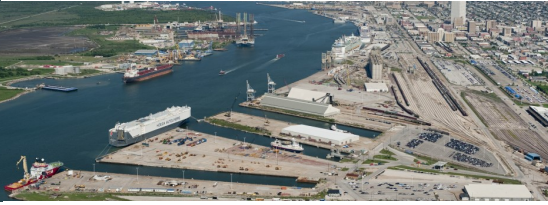
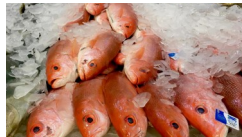




# MAN OF THE YEAR BANQUET JULY 30, 2019



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TEXAS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL  
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# MAN OF THE YEAR IN TEXAS AGRICULTURE AWARD & RECOGNITION BANQUET, 2019 AGENDA

Presiding	Brian Triplett TCAAA President Red River County
Invocation	Janet Laminack County Extension Agent - Horticulture Denton County
Introduction of Guests	Phoenix Rogers TCAAA President Elect Galveston County
Award Presentations	Tommy Phillips Awards & Recognition Committee Van Zandt County
Closing Remarks	Brian Triplett TCAAA President Red River County

## MAN OF THE YEAR IN TEXAS AGRICULTURE

The “Man of the Year in Texas Agriculture” Awards program has been proudly sponsored by the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association since 1962. The members, directors, and officers of the TCAAA are privileged to bestow this award to a small number of individuals in recognition of their outstanding leadership in agriculture, agribusiness and their support of educational program efforts of the County Extension Agents of Texas. Their unselfish service has contributed to improving the economic well-being and quality of life in their community, our state and our nation.

## MAN OF THE YEAR IN TEXAS AGRICULTURE AWARD PAST DECADE OF RECIPIENTS

### 2009

David Gibson, D-2  
Phil Sadler, D-4  
Guy Patrick “Pat” Peacock, D-6  
Mike McCravey, D-8  
Alfred “Mac” Gilliant, D-10  
Michael Kuck, D-10  
Dale Murden, D-12

### 2010

Levon Harman, D-1  
Gerald Hobson, D-3  
Albert Thompson, D-5  
Allen McGinty, D-7  
Jack Wendt, D-9  
Gerald Eckel, D-11  
Mike Petter, D-12

### 2011

Giles W. Dalby, D-2  
Larry Pratt, D-3  
Brian Cummings, D-4  
Ronnie Keith Wood, D-6  
Jim Farley, D-8  
Edward Meier, D-10  
Robert Fulbright, D-12

### 2012

Warren Chisum, D-1  
Dan Taylor, D-2  
Greg Tyra, D-3  
Dr. Jesse Richardson, D-5  
Clay Jones, D-7  
John Geisenshlag, D-9  
W. James Grichar, D-11

## MAN OF THE YEAR IN TEXAS AGRICULTURE AWARD PAST DECADE OF RECIPIENTS (CONT'D)

### 2013

Mark Marley, D-2  
Charles Snowden, D-4  
Mike Hill, D-6  
Perce Miller, D-7  
Dr. Dan E McBride, DVM, D-7  
Neil Walter, D-8  
Charles Willman, D-10  
Ray Prewett, D-12

### 2015

Otis Johnson, D-2  
Jack LeClair, D-4  
Dr. R. Mikel Lemons, D-6  
Rodney Schronk, D-8  
Gary Dickenson, D-10  
Haskell Simon, D-11  
Juan Martinez, D-12

### 2017

Dr. Steve Kennedy, D-2  
Don Smith, D-4  
Bill Wight, D-6  
Allan Fuchs, D-6  
Adele Matula Uptmore, D-8  
Brian McCoy, D-10  
Andy Scott, D-12

### 2014

Harold Grall, D-1  
Van Baise, D-3  
Mark Chamblee, D-5  
Dr. Dale Perritt, D-5  
Toni Carter Spencer, D-9  
Rep. Lois Kolkhorst, D-11

### 2016

Jodie Stockett, D-1  
Joe Tom White, D-3  
Ken Hale, D-5  
Dr. Kim Alexander, D-7  
Chris Duewall, D-8  
Jack Taylor, D-9  
William Ordner, D-11

