



## **JASON & COLLEEN GERKE**

Jason and Colleen Gerke are the District 1 representatives from Platte City, Missouri. Colleen Gerke majored in Agricultural Science at Cal Poly University, San Luis Obispo where she began crafting her own wines. Growing up as the fifth generation on a cattle and row-crop operation, Jason has farming in his blood. He majored in Agricultural Journalism and began working in agricultural communications starting in 1996. The two decided to start their own fully-integrated boutique vineyard and on-farm winery, called Jowler Creek, in 2004. Jowler Creek is the most sustainable winery in the Midwest and now boasts seven acres of grapes and markets nearly 1,500 cases of wine each year. Jason and Colleen enjoy spending every minute of their free time spoiling their two kids and teaching them about the values and basics of farming.