



## **Media Release: New Farmer-elected Directors for Silver Fern Farms Co-operative Board**

Anna Nelson and Rodney Booth have been elected to Silver Fern Farms Co-operative Limited's Board of Directors.

The two positions on the Board were open due to the retirement of Dan Jex-Blake and Richard Young who each served three terms on the Co-operative Board.

Anna Nelson joined Silver Fern Farms Co-operative as a Board Appointed Farmer Director in 2021. With her family, Anna runs a 1450 ha sheep and beef breeding and finishing farm in Aria in the King Country. She has completed the *To the Core* governance development programme (and extension), Fonterra Governance Development Programme and Kellogg Rural Leadership Programme.

Rodney Booth is a joint owner and managing director of Dunfield Farming, a 400 ha beef finishing property, supplying 20,000 stock units to Silver Fern Farms' specialty programmes exclusively. His farming operation has been a regional finalist in the Silver Fern Farms Plate to Pasture Awards multiple times, and regional winner in 2017. He has completed the *To the Core* governance development programme (and extension).

Co-operative Chair Rob Hewett said the caliber of the candidates for the election demonstrates the health of the Co-operative and its ongoing focus on Governance development.

"Over a number of years now, the Co-operative Board has continued efforts to support a pipeline of talent coming through to serve as Directors," says Mr Hewett.

"The duties required of a Director in today's economic, geo-political and digital climate have never been more complex. Silver Fern Farms Co-operative has invested and partnered in three extension programmes for sitting and up-and-coming Directors over the last five years, and we've had over 150 participants through these programmes over that time.

"This year's election shows the governance of the Co-operative is in good heart," he says.

## Election Results

The results of the election, which closed on Wednesday 26 April were:

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Weighted Votes Received</b>
NELSON, Anna	18,542,812
BOOTH, Rodney	12,018,962
DAVIES, Simon	10,729,104
CLARKE, Will	5,640,336

To become eligible, ordinary and rebate shareholders needed to meet requirements that include supplying a minimum level of stock for processing over the previous two annual supply periods.

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