

TEXAS  
COUNTY AGRICULTURAL  
AGENTS ASSOCIATION



MAN OF THE YEAR  
BANQUET  
JULY 18, 2017

# Texas County Agriculture Agents Association

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District 12	Martha Ramirez
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Life Members	Joe Taylor

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<b>Michael Wilkes</b>	<b>District 1</b>	<b>Roberts County</b>
<b>Kimberly Benton</b>	<b>District 5</b>	<b>Cherokee County</b>
<b>Cooper Terrill</b>	<b>District 8</b>	<b>Williamson County</b>
<b>Paul Winski</b>	<b>District 9</b>	<b>Harris County</b>
<b>Kara Mathenev</b>	<b>District 11</b>	<b>Washington County</b>

**District 12**

**Andy Scott**

Andrew Wilson Scott Jr. was born in Fort Worth Texas to Andy and Mary Scott. Andy, as everyone here knows him, graduated with honors from Childress High School in 1966 where he lettered in track, football, and basketball and was named “Mr. CHS” his senior year. Andy was also very involved in the FFA and 4-H programs, where he won numerous honors including 4-H State Winner in Dog Care and Training.



**Man of the Year in Texas Agriculture  
Award & Recognition Banquet**

*Presiding*

Shane McLellan  
TCAAA President  
McLennan County

*Invocation*

After graduating from high school, Andy began his college career at Texas A&M University, where among many other things, he was a 3-year letterman in Rugby. Andy graduated, again with honors, in 1970, with a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture and then served for two years as Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Leonard Pike of the “1015” onion fame, working with onions, carrots, and cucumbers.

*Introductions of Guests*

Tommy Yeater  
TCAAA President—Elect  
Howard County

Andy joined Rio Farms Inc. in 1972 as a research staff horticulturist, where in less than two years, he would be promoted to Director of Research, a position he holds and enjoys today. In 1977, Andy earned his Master’s Degree in Horticulture from A&M while working and raising three children with his wife Pam. Andy has worked tirelessly for the agriculture industry of the Rio Grande Valley.

*Award Presentations*

Todd Williams  
Awards and Recognition  
Committee  
Rockwall County

Among his accomplishments, Andy has released several cotton, soybean, pea, and sugarcane varieties that are grown here successfully today. Andy’s contribution to agriculture goes way beyond the tried and true however, as much of his work has been directed toward the development of “new” crops for our area. Among these are Kenaf, tropically adapted soybeans, tropical legumes, blackberries, and even grapes.

*Closing Remarks*

Shane McLellan  
TCAAA President  
McLennan County

Andy has served his community both professionally and personally as well. Just to name a few, Andy has served as Past President of the Texas Vegetable Association, the Rio Grande Valley Hort. Society, and the All Valley Winter Vegetable Show. He also served on the Monte Alto School Board for 12 years, as well as having served as President to the Knapp Medical Center board of directors. He currently sits on the boards of the Engleman Irrigation District and the First United Methodist Church of Edcouch.

## District 2

### Steve Kennedy

Dr. Steve Kennedy is co-owner of Muleshoe Animal Clinic and Vet Supply. Dr. Kennedy is very well known throughout the cattle industry and is one of the most respected veterinarians in the country. Upon his graduation from West Texas A&M University, he became the Assistant County Extension Agent in Deaf Smith County. After completing two years in this position, he decided to return home to Olton and started a Stocker Cattle and Swine Operation.

While starting his new business, Steve became active in the livestock show industry. It was during this time that he fit the Grand Champion Steer at Denver, San Antonio, and Houston. Steve then made the decision to return to school and attended the Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine in College Station. After obtaining his degree, Dr. Kennedy moved back to Muleshoe and began his practice as a vet with Dr. Gleason and Dr. Cowart at Muleshoe Animal Clinic.

Dr. Kennedy, has raised quality show cattle for over 25 years and has produced many champions. Steve has also been a strong supporter of the Extension and livestock show programs for countless years. Dr. Kennedy has judged numerous county, regional and state livestock stock shows and was instrumental in updating the classification process for steers where he has been an active classifier at major livestock shows. Even though his children are now grown, he continues to support and donate his time to the county show in Muleshoe, and to the Parmer County show where his grandchildren exhibit their livestock. He has been a prominent and sought after speaker at numerous show clinics, livestock health programs, and beef cattle programs in Texas and across the country. Dr. Kennedy's expertise is highly sought after by those involved in the livestock show program and animal production.

