



Marilyn Backman

SUGARBEET GROWER, FOURTH GENERATION
MINN-DAK FARMERS COOPERATIVE

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Marilyn is a first-generation sugarbeet grower and fourth-generation farmer. She also runs her own seed business.

What is your favorite thing about farming with your family?

"There are so many things I love about farming with my family. It is such a blessing to be able to work with your children and that was one of the reasons I wanted to marry a farmer. It is so gratifying to be able to teach your children and see them grow into young adults who are capable of running the farm."

Inflation and increased costs have hit farmers across the board – from diesel fuel to fertilizer to equipment. How have increased costs affected your farm?

"I think that any grower would like to see the markets improve. These increased input costs certainly lead to stress on the farm. As a seed seller, I see that and think it's a concern for all growers. It's made farming right now really tough and we need to see something improve or else farmers could be at risk of going out of business."



Interesting Fact

Marilyn is the 14th of 15 children and grew up with eight brothers and six sisters.

