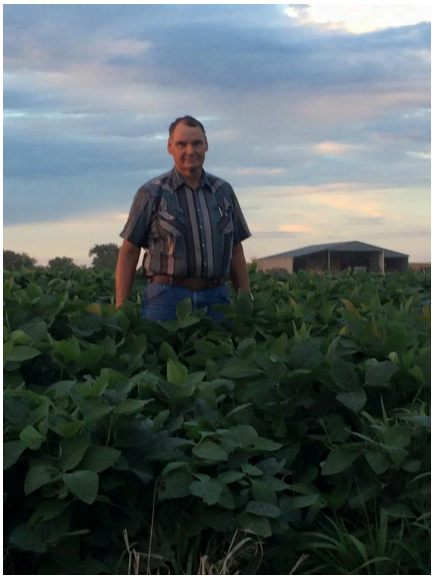
Thanks to the 2020 Kansas Ag Heroes!

Randy Bunnel



Randy is a third-generation farmer in southern Anderson County, KS. As a sole proprietor, he is responsible for all aspects of his farming operation, which includes row crops of corn, wheat, soybeans and putting up hay for his 75 head cow/calf herd. His farming is a 365-day per year calling for him.

Randy believes in service to the community. Randy is a volunteer fire-fighter for the Anderson County Rural Fire Department-Welda Station. He is a certified medical E.M.T. and responds to fires, traffic accidents and medical calls throughout the county. The Covid-19 pandemic did not stop his desire to help others in emergency situations. He continued to respond to calls 24/7.

Randy serves on the 4 Rivers Rural Electric Co-op board of directors. He has completed courses for NRECA certification of Credentialed Cooperative Director, Board Leadership and the Director Gold Credential. He is on the board of the Anderson County Rural Water District #5, Anderson County Farm Bureau, and Anderson County Soil Conservation Service Committee and he faithfully attends Iola First Christian Church.

Randy is respected throughout the county as both a farmer and volunteer responder. He is always willing to help others. Randy would never say he was a hero, but many people have appreciated his calm presence in emergency situations. A neighbor stated, “If I need to call 911, I want Randy there!”

Nominated by Betsy Bunnel