Cyndi Young-Puyear

Director of Brownfield & Ag Operations

While growing up on the family farm near Winchester, Illinois, Cyndi was involved in 4-H and FFA. Her broadcast career began at WJIL, Jacksonville, Illinois, on April fool’s Day in 1985. As an Agriculture Education major with an emphasis in animal science at Western Illinois University, her goal was to promote the beef industry. A local farm broadcaster persuaded this past State Beef Queen to interview for a position at his radio station.

During her farm broadcast tenure, Cyndi worked for Oklahoma Agrinet and was Farm Director for WTAX Springfield, Illinois. She joined Brownfield as Regional Farm Director in 1998, and in October of 2001, was promoted to Director of Brownfield and Ag Operations.

Cyndi has traveled extensively throughout the United States and to 16 different countries covering agriculture for Midwestern farmers. Her work has earned her dozens of honors from agriculture groups and associations. A member of the National Association of Farm Broadcasting for nearly 30 years, Cyndi was recognized as Farm Broadcaster of the Year for the nation in 1997, and received the coveted Oscar in Agriculture in 2009.

In addition to managing the largest ag radio network in the country, Cyndi produces a daily radio commentary program and pens a popular weekly column in both Illinois AgriNews and Indiana AgriNews. A partner with her husband, Jim Puyear, in Rocking P Ranch near Jamestown, Missouri, Cyndi enjoys spending time at home with the registered Simmental cattle herd. She also enjoys gardening and deer hunting.

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