### 2018

Keith Boone, D-1  
Donnell Brown, D-3  
Craig McCallum, D-4  
Darren Rozell, D-5  
Ralph Porter, D-7  
Kelley Sullivan, D-9  
Donnie Dippel, D-11

## MAN OF THE YEAR IN TEXAS AGRICULTURE AWARD EXTENSION DISTRICT 9 PAST RECIPIENTS

1962	M. Steele Wright	Nacogdoches
1964	Clyde Small	Jacksonville
1966	F. S. Hill	Fairfield
1968	Eugene Weatherly	Nacogdoches
1970	Rowle Buckner Thomason	Huntsville
1972	Joe Richards	Fairfield
1974	Jake Capreilian	Crockett
1976	C. D. Roberts	Trinity
1978	E. R. Wagoner	Lufkin
1980	Jerry Nichols	Nacogdoches
1982	Raymond Moore	Lufkin
1984	C. B. Richard	San Augustine
1986	Jerry Clark	Jasper
1988	Hon. Joel Ned Dean	Trinity
1990	Jim McAdams	Walker
1992	Bobby R. (Bob) Currie	Houston
1994	Don R. Jordan	Harris
1996	Jacko Garrett	Brazoria
1998	Robert Bruner	Walker
2000	Bill Goldsmith	Harris
2002	Bill Dishman	Beaumont
2004	Talmadge Heflin	Harris
2006	Frank Greenway	Brazoria
2007	Mike Doguet	Jefferson
2008	Jim McCord	Brazos
2010	Jack Wendt	Fort Bend
2012	John Geisenshlag	Burelson
2014	Toni Carter Spencer	Chambers
2016	Jack Taylor	Brazoria
2018	Kelley Sullivan	Houston

## DISTRICT 2 BARRY EVANS

Barry Evans is a cotton producer and industry leader from Kress, TX. Barry has supported Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in Swisher County for over 30 years, by hosting field days, serving on the agriculture PAC, and conducting trial work in cotton and grain sorghum. Evans farms nearly 4,000 acres in Swisher County.

He has been deeply involved in cotton and other agricultural organizations for many years. He is currently the Secretary/Treasurer of the National Cotton Council, and has also served as Texas state chairman of the American Cotton Producers, as president of the Cotton Foundation, and as a member of The Cotton Board.



He is a past president of Plains Cotton Growers and currently sits on the Plains Cotton Improvement Program committee. He is also a past chairman of the Northern High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Program Advisory Committee.

Also, Barry is active with the Texas Alliance for Water Conservation and the Swisher County Farm Bureau. He is a graduate of the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Program. In 2016 he was awarded the Cotton Achievement Award, by *Cotton Grower Magazine*. In 2019, Barry served as the agriculture group leader for the Swisher County TCF.

Barry is now joined in his farming operation by son, Eric Evans. Without Barry's willingness to give ideas, cutting edge trials and field days would not be possible in Swisher County. He is a very humble man who has used his experience to better the cotton industry in Swisher County, as well as the nation.

## DISTRICT 4

### AARON SANDERS

Aaron Sanders has loved agriculture since he was 9 years old and began raising and showing animals through Hopkins County 4-H. His first project was poultry and was told by his mom that this project would not happen again.....nasty and stinky; so after this Aaron began to show sheep and pigs. As he got into high school he focused on sheep and exhibited his projects all over the state of Texas and into Louisiana and Oklahoma, as a member of the Texas Club Lamb Association.

Aaron attended East Texas State University in Commerce and graduated with a degree in Agriculture. Upon graduation he went to work for the Southwest Dairy Farmers as a Mobile Dairy Classroom Instructor. He still travels all across East and Southeast Texas teaching young people about the importance of milk in our diets and how that milk is produced for them.

Besides his position with the Southwest Dairy Farmers, Aaron is the manager of the Helm Ranch facility in Talco, Texas. The ranch is several hundred acres where beef cattle and hay are raised. He is currently president of the school board at Mt. Vernon I.S.D. and is a deacon at First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon. He is helped and supported in all of these endeavors by his wife Jamie, son Ty and daughters Sydney and Calley.





