goals and vision within our organizational framework.

Past/Present Affiliations with any Farm Organizations:

- Georgia Cattlemen's Association – member; cattle industry promotion

Past/Present Affiliations with any Organizations (e.g., business professional, civic, church groups):

- Lavonia Baptist Church – member

Director Position #1, Director Region #3 (continued)

Patti B. York

Hartwell, GA; Hart County



Date of Birth: 6/3/1968

Resident of AgGeorgia Territory: Lifetime

Spouse and/or Children: Spouse – Kenny York
Children – Savanna (Daniel) Baker, Jeff (Cassie) Brown, Karli Brown,
Zach (Katie) York, Eli (Madison) York, 7 grandchildren

Mrs. York states, “I am truly blessed to have been born into agriculture and farming full-time since 1995. For over 30 years AgGeorgia Farm Credit has been my trusted partner, helping me build and support my family farm. It has been an honor to serve on your board of directors for the past 4 ½ years. I remain committed to our mission of improving the lives of Georgia farm families and strengthening rural communities. Farming is truly a gift from our Lord and I’m thankful I get to do what I love to do each day. Colossians 3:23.”

Business Address: The primary residence is also the primary business address.

Business Experience/Principal Occupation/Employment in Last 5 Years:

- Self-employed poultry farmer and beef cattle/sheep producer
- Owner/operator of JSK Farms, Inc.
- Perform bookkeeping (accounts payable and payroll) for JSK Farms, Inc. and RGP Farms, Inc. (father's business)

Current Board Positions and/or Employment in Positions of Authority held by Nominee in Business Entities, and the Nature of Business of each Entity:

- AgGeorgia Farm Credit – director; agricultural finance and lending
- Hart County Water and Sewer Authority – director/vice-chair; water and sewer planning

Immediate Family Relationships and Organizations Affiliated with, who had Transactions with the Institution at any Time during the Past Year:

- Family Relationship – Husband, Sons

Education (including Special Courses and/or Certifications):

- Hart County High School
- Professional development and director training within the Farm Credit System

Extent of Present Agricultural Operations:

- 8 broiler house operation
- 50 head commercial cattle operation
- 200 sheep

Accomplishments Relative to Agriculture and the Farm Credit System:

- Have been a full-time poultry grower with Fieldale Farms since 1995 and bought my father's cattle herd in 2015.
- AgGeorgia Farm Credit – current vice-chairwoman of Risk Committee and Compensation Committee member, various other committee service throughout tenure as association director.
- 2017 Outstanding Conservationist Award from Broad River Soil & Water District

Business or Professional Experience:

- Started working for my father and mother's egg processing business when in high school. This was at the time the biggest packing and processing business in the area. I trained under my brother and learned bookkeeping, payroll, and accounts payable. We sold the company in 1994, and I started my existing poultry business in 1995.

Past/Present Affiliations with any Farm Organizations:

- Hart County Farm Bureau – member; past Women's Committee Chair; agriculture promotion
- Hart County Cattlemen – member; past secretary; cattle industry promotion

Past/Present Affiliations with any Organizations (e.g., business professional, civic, church groups):

- Bethany Baptist Church – member/pre-school worker

2026 NOMINATING COMMITTEE NOMINEES

Member Nominee	City/County of Residence	Region	Principal Occupation
Yvonna Sue Alley	Lenox, GA – Berrien Co.	6	Broiler Grower
William “Bill” P. Bryan, Jr.	Summerville, GA – Chattooga Co.	1	Cow/Calf Operation
Rodney P. Dawson	Hawkinsville, GA – Pulaski Co.	5	Row Crops
Daniel A. Dobbs	Carnesville, GA – Franklin Co.	3	Broiler Grower
Wayne R. Ertzberger	Carnesville, GA – Franklin Co.	3	Cow/Calf Operation, Broiler Grower
Arnold B. Ivey	Tennille, GA – Washington Co.	4	Row Crops
C. Darrell Jones	Ellijay, GA – Gilmer Co.	2	Broiler Grower
Scott E. Knight	Dudley, GA – Laurens Co.	4	Row Crops
Andy S. Rodgers	Dearing, GA – McDuffie Co.	4	Dairy
Mark A. Smith	Eastanollee, GA – Stephens Co.	2	Cow/Calf Operation
Brett A. Walls	Byromville, GA – Dooly Co.	5	Row Crops
W. Scott Everidge (Alternate)	Pinehurst, GA – Dooly Co.	5	Row Crops
Matthew F. Perfect (Alternate)	Elko, GA – Houston Co.	5	Broiler Grower, Cattle