

Von Johnson of Cambridge was recently elected chairman of the Nebraska Wheat Board (NWB). Rick Larson of Potter was elected vice chairman.

Johnson is in his second term on the NWB Board of Directors and has served since 2005. A representative of District 5, Johnson and his wife Becky live and farm in Furnas County. They farm certified wheat and soybeans, as well as corn and alfalfa.

Johnson also serves on the Food Aid Committee for US Wheat Associates and is a member of the Nebraska Wheat Growers Association.

Larson began serving on the NWB Board of Directors in 2003. He represents District 2 and farms in Banner and Kimball Counties.

Larson and his wife Diane farm irrigated and dryland wheat, corn edible beans and alfalfa. Larson also serves on the Hard White Wheat Committee for US Wheat Associates and is a member of the Nebraska Wheat Growers Association.

“Both Von and Rick are excellent wheat producers who are dedicated to the success of the wheat industry in this state. The future of the Wheat Board is bright with these two at the helm,” said Larry Flohr, a NWB director and past chairman.

Members of the Board of Directors are appointed by the governor to serve five-year terms. The chairman and vice chairman are elected by the board and traditionally serve two years in that position.

The Nebraska Wheat Board administers the one and one quarter cent per bushel excise tax levied on wheat markets in Nebraska.

Beginning Oct. 1, the board will administer an excise tax of 0.4 percent of net value of wheat marketed in Nebraska at the point of first sale.

The board invests the funds in programs of international and domestic market development and improvement, policy development, research, promotion, and education.