## DISTRICT 6 FRED CHANEY

Fred Chaney truly has a passion for serving others. In the spring of 2018 he went to Glasscock County Office and spoke to CEA Cody Trimble about coaching the shotgun shooting sports team. Initially he just wanted help coach, but when Cody was in need of leaders to get the program started, Fred stepped up and said he would lead shotgun activities. At the time, the county needed a shotgun range to be built so 4-H'ers could practice. Fred immediately went to work making designs that would meet specifications for a competitive trap/skeet shooting range, along with getting estimates on costs. Working with volunteers that were clearing and preparing the land, Fred spent hours each day at the future range site making sure everything was perfect.



As the program continued to seek financial backing to build the range, Fred joined Cody in a meeting with the County Commissioner's Court to discuss what was needed. It was Fred's passion, assurance he would lead and coach the teams, and preparedness that led to the Commissioner's Court deciding to use \$45,000 of the county budget to build a brand new range.

Fred went to work with the contractor, providing information needed to build the range. Out on the range daily, Fred worked with builders to ensure everything was done to perfection. He dealt with flooding, bad weather, and many setbacks, but after 5 months the range was built and ready to use.

Fred volunteered to lead the safety trainings, preparing kids to use the range in a safe and responsible manner. For those unable to make it to safety meetings, Fred took his afternoons to train them so they too could be part of the team. He dedicated his Sunday afternoons to practices, working with each age group individually, meaning he was at practices every Sunday from 2 to 5 in the afternoon. Beyond that, he was willing to meet with 4-H'ers on weekday afternoons who wanted to get more practice in. He has never turned a kid back or said he was too busy or tired to work with them.

Even though this would have been more than enough effort, Fred wanted to do more. On his own dime, he started attending trainings on how to be a better coach and work with young people. He also traveled the state gathering equipment, shells, targets, and anything else needed for the program.

Without Fred Chaney there would not be a shooting sports program in Glasscock County. A role model to 4-H'ers, and the entire county, Fred's relentless work ethic, passion for serving others, and encouraging attitude has been an inspiration to everybody who spends time with him.

## DISTRICT 8 STEVE BEAKLEY

Steven Beakley, owner and co-owner of Beakley Farms in Bardwell, Texas has a long history of involvement in North Central Texas Agriculture and Texas AgriLife Extension. He and his family have run a diversified farming operation for over 26 years, growing cotton, corn, wheat, sunflowers, hay, cattle and anything else he felt might work in the North Central Blacklands. His father, Bob Beakley has been a long time Extension supporter, having been recognized as “Man of the Year” in Texas Agriculture by TCAAA in 1997.

Steve has been involved in Extension programming at the local, regional and state level serving in leadership roles in the Crops PAC, LAB and Blackland Income Growth (B.I.G.) planning committees. He serves and has served on numerous state and national commodity steering and advisory boards such as Boll Weevil Eradication, Lone Star Land Bank and having been recognized by the National Cotton Council as “High Cotton Award Winner.”

Not only is Steve a leader, but more importantly, he and his family are innovators and early adopters. Through local and state Result Demonstrations and Applied Research Trials, new technologies, products, crops and cropping systems have been adopted by area growers with Steve having been the driving force and the one to show, “Yes, this will and can work”.

Steve and his wife Amber have two daughters, Audrey, who will attend Texas Tech in the fall, and Mattie, a Junior at Ennis High School.



## DISTRICT 9 ROBERT A. "BOBBY" LANE

Those who know Dr. Robert A. "Bobby" Lane unanimously indicate the value he has provided as an educator, mentor, resource, and friend. Dr. Lane has 39 years of professional experience in his field currently serving as Professor of Soil and Crop Sciences at Sam Houston State University.

Dr. Lane's professional efforts have supported development of students and provided scientifically researched educational data which is widely recognized. He has presented agricultural research findings as a genuine scholarly authority at local, regional, state, national and international venues. These efforts continue furthering the shared educational knowledge base of the world.