Steve and his wife Sherri currently reside in Muleshoe and have two children and five grandchildren. Steve is a very generous and humble Christian man. He would give the shirt off his back to help anyone at any time. District 2 is proud that he is our representative as our "Man of the Year" and a great friend.



## District 10

### Brian McCoy

Brian McCoy President and CEO McCoy's Building Supply was born in Galveston, Texas and graduated from Ball High School in 1972. He graduated from Texas Tech University in 1975 with a BBA in finance.

Brian married his high school sweetheart, Wetonnah Lane, in 1976, and they have two grown children, both married, and four grandchildren.

Brian has been actively involved with McCoy's from the age of 17. Yard hand, truck driver, floor sales, assistant store manager, store manager, merchandise manager, Vice President, Co-President and presently CEO and Chairman of the Board are all positions he has held during the past 45 years at McCoy's.

McCoy's Building Supply is privately-held by Brian's family and operates 87 locations in 5 states along with 2 Millwork facilities. The McCoy Team serves independent Home Builders, repair/remodel Contractors and project-oriented Do-It-Yourselfers as targeted customers.

Brian is also a partner in McCoy Remme Ranches, a cow-calf operation with land holdings in far West Texas. He serves as President of the Board of Directors of the Emmett & Miriam McCoy College of Business Administration Development Foundation at Texas State University. He also serves as Past President of the Board of the Lumbermen's Association of Texas and also is an active Board Member of Intimate Life Ministries.

Brian was selected for the Samaritan Center's Ethics in Business Award in Austin in 2003. The San Marcos Chamber of Commerce chose him as Business Person of the Year in 2004. In 2006 he was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus of the Rawls College of Business Administration, and in 2012 as a Distinguished Alumnus of Texas Tech University. Personal interests include reading, travel, swimming, and walking.



## District 8

### Adele Matula Uptmore

Adele Matula Uptmore was born at home in the community of Ross, Texas on New Years Day. She began school in Ross, then transferred to nearby St. Marys Catholic School, and graduated high school from West. As a sophomore in high school at West, Adele was asked to visit the many chamber of commerce in the area for Dub King, a sports and public relations director for Baylor and Texas A&M. Dub was an entrepreneur and recruited local talent, putting youth on platforms to open doors. Adele traveled from chamber of commerce, city to city speaking about agriculture and West, TX.



After high school Adele married Ted Uptmore and after college years at Texas A&M Ted and Adele moved to the 80 acre farm they live on today. A very proud Aggie, Adele always has an A&M flag flying physically and figuratively from the West Auction Barn. Ted and Adele have 5 children and 10 grandchildren. All 5 kids are involved in the family agricultural business they bought in 1980. 3 grandkids are involved in the family business.

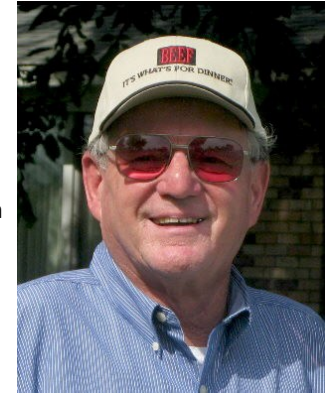
The Uptmore's have been involved in the Blackland Income Growth Conference since its inception 54 years ago. Adele continues to be actively involved as a committee member of the B.I.G. Beef Committee where she has served as chairman multiple times. Adele served on the Heart of Texas Fair Board over 40 years. She has been a member of the McLennan County Extension Executive Board/Leadership Advisory Board for 30 years, along with serving on the McLennan County Extension Beef and Forage Committee for 35 years. Adele host these program planning meetings at the café in the sale barn.

The Uptmore's have hosted over 80 educational beef cattle programs at West Auction including the Annual Extension Stocker Cattle Seminar in July. Adele has been recognized for her volunteerism and leadership many times over the years and she has not slowed down. Recently Adele was recognized as an Outstanding Extension Volunteer in Agriculture by her peer volunteers of McLennan County in 2016. District 8 is very proud to recognize Adele Uptmore as our 2017 Man of the Year.

