Scott Werning, Emery, South Dakota
North Central Region Candidate

Scott Werning operates Werning Cattle Company, alongside his parents Dale and Joan. The family runs 400 Simmental, Angus, and SimAngus cattle in southeast South Dakota, marketing around 200 registered bulls and 100 registered females annually. Embryo transfer, AI, and other progressive practices are utilized to move the operation forward. Bulls are largely sold into commercial operations in the Midwest and beyond, with females becoming a part of other registered operations. The Werning family will be holding their 47th annual production sale in February of 2027.

Werning studied agribusiness and animal science at South Dakota State University, graduating in 2006. He has been involved in many state and regional agriculture and beef organizations, including the South Dakota Cattlemen's Association. Werning and his wife, Ashley, are raising their children, Creighten and Thatcher, in the industry, with both participating in the AJSA. Werning has helped organize two AJSA Regional Classics, and for the past six years, has helped with the Livestock Judging and Sales Talk competitions at the AJSA National Classic. Werning served on the South Dakota Simmental Association Board for six years, including a term as vice president.