

## **Kurt W. Alstede**

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### **Personal:**

Married to Mary Thompson-Alstede

Four Children: Rebekah 24, Sarah Jessica 22, Karl 18, and Sarah Lynne 15

Widowed from Barbara Alstede

### **Occupation:**

1982-Present Founder/Owner/General Manager Alstede Farms, LLC, Chester, NJ (800 Acre Fresh Market Fruit and Vegetable Operation)

2014-Present Owner/General Manager Lebensfreude, LLC (Farm, Commercial, and Residential Property Ownership and Management)

### **Education:**

1982 West Morris Central High School, Chester, New Jersey

Class Salutatorian

1985 Delaware Valley University of Science and Agriculture, Doylestown, PA

B.S. in Horticulture, Minor studies in Agronomy and Agribusiness, Graduated Summa Cum Laude

2019-2023 Premier Governance Series of the Farm Credit Council; Fully Completed

2021-2022 Fellow in the Northeast Agricultural Climate Adaptation Fellowship

### **Civic Positions and Activities:**

2004-Present Appointed by New Jersey Governor as a public member of the "New Jersey Highlands Council" Regional Planning Authority/ Vice Chair 2012-Present

2016-2024 Director; Morris County Tourism Bureau and the Economic Development Auth.

2021-2025 Member New Jersey State Board of Agriculture, Representing the Fruit Industry

1993-1994/2009-2010 Transition Team – NJ Governor Elect, Christie Whitman & Chris Christie

1987-1992 Two term Councilman-Township of Chester

1982-Present Life Member of the Chester Volunteer Fire Co. #1

Captain 2020-Present

Director 2010-Present

President 1996-1999

1997-Present Member, First Congregational Church of Chester

Trustee 2009-2012/2016-2021

2010-Present Trustee, Pleasant Hill Cemetery Association, Chester, New Jersey

President 2018-2021

2019-Present Trustee, Ralston Cider Mill Museum, Mendham, New Jersey

2000-2020 Boy Scouts of America Merit Badge Counselor

## **Agricultural Positions and Activities:**

2021-2025	Member New Jersey State Board of Agriculture, Representing the Fruit Industry
2019-2023	Director; Farm Credit East, ACA
2017-2020	Appointed by President Donald Trump to serve on the New Jersey State Committee of the Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture.
2001-2006	Appointed by President George W. Bush to serve on the New Jersey State Committee of the Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture.
2015-2019	New Jersey Agricultural Leadership Development Program Agricultural Industry Liaison
2013-Present	Farm Credit East, ACA Customer Service Council Member
1982-Present	Member New Jersey Farm Bureau
	Director 1988-1989
	Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee 1985-1992
	County Delegate to Annual Meeting 1985-2020
1982-Present	Morris County Board of Agriculture President 2003-2004 Delegate to the State Agricultural Convention
2022-Present	Member Vermont Farm Bureau
1982-Present	Numerous crop and commodity organizations
1992-Present	Featured Speaker at Regional and National Farm and Commodity Conferences on a variety of Agricultural topics.
1987-1988	American Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee
1987-1998	Morris County Farm Service Agency, USDA, Committee Member

## **Awards and Recognition:**

2024	FEWA Leadership Hall of Fame for Leadership in Seasonal Labor Advocacy
2016	New Jersey Outstanding Fruit Grower of the Year
2014	“Firefighter of the Year” Chester Volunteer Fire Co. #1
2012	Delaware Valley University Alumni Achievement Award in Plant Science
2010	American Vegetable Grower “Grower Achievement Award”
2008	New Jersey Vegetable Grower of the Year
2005	Tony Russo Marketing Award, New Jersey Agricultural Society
1999	Good Citizen Award, Boy Scouts of America
1997	New Jersey Integrated Pest Management Cooperator of the Year
1989	Master Farmer Award, Mid Atlantic Cooperative Extension Services
1987	New Jersey State Outstanding Young Farmer
1987	Chester Citizen of the Year
1987	New Jersey State Conservation Farmer of the Year
1979	Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America

## **Languages Spoken:**

English	Highly Proficient
Spanish	Advanced
German	Advanced
French	Elementary