## District 4

### Don Smith

Don Smith and his wife, Marilyn, are beef, dairy and hay producers in Hopkins County, Texas. Don graduated from Texas Tech University in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. His involvement with beef and dairy organizations, as well as community organizations has spanned decades. Don has served as president of the Texas Farm Bureau and Hopkins/Rains County Farm Bureau, on committees for the Texas Beef Council, the Task Force on Agricultural Development for Texas Governor Bill Clements, and the Texas A&M Congressional Internship Selection Committee. He is a past director of the Texas Association of Dairymen and served as president for three years, in addition to serving as a director of the Southwest Dairy Museum.



Along with all of these roles, Don always finds time for grassroots efforts in Hopkins and surrounding counties, and has been instrumental in the planning and developing of educational agricultural awareness programs in the community. Don and Hopkins-Rains Farm Bureau in cooperation with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension conduct the Hopkins, Delta, Franklin and Rains County Ag in the Classroom educational event, with more than 1,000 4th grade students exposed to agricultural education annually. Don currently serves as active member of the Hopkins County Extension Leadership Advisory Board as an Agricultural Representative. He was a key beef producer in the creation of the Northeast Texas Beef Improvement Organization and he is an active contributor to the multiple preconditioning cattle sales held each year. In 1972 and again in 2002, Don received the Hopkins County "Agriculturalist of the Year" award from the chamber of commerce for his efforts in promoting agriculture in Hopkins County. He also was Hopkins County Extension Service's Outstanding Beef Producer in 1995 and Outstanding Dairy Producer in 1998. Don and Marilyn can be found at most any local event supporting youth in Hopkins County, and they continue to support the Hopkins County 4-H program. Don and Marilyn are members of First Baptist Church and Don is a deacon.

## District 6

### Bill Wight



Bill Wight is a fourth-generation rancher whose family has roots in the Permian Basin going back to the late 1800's. Bill has a commercial cow-calf and stocker operation headquartered in Odessa that operates in several surrounding counties. He is also a partner in YT Ranch, the family's ranching operation. He has two children and four grandchildren.

Bill is a lifelong supporter and advocate for the ranching industry and for conservation. He serves on the Texas Beef Council and the Beef Promotion Research Council of Texas. He represents the BPRC on the US Meat Export Federation. He is Chairman of the Sandhills Soil & Water Conservation District. Sandhills SWCD puts on an annual Ranch Field Day for local middle school science students at the YT Ranch. Bill also represents Ector County on the local FSA County Committee. He has supported the Odessa Kids, Kows and More Program since it started. He is active in both the Texas Farm Bureau and the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. He serves as president of the Midland County Farm Bureau, and is on the TSCRA wildlife committee. He has helped with the SandHills Stock Show and Rodeo for many years, serving as steer show chairman, treasurer and president. He also is active in his church and the Odessa Gideon camp, serving as treasurer for both.

## District 6

### Allan Fuchs



A native of St. Lawrence, Texas and Glasscock County 4-H alumnus, Allan Fuchs has been a life-long supporter and cooperator of Extension.

After graduating from Garden City High school in 1996 Allan went on to College Station where he graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in Ag Systems Management in 2000. While attending A&M, Allan also married his wife of 18 years, Kristy. Together they have 3 wonderful kids, Claire, Evan, and Saddle.

Upon graduation from A&M, Allan returned home and promptly began raising cotton on a 240 acre farm that he had rented. His operation has grown over the years as well as his love for farming.

Allan has always been involved with Extension from his early days of 4-H Entomology where he was a State Finalist at State 4-H Roundup. To the past 11 years that he has spent on the Glasscock, Reagan, Upton IPM Steering Committee. He has been president of the steering committee for the past 7 years. He also serves as a board member on the Glasscock County Junior Livestock Association. Allan has also spent the past 11 years on the St. Lawrence Cotton Growers Association, 7 years as President. Since Allan began farming 17 years ago, he has donated his time, equipment, etc... to put in 8 result demonstrations plus he and his brother Michael have put another one in this year.

As president of the St. Lawrence Cotton Growers and the IPM Steering Comm. Allan is the MC for the Annual Tri-County Crops Tour held each fall.

Aside from Extension programs, He has spent 11 years on the St. Lawrence Volunteer Fire Department, 13 years on the Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District where he is currently the Vice-President and donates countless hours to the St. Lawrence Catholic Church.

Allan and his wife Kristy currently reside on their farm in St. Lawrence where they raise Cotton, Corn, Grain Sorghum, Wheat and their 3 kids.