Within the Agricultural Science and Engineering Technology Department at SHSU, Dr. Lane is widely recognized for his ability and innovation inside the classroom. Dr. Lane believes in the value of real-world education and commonly initiates field trips allowing future agriculturists to participate with hands-on experiences not easily demonstrated within the walls of a traditional classroom.

Being a proponent of real-world agricultural education predisposes Dr. Lane to support and function exceptionally well with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension educational efforts. Matching the founding concepts of Extension education, he frequently utilizes cooperative Result Demonstration and test plots as a means of education, which often include field days to showcase the results.

Dr. Lane's involvement in agricultural and natural resource education allow him to serve in aspects benefiting his community and region. He is skilled at working with 4-H youth, agricultural producers, Master Gardeners, and the general public. He serves locally on the Leadership Advisory Board and Livestock & Pasture Committee in Walker County, where he supports and assists program development and direction of local Extension Agents.

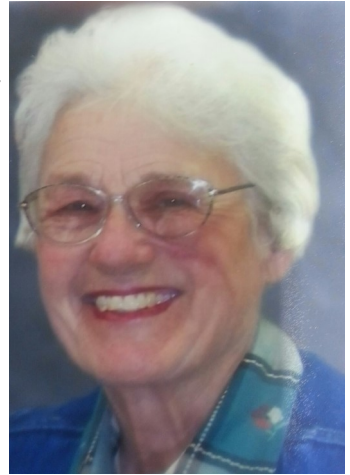
Dr. "Bobby" Lane is a valuable resource for educational events as evidenced by repeat presentations for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in numerous counties and across district lines. This value is demonstrated as he serves as a reliable expert within his many areas of subject knowledge. He is capable of thoroughly discussing subjects based on personal knowledge ranging from agricultural education, agricultural economics, animal science, soil science, and agronomy.

Bobby Lane has served as an immensely positive leader and resource for many educational efforts, events, activities, and organizations benefiting from his involvement. Dr. Robert A. Lane is a true friend of Texas County Extension Agents and Texas agriculture.

## DISTRICT 10

### BARBARA MANSFIELD MAZUREK

Barbara Mansfield Mazurek was born the eldest of 3 daughters to parents who farmed and ranched in Bandera County. At an early age she overheard her father tell her mother, “you take the two youngest girls and teach them how to sew, cook, etc., and I’ll take Barbara and teach her how to run this ranch,” and he did. She is a graduate of Texas Women’s University and a retired teacher/coach of 38 years. In 1991, Barbara received the “All Star Track Coach Award” for 3A Schools. Held annually to this date, she established the Bandera Little Olympics. She and her husband of 34 years were proud parents of two sons and a daughter.



Barbara and her husband farmed and ranched, raising sheep, goats, cattle, and even a registered swine operation. After the loss of her husband in a farm machinery accident in 1993 and retirement from teaching in 1995, Barbara operated a seed oat business for 10 years. Today, she continues to raise sheep, goats, and cattle.

Barbara Mazurek has been a member of Bandera Co. Farm Bureau for 59 years, where she served as Vice President for one year and became board President in 1995, serving in that capacity for over 20 years. Mrs. Mazurek has served on the State Sheep and Goat committee and the Beef Cattle committee as well. She was active in helping start the first Ag in the Classroom Field Day for Bandera Co. in 1994. Annually, Barbara ensures the local food pantry is filled with items received from the food check out drive.

Barbara has been a Bandera Co. Stock Show Director for 45 years and was awarded the prestigious Alton Reininger stock show award in 1991. She served as a 4-H swine project leader for 14 years, was awarded the 1988 outstanding adult leader for Bandera Co. and received the Honorary FFA County award. She is President of the Bandera Co. Wildlife & Livestock Association, serving on the Board for over 20 years. Mrs. Mazurek is Secretary of the Bandera Co. Farmers & Ranchman Association and Director for 21 years. She contributed 10 years to the Hill Co. Boer Breeders and was the President for over 4 years.

