



**Josie Van Lent-Staden, First Vice-President,  
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Josie and her husband are partners in a commercial livestock and grain farm, with a bison, elk, beef and grain enterprise. She has also been employed in the agriculture industry for over 27 years. She has a BSC degree in Agriculture and spent the first half of her career working for Alberta Agriculture, Food & Rural Development as a District Agriculturist and Beef Specialist. Following she was employed in the crop service industry as an agronomist with Webb's Crop Services in Vermilion. She moved on from Webb's to manage the crop input division for the United Farmers of Alberta (UFA) in northeastern Alberta.

She is currently the Associate Dean of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences at Lakeland College in Vermilion. She is Vice President of the Soil Conservation Council of Canada and a director with the Alberta Conservation Tillage Society. She was also recently appointed to the Technical Review Committee (Research and On-Farm Technology) with the Alberta Livestock and Meat Agency.

And most importantly, she has four children and two grandchildren and her family spends much of their spare time chasing cows on horseback!