



Donna Ell

Liberty, SK

I grew up farming with my father, and my husband and I have now been farming together for 40 years. We farm 800 acres on land that, while currently used for agriculture, is the traditional Treaty 4 territory of Indigenous peoples. We are proud members of the Treaty Land Sharing Network and welcome Indigenous people onto the land we farm to gather medicines, hunt, fish, and practice ceremony.

Alongside farming, I spent many years in education, teaching senior mathematics and science, serving as the Math and Science Consultant for the Regina Catholic School Division, and working as a graduate teaching assistant at the University of Regina until my retirement in 2022.

We have been farming organically since 2016 and achieved Regenerative Organic Certification (ROC) in 2025. Our approach is guided by core principles that include minimizing soil disturbance, maximizing crop diversity, maintaining living roots year-round, and keeping the soil covered to support long-term soil health. We have grown a wide variety of cereals, pulses, oilseeds, and forages, with a strong focus on soil health and long-term sustainability.

I bring extensive experience, serving on boards and committees for not-for-profit organizations, through my roles as president, vice president, and treasurer. These roles have strengthened my expertise in governance, financial insight, grant acquisition, and fundraising. I have also coordinated volunteers for the 2005 Canada Summer Games, co-chaired national and international rowing regattas, and founded and nurtured a rowing club in the Bahamas.

SaskOrganics serves its membership in many ways, but I believe the organization's first priority should be building financial strength and security. With a stable financial foundation, we could expand staffing capacity and achieve more for the people we serve. I see great potential for SaskOrganics to support organic producers, provide assurance to consumers, and educate non-organic agricultural producers about the benefits and practices of organic farming. My goal is to help SaskOrganics be a strong voice for the organic sector while fostering learning, growth, and connection across the agricultural and consumer communities.



Cheryl Norleen

Raymore, SK

At 4G Poultry, we are proud to be organic table egg producers, committed to raising healthy hens and delivering high quality eggs to families. As one of only two certified organic egg producers in the province, we take that responsibility seriously and are dedicated to upholding the highest standards in animal care and organic practices. We also grow organic grains to supply feed to our chickens, allowing us to stay closely connected to every step of the process from soil to shell!

Our journey into organic production didn't happen overnight and wasn't without its challenges. There was a steep learning curve but over time and with plenty of research, trial and error and patience, we learned what worked best for our land and hens.

My experience in governance began as early as 4-H where I first learned the value of leadership, collaboration and service. Over the years I have served on the Melfort

Economic Development Board, the Nokomis Agricultural Society Board and currently serve as a Horizon School Division trustee and Ag Social Advisory Board Member. These roles have strengthened my understanding of policy, strategic planning, and the importance of diverse voices at the table.

My vision for SaskOrganics is to see its membership continue to grow by inspiring and supporting more producers to view organic not just as a philosophy but as a viable and profitable business model. As a member of the board, I will advance that vision by sharing our own journey into organic production, helping demystify the transition process, and bringing forward practical ideas that position organic agriculture as an opportunity for diversification, sustainability, and long-term success.



Robin Schill

Balcarres, SK

Together with my wife Lisa we operate Schill Family Farm, a mixed farm that practices regenerative organic principles. The grain side of the farm is certified organic but we raise all our livestock (chickens, pigs and sheep) organically and may certify them in future as well. The animals are all raised on pasture in mobile penning to provide them with the best life possible and as close to what their natural behaviours would be. In the winter they live outside on a composting bedding pack that forms the basis of our compost for the coming year that is used to make compost teas/extracts that are applied to the soil and plants. We've been enrolled in COG's Regenerative Organic Oats program for the past 2 years with a large focus on soil health.

We process and sell eggs, chicken, pork and lamb from the farm directly to customers and are now getting set up to do the same with some our organic grains like spelt.

Although we are newly certified organic, we have been farming without synthetic fertilizers or sprays since 2009. My active role in organics started 5 years ago when I became manager of an organic farm for a First Nations reserve for 3 years. Since then, I have attended various conferences, field days and webinars to further my understanding of the organic industry.

I've served on the board of the Saskatchewan Goat Breeders Association for 5 years, 3 years as President, and the Canadian Meat Goat Association for 5 years with 2 years as president. I sat on the NFAAC committee for the care and handling of goats code of practice revision and update. I currently sit on TCO chapter 4 Board of Directors. This experience has strengthened my understanding of board governance and the commitment that is required.

I believe education and information is key for people to grow in any industry and would like to see that continue with SaskOrganics. I think I bring enthusiasm with maybe some fresh ideas to the table and a willingness to learn and help wherever needed.