

TEXAS COUNTY AGRICULTURE
AGENTS ASSOCIATION



**Professional Excellence
Awards Luncheon**

Monday, July 14, 2014

**Pitser Garrison Convention Center
Lufkin Room**



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Presiding.....Wade Hibler

*TCAA President
Burnet County Extension Agent*

Invocation..... Cary Sims

*TCAA President-Elect
Angelina County Extension Agent*

Introductions of Guests.....Cary Sims

*TCAA President-Elect
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Award Presentations.....Ralph Davis

*Chairman, Awards and Recognition Committee
Kaufman County Extension Agent*

Closing Remarks.....Wade Hibler

*TCAA President
Burnet County Extension Agent*

Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is the highest award that a County Agricultural Agent can receive from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA). Each recipient is selected by his peers based upon outstanding professional growth, program effectiveness, leadership ability, loyalty to Extension work, civic, community involvement, and must have been a NACAA and TCAA member for ten or more years.

All Distinguished Service Award recipients will be honored at the Galaxy IV Conference to held July 20-24, in Mobile, AL.

Distinguished Service Award

Bryan Reynolds
Lynn County



Bryan Reynolds has served the Texas AgriLife Extension Service for more than 21 years. He began as an Assistant County Extension Agent for Agriculture in Castro County in 1992. In 1994, Bryan moved to Lynn County to serve as the County Extension Agent for Agriculture where he currently serves today. Bryan has demonstrated effective agricultural programming efforts with Lynn County cotton growers whom typically plant more than 300,000 acres annually. He assisted growers with the Boll Weevil Eradication Program, saw them adopt new cotton varieties to improve yields and has educated them on nematode management as it affects their cotton. Bryan has also had programs in small grains, livestock and water conservation. He has had an active and successful 4-H program over the years. His 4-H members have been very successful with their beef and swine projects at shows across Texas. In addition, Bryan has had outstanding leaders who have implemented a quality 4-H Shooting Sports program. He has taught numerous 4-H members to evaluate livestock along with helping them to develop their communication skills through public speaking. Bryan has served as chairman of the Bob Benson/EXCELL 4-H Scholarship Golf Tournament which raises funds for 4-H members across the South Plains. He served as secretary to the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association, received the Achievement Award from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents and the Meritorious Service Award from Texas 4-H.

TCAA Specialist Awards for Distinguished Service

State Recipient

Paul Pope
Extension Program Specialist III

District 5 State Specialist

Thomas Hairgrove
Program Coordinator for Livestock and Food Animal Systems

Outstanding County Agricultural Agents Award

Texas Pork Producers Association
Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association
Texas Corn Producers Board
Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Board
Texas Wheat Producers Board
Texas Peanut Producers Board
Texas Association of Dairymen
Willis Grass Soil Fertility Award
Texas Extension Specialist Association

TCAA Scholarship Awards

Scholarship Awards Agents

Jeff Molloy
Raymond Quigg

Youth Scholarships

Cheyenne Millican
Ty Batchelor
Joaquin Cavazos
Mark Zoeller
Clancey Gruben
Chelsi Vineyard
Pake Jones

Extension Program Awards- Agriculture

To recognize NACAA members who achieve excellence in developing and implementing innovative methods of teaching principals of production and marketing management to their clientele.

Search for Excellence in Livestock Production

Chad H. Gulley, Smith County

Search for Excellence in Crop Production

Michael R. Hiller, Jackson County

Search for Excellence in Landscape Horticulture

Michael R. Hiller, Jackson County

TCAAA Poster Awards

Extension Programs

Result Demonstrations-Field Crop & Horticulture

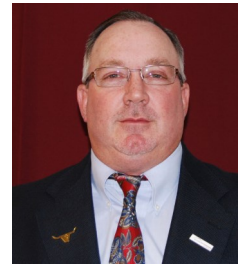
Result Demonstrations-Natural Resources & Environment

Result Demonstrations-Livestock

Distinguished Service Award

Todd Vineyard

Wise County



Todd Vineyard has worked for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service for 23 years. Current position, Wise County as a Level IV agent (highest level for Texas Extension) His areas of expertise include extensive work in livestock production, small grains, forage, cotton and 4-H Livestock projects. Todd has received the Superior Service Award for Team and Individual agent categories, he has also received the State Distinguished Service Award in 4-H from the Texas Cooperative Extension Specialists Association.

Distinguished Service Award

S. Zachary Wilcox

Nolan County



S. Zachary Wilcox leads a dynamic adult educational program centered around cotton, beef cattle, wildlife, range, water and horticulture in Nolan County. He also oversees the county's strong 4-H youth livestock component. His program area committees have earned a reputation for delivering timely research-based educational information to address current and emerging issues.

