

## Steve Claassen



Steve Claassen graduated from WSU with a degree in Agricultural Mechanization in 1973.

Steve has managed the family farming operation since that date with his brother Keith. They have raised wheat and barley in a 100% direct seed system since 1980. Steve also manages Sparrowhawk Estates, LLC.

Past involvement includes:

- FSA committee member, 3 terms
- Asotin Co. Conservation District, Board Supervisor, 2 terms
- Clarkston Chamber of Commerce, Board Member, 2 terms
- Washington Barley Commissioner, 2005-09

Currently involved with:

- Asotin County Wheat Growers
- WAWG member
- Clearwater Direct Seeders
- Pacific NW Direct Seed Assn., member
- Washington Grain Alliance committee
- National Barley Growers Assn. representative
- Tri-State Memorial Hospital board member, 2 terms.

Steve enjoys being involved with people and organizations that have a forward vision and are forced to think “outside the box “.

Steve has been married to Kathryn for 31 years, a dance instructor/choreographer. His son Leif, 26, is a WSU graduate of Agricultural Technology. Daughter Erika, 23, is a U of W graduate in architecture.