

Erwin Hanley, Chair

Erwin Hanley's third-generation family farm of 2,200 acres south of Regina has a rotation consisting of cereal, pulse and oilseeds, as well as pedigreed seed production. The Hanley's also operate a seed plant for both commercial and pedigreed seed.

Erwin received his Diploma of Agriculture from the University of Saskatchewan in 1993. He returned to the farm and married his wife Priscilla in 1996. They have two children, son Ryland (age 15) and Raya (age 8).

For three years Erwin worked with Farm Credit Canada's Ag Expert division as a consultant.

Erwin was elected to the Board of SaskFlax in 2008. His highest priority is flax research, especially improved plant breeding and providing a better agronomic package for producers to maximize yield and expand outside the current flax production area. He feels more growers need to consider flax as a viable option in their crop rotations. It's also critical to main high quality products for export and domestic food markets. We need to further investigate opportunities with the feed sector and understand the positive attributes of flax in animal feed.