She was featured in the “American Farmer” book and Heart of the Country photographs by Paul Mobley as well as featured on “Farm Her” on RFD-TV in 2016. These honors are given to a woman with strong agricultural character who make a difference in their community.

The years of service that Barbara Mansfield Mazurek has given to her family, community, County and State are evidence of her true Pioneer Character. Barbara’s tremendous influence on the lives she has touched and to the organizations she has worked with are worthy traits for being named “Man of the Year” for District 10 TCAAA.

## DISTRICT 12 BILL SLOMCHINSKI

The District 12 Texas County Agriculture Agents Association of Texas is proud to present it's Man of the Year for 2019 Mr. Bill Slomchinski. Bill is known for his involvement in the peanut and cattle Industry in Texas. Bill farms peanuts and cotton and runs a cow calf operation with his son Brett. Bill has been active with several extension program areas for over forty years including the Atascosa Peanut Growers Association and know the South Texas Peanut Growers Association. Bill is also active with the Atascosa Club Calf Breeders Association, hosting sale meetings, sale viewings, and other activities at his home. Bill has hosted several result demonstrations on his local farm with the most recent ones being a peanut herbicide trial, small grains and prickly pear trial. Bill has also hosted producers field days on his farm showcasing the results of the trials.



For many years Bill served as an educator at the Ag Fair where he presented peanut production for 4<sup>th</sup> grade student's across Atascosa County. Additionally Bill loves working with young folks and their beef cattle projects, making sure they have quality animals for a fair price.

Bill serves as a directors for the Texas Peanut Producers Board and represents the producers from the southern part of the state with a strong voice and willingness to make a difference in peanut production in Texas. Bill has had the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. with Texas Farm Bureau and represent the Peanut Producers of Texas.

Most recently Bill and his son Brett were honored by winning the Texas Farm Credit National video Contest were they received \$10,000.00 to donate to the charity of their choice. Bill is a great example of a man who loves agriculture, youth and extension educational programs

Bill is supported in all his endeavors by his wife Gail, two children, and two beautiful grandchildren.

It is an honor for District 12 to recognize Bill Slomchinski as the 2019 Man of the Year.

# TEXAS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENTS ASSOCIATION 2019 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Distinguished Service Award (DSA) is presented annually by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA) to Extension Agents in each of the 50 states. Recognizing only 2% of members annually, the DSA is the highest award that a County Extension Agent can receive from NACAA.

Recipients are selected by their district peers based upon outstanding professional growth, program effectiveness, leadership, loyalty to Extension work, and community involvement. Recipients must have 10 years or more of outstanding Extension service and have been a NACAA and TCAAA member.

All Distinguished Service Award recipients will be honored at the NACAA Annual Meeting & Professional Improvement Conference to be held September 8-12, 2019 in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

## **2019 DSA Recipients**

Jody Bradford	District 1	Carson County
Dr. Brian Triplett	District 4	Red River County
Jamie Sugg	District 5	Rusk County
Steve Estes	District 7	Jones County
Virginia Easton Smith	District 11	Aransas County

# TEXAS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENTS ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Achievement Award (AA) is presented annually by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA) to Extension Agents in each of the 50 states. Awarded to only 2% of members annually, the Achievement Award recognizes Extension Agents with less than 10 years of service for their outstanding professional growth and contribution to Extension.

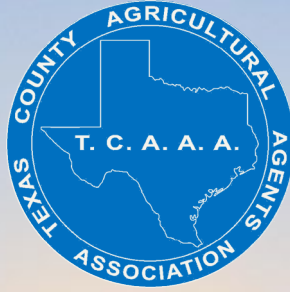
Achievement Award Recipients have demonstrated excellence in the field of professional Extension and have been a NACAA and TCAAA member for less than 10 years.

All Achievement Award recipients will be honored at the NACAA Annual Meeting & Professional Improvement Conference to be held September 8-12, 2019 in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

## **2019 AA Recipients**

Gary Roschetzky	District 2	Dawson County
Robert Ferguson	District 8	Coryell County
Roy Flora	District 9	Liberty County
Bobby McCool	District 11	San Patricio County





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