## Julie Danen

## Candidate for OFA Director Zone 7 - Huron and Perth



## **EXPERIENCE**

- Director Perth County Federation of Agriculture 2011-present
- Executive Member Perth County Federation of Agriculture 2019-present
- Vice President Perth County Federation of Agriculture 2020-present
- Policy Advisory Council (PAC) member 2015-present
- PAC Steering Committee 2019-present
- 4-H Leader for over 25 years
- Agriculture Business Community of Perth East, Perth South, Wilmot West Memberformed to educate MTO staff about agriculture for the Highway 7&8 Environmental Assessment
- Participated in OFA Lobby Day at Queen's Park in 2020

I am a Dairy and Cash Crop farmer near Punkey Doodles Corners in Perth County. I own and operate our farm with my husband Ed Danen since our succession plan was completed in 2006. We have 3 children who will all be in University and College this fall.

I believe that Agriculture in Ontario is an exciting, innovative and vibrant industry. Our challenge as farmers is how to communicate this to non farmers. People are curious about how their food is produced. Farmers and OFA need to engage people and show them that we all want the same things. Things such as sustainable local food production, mitigating climate change, and vibrant connected communities to live in.

There are many issues and challenges that face agriculture in our province. As a director I would like to take my story as a farmer and talk to politicians and bureaucrats about my passion for agriculture. I feel that through these connections we are able to build support for agricultural policies and programs that will be beneficial to the farmers in Huron and Perth.

I ask for your support to elect me as your next OFA Director for Huron and Perth. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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