

**Ann Straatman
Lucan, ON**



Nominated as ONTARIO BREEDER DIRECTOR

Ann Straatman is the owner/manager of Seelster Farms in Lucan, Ontario. With more than 25 years in this position, Straatman, her sister, Karen Favacho and her cousin, Tina-Marie Howard, are the third generation currently managing Seelster. Her areas of responsibility include stallion acquisition, syndication and management; mare reproductive management, mare contracts and client liaison.

Straatman is the past Sale Manager of London Yearling Sale, which has just conducted its first yearling sale under new management with Greg Blanchard at the helm. After 15 years managing the yearling auction, Straatman is pleased that the Western Fair Association has begun, what all hope will be, a long and successful stint in yearling sale management.

Even though Straatman has worked at Seelster Farms for her entire career, she did take time away to complete her post-secondary education. After four years at the University of Guelph, Straatman earned a degree in Zoology and in Statistics.

Straatman has been a Breeder Director of Standardbred Canada from 2011 to 2013 and 2017 to 2022. She is also the Past-Chair of the Board of Governors at Western Fair District; a Director of the Hambletonian Society; a member of the Standardbred Breeders of Ontario Association (SBOA) and a member of the Central Ontario Standardbred Association (COSA).