Distinguished Service Award

Lyle Zoeller
Bell County



Lyle Zoeller has served as County Extension Agent in the Texas counties of Jim Wells, Frio, Coryell and Bell for over 21 years. Lyle's primary area of adult education are Beef cattle, Forages, Small Grains and Row Crop production. His 4-H livestock show programs and judging teams have won many awards. An adult leadership program "Leadership Coryell" was established to identify and involve potential community leaders and give them skills needed to be successful.

Fact Sheet

1. Jamie Sugg Nacogdoches County
2. Pasquale Swaner Coryell County
3. Dr. Brian Triplett Bowie County

Publication

1. Laura M Miller Tarrant County

Website

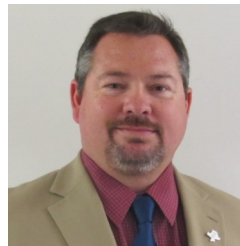
1. Erin Hensley Freestone County

Bound Book

1. Shane McLellan McLennan County
2. Whit H. Weems Erath County

Distinguished Service Award

Cullen D. Tittle
Brazos County



Cullen D. Tittle has served with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service for 21 years. His career began in August 1993 as an assistant agent in Wilbarger County and continued in Falls, Milam and Burleson Counties. Currently, he serves as County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources in Brazos County. During his career, he has developed educational programs addressing warm-and cool-season forage production; provided leadership in cotton, corn, sorghum and soybean cropping systems; worked with landowners to create a Wildlife Management Association and implemented effective supplemental food plot programs; established numerous brush/weed management trials and; worked closely with small ruminant producers. Regarding 4-H, Cullen emphasized 4-H is a family oriented program that is best managed by local volunteers. He assists adult volunteers in directing extremely active programs in shooting sports (rifle, air rifle, air pistol and archery), horse, livestock judging, and livestock exhibition utilizing youth and adult volunteers as program mentors and speakers during livestock camps, clinics and tours. Cullen's most rewarding moments have been seeing constituents, adult and youth, achieve their goals and realize their potential.

The first place winner in each category advances to NACAA Southern Region Competition. The top three regional finalist in each category go on to compete at the National level. NACAA recognizes all state winners as well as regional and national finalists at the Annual Communications Workshop and Awards at the Annual NACAA Professional Improvement Conference.

Communication Awards

To recognize NACAA members who excel in communication programs to clientele.

Audio Recordings

1. Allen Wade Hibler Burnet County
2. Michael R. Hiller Jackson County

Computer Generated Presentation

1. Dr. Brian L. Triplett Bowie County
2. Chaddick Caperton Madison County
3. Erin Hensley Freestone County

Program Promotional Piece

1. Ricky Thompson Ft. Bend County
2. Mark Arnold Ellis County
3. Paul Winski Harris County

Personal Column

1. Janet Laminack Denton County
2. Michael W Berry Comanche County
3. Chaddick Caperton Madison County

Newsletter, Individual

1. Caleb Eaton Ward County
2. Pasquale Swaner Coryell County
3. Michael Hiller Jackson County

Newsletter, Team

1. Pasquale Swaner Coryell County

Feature Story

1. Chaddick Caperton Madison County

Distinguished Service Award

Dwight Sexton
Gonzales County



Dwight Sexton has served Texas A&M AgriLife Extension for 16 years. He has served in Sulphur Springs and Gonzales counties. Throughout his career, he's demonstrated outstanding leadership in areas of winter forages, legumes, beef cattle and horticulture. He also excels in implementing strong 4-H leadership, livestock exhibiting and Master Gardener programs. He has received the Vice Chancellor's Award in Excellence for "H2O For You" Water Fair Educational Programs.

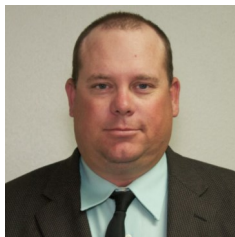
Achievement Award

The Achievement Award is presented annually by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents to County Agricultural Agents in each of the 50 states. The purpose of the award is to recognize and encourage excellence in the field of professional Extension for NCAAA members with less than ten years of service in AgriLife Extension Service.

All Achievement Award recipients will be honored at the NCAAA Annual meeting and Professional Improvement Conference held July 20-24 Mobile, Alabama

