

REP. JT WILCOX, R-YELM



J.T. grew up on his family's farm, Wilcox Farms, started in 1909 by his great-grandfather. J.T. started in the family's business by feeding calves and worked his way up to Chief Financial Officer. He worked on the farm starting at age five, managing diverse operations including an 800 cow dairy herd, processing plants and a 100-vehicle distribution system.

J.T. is a Yelm High School graduate and earned his bachelor's degree in History from Washington State University.

In 1995, he transitioned to processing operations, managing the operations of the multi-million dollar company with hundreds of employees. In 2006, he was appointed Chief Financial Officer of Wilcox Farms. J.T. is still involved in Wilcox Family Farms managing forestry, real estate and water rights.

He was sworn in as state representative in 2011. His legislative interests are budget sustainability, rebuilding the rural economy and finding ways for people to work where they live.

J.T. and wife Kathy, who is a 6th grade teacher, have three children, one attending Yelm Community Schools, one attending University of Washington, and one attending University of Puget Sound.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Yelm Methodist Church, member
Yelm Lions Club
University of Puget Sound, mentor
Roy Volunteer Fire Department, 1985-1995
Pacific Education Institute, board member
Nisqually River Basin Land Trust, founding Vice President

LEGISLATIVE ASSIGNMENTS:

Legislative Ethics Board
Legislative Committee on Economic Development and International Relations

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

Washington Forest Protection Association
Turnaround Management Association

AWARDS:

Honorary Chapter Farmer degree, Yelm FFA

2012 Keystone Award, Washington Food Industry Association
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2012 Guardian of Small Business, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)
2012 Cornerstone Award, Association of Washington Business
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