

# 2018 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 Dallam County Farm Bureau, 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 manage their cow-calf operation and grow coastal hay in Montague County. Scott is also a sales representative for Alltech, and Sara is a mixed animal veterinarian at Cross Timbers Veterinary Hospital. Sara serves as vice chairman of TFB's