

YF&R ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Austin and Chelsea Sage | District 1 | Texline

Austin and Chelsea Sage farm in the Texas Panhandle. They grow corn, seed wheat, wheat and hay. They also run cattle on wheat pasture in the winter. Austin serves as vice president of the Dallam County Farm Bureau board of directors, and he also has a custom farming business. They have two daughters: Brennan and Bristol.



Joshua and Lexi Bell | District 2 | Plains

Joshua and Lexi Bell farm in Yoakum County. They grow peanuts, watermelons and dryland and irrigated cotton. Lexi is an educator for Denver City ISD. The Bells are active in their church and community. Joshua is a Yoakum County Farm Bureau board member and participated in AgLead XII. They have three children: Lana, Libby and Jordy.



Scott and Sara Holloway | District 3 | Bowie

Scott and Sara Holloway are dedicated to agriculture, their community and family through their careers and volunteer efforts. Scott is a sales representative for Alltech, an animal nutrition company. Sara is a mixed animal veterinarian at Cross Timbers Veterinary Hospital in Bowie. The Holloways also make time to manage their cow-calf operation and grow coastal hay outside of their day jobs. They have two children: Coleman and Charley Jane.



Clint and Angela Rutledge | District 4 | Prosper

Clint and Angela Rutledge farm and ranch in Grayson and Collin counties. They grow corn, wheat and soybeans. They also raise replacement heifers and have a cow-calf operation. Clint serves as vice president on the Grayson County Farm Bureau board of directors and is a board member of their church. Angela is an online teacher for Texas Virtual Academy. They have two daughters: Karsyn and Rylan.



Wade Jensen | District 5 | Bullard

Wade Jensen manages his family's cow-calf operation in East Texas. They raise Brahman and Angus-cross replacement heifers, as well as commercial Angus bulls. In addition, Wade raises Blue Lacy dogs and does seasonal custom agricultural work.



Marcus and Amy Halfmann | District 6 | Garden City

Marcus and Amy Halfmann grow cotton, wheat and hay in Midland County. They also raise cattle, and Marcus has a custom farm business and uses cotton burrs, or gin trash, to create his own compost. Amy is a dietitian and consults with individuals, as well as local nursing homes and a head start program. The Halfmanns have a son, Byler; daughter, Blakley; and they are expecting a third child.



Justin and Lindsay Hannsz | District 7 | Stephenville

Justin and Lindsay Hannsz ranch in Erath County where they run a commercial Red Angus cow-calf operation. They also operate in Haskell County where they run cows and stockers and grow cotton and wheat. Justin uses intensive rotational grazing and other land management practices, such as mechanical brush control and grass planting, to increase carrying capacity and improve overall land health. Justin serves on the Erath County Farm Bureau board. They have two boys: J. and Brazos.



Ryan and Santanna Bay | District 8 | Gatesville

Ryan and Santanna Bay grow pecans in Coryell County. They also custom manage and custom harvest pecans in orchards in the surrounding counties. The Bays run a custom pecan cracking and shelling business for the public. They also co-manage their family's feed and farm supply store. The couple serves on the Coryell County Farm Bureau board of directors and have since 2009. They have two boys: Greyson and Graham.



Braden McInnis | District 9 | Montalba

Braden McInnis grows corn, wheat, sorghum and soybeans in several East Texas counties. He first started farming with his father and grandfather and is now the sole operator of McInnis Farms. He also helps with the Ag Days hosted by the Anderson County Farm Bureau for elementary students in the surrounding areas.



Wade and Raegan Lowry | District 10 | Bulverde

Wade and Raegan Lowry raise their family in Bulverde and their livestock in South Texas. The Lowrys ranch in Live Oak County and raise grassfed steers for butcher stores and their website. They also are in partnership with their family in La Salle, Nueces and Live Oak counties, raising a Brangus cow-calf operation. The couple also owns a leather hunting apparel brand, Two Dove Outdoors. Wade serves as vice president of the Comal County Farm Bureau. The couple has three kids: Whitt, Dylan and Layne.



Colt Christian | District 11 | Huntsville

Colt Christian is a sixth generation farmer and rancher in Huntsville. He raises crossbred cattle, hay and timber. He also owns a catering business and a proprietary rental company. He serves as the Walker County Farm Bureau president and as the vice president of the Walker County Fair Association. He attended Sam Houston State University and received his bachelor's degree in Agriculture Business and a master's degree in Agriculture.



Matthew and Jessica Hanslik | District 12 | Hallettsville

Matt and Jessica Hanslik have a cow-calf operation and raise purebred Charolais bulls in Hallettsville. They are part owners of an all-natural fertilizer company, grow corn and hay and also raise cattle through a family partnership. The fertilizer company recycles dry poultry litter from a shell egg facility and provides custom application for farms and ranches. Jessica is a regional sales manager for Cal-Maine Foods, the largest shell egg producer in the nation. The couple has one daughter, Blakely.



Chris and Laura Sparks | District 13 | Harlingen

Chris and Laura Sparks grow cotton, grain sorghum, corn and sesame in Cameron and Hidalgo counties in the Rio Grande Valley. The Sparks also own and operate Briggs-Coleman Seed Co., a Pioneer seed dealership, and a small commercial cow-calf operation. Chris serves on the Cameron County Farm Bureau and Farm Service Agency boards of directors. The couple has one son, Jack.



Chandler and Jenna Bowers | Ex Officio | Groom

Chandler and Jenna Bowers grow corn, wheat, grain sorghum, cotton, hay and cattle in Carson County. The couple represents Texas on the national Young Farmer & Rancher Committee, where they provide support in planning and implementing leadership conferences, agricultural advocacy efforts and help in legislative efforts. They have two children: Anleigh and Hadleigh.