Achievement Award

Benji Henderson
Parmer County



Benji has worked to aid Parmer County producers through education on new technology and production practices to improve profitability and sustainability related to improved cotton varieties. The ultimate goal is to maintain cotton production as a viable agronomic production system in Parmer County. The Parmer Ag Committee has been a large part of the planning and implementation process in the cotton work with recommendations and planning out of meetings and demonstrations. The members of the Parmer County Ag Committee are all local producers within the county. Each of them either currently grow cotton or have grown cotton in the past years and are actively searching for information to help keep cotton as a viable option for themselves and other producers in the county. Additionally, there have been educational programs in silage production, vegetables, wheat production, corn production, stocker cattle, grain sorghum production and water use. Parmer County is one of the most diverse counties in the Texas Panhandle. There is significant production in vegetables such as black-eyed peas and green beans. In combination to cropping there are over 13 operating dairies and six large feedlot operations in the county. Many producers also run stocker cattle on wheat in the winter months. There have also been many diverse crops such as sesame and Swiss chard. As an example to this there have been numerous cotton variety trials, fly trapping demonstration in dairies, and moth trapping projects. Diversity in programming efforts have been key and working with key stake holders in the county to help maintain a relevant program which feeds the needs of many producers rather than focusing on only a few project areas. There is also a very active 4-H program in the county with youth exhibiting livestock projects, judging, horse shows, and actively pursuing many of the programs offered at the county, district, and state levels. Parmer County also has

Retirement Watches

To recognize retiring TCAAA members for the dedication, service, and leadership they have provided during their careers as County Extension Agents.

Eligible Retirees

NAME	COUNTY	YEARS	DATE
Jerry Kidd	Menard	27 years 1 month	12/31/13
Lynn Golden	Red River	29 years 7 months	1/31/14

Retirement Watch Sponsor

Fiber Max Cotton
Bayer Crop Science

Early Career Awards

Sponsored by the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association to recognize and encourage professional excellence for TCAAA member agents with less than five years of service.

<u>District</u>	<u>Name</u>
1	Katy White, Collingsworth County
2	Logan Newsom, Lamb County
3	Jerry Coplen, Knox County
4	Cody Maxwell, Fannin County
5	Jo Smith, Houston County
6	Parks Tucker, Martin County
7	Cody Bridges, Mason County
8	Ryan Collett, Hill County
9	Shane Jennings, Brazoria County
10	Brad Roeder, Gillespie County
11	Charles L Seely, Jr., Washington County
12	Oscar Galindo, Maverick County

Achievement Award

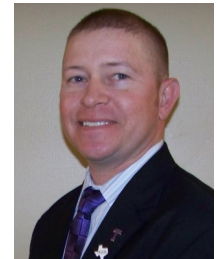
Lee Dudley
Panola County



Lee Dudley has been a County Extension Agent in Texas for eight years, serving in Limestone and Panola Counties. During that time, he has worked to build and oversee an effective, well-rounded Extension program including Beef Cattle, Forages, Natural Resources, 4-H & Youth Development, and Horticulture, conducting over 220 educational programs in those areas over that time. This award is a special symbol which justifies the countless long hours and days that he has worked on a regular basis to provide top notch educational programs for the cliental in his county. Lee would like to say thanks to his peers that have deemed him worthy of this great recognition.

Achievement Award

Zach Davis
Johnson County



Zach Davis began his career as County Extension Agent – 4-H in Johnson County in 2006, and has been serving Johnson County as Agriculture Agent since 2010. He works to build an effective, well-rounded Extension program including beef and forage management, new and small landowner education, and 4-H agriculture projects. Since 2010, outcome program efforts have garnered an attendance of 853 clients representing 71,065 acres of agricultural property with an estimated economic impact of \$745,195.

Achievement Award

Phoenix Rogers
Galveston County



Phoenix Rogers joined Extension in 2007 as the County Extension Agent for Agriculture/Natural Resources in Calhoun County and has served in Galveston County since 2009. Working with local producers and committees, Extension faculty, and other agencies, Phoenix has implemented programs addressing current and emerging issues for various topics, including livestock and forage production, watershed management, and 4-H livestock activities. Phoenix received her B.S. from New Mexico State University and her M.S. from Washington State University.

Achievement Award

Michael R. Hiller
Jackson County



Mike Hiller began his career as County Extension Agent in 2006. He provides leadership to diverse audiences including 4-H youth activities, beef & forage production, field crops & rice production, natural resources and a Master Gardener program. Mike uses bi-weekly radio programs, newsletters, news articles, result demonstrations and one on one consultation with producers to accomplish program results. The latest major accomplishment has been the establishment of the Annual Premium Bull and Replacement Female Sale.

Achievement Award

Jason Ott
Medina County



Jason Ott has served as a county extension agent for nine years; primarily in Medina County. On October 1, 2013 Jason transferred to his present position in Nueces County. Jason's primary focus has been on soil fertility and water conservation for row crop producers. Surveys valued the programs economic benefit to growers at \$12.17 per acre last year. Jason also served as 4-H Coordinator and was heavily involved in providing leadership and training to club managers, volunteers and youth. As an agent, Mr. Ott coordinated four annual prospect shows for the Medina County Fair Association. These shows generated over \$67,000 in revenue from out-of-county participants annually. As an advisory member on the county stock show board, Mr. Ott was able to guide them into managing their own youth auction. This allowed them to retain their own commission from the sale, eliminating \$50,000 in debt while continuing to allow them to make improvements to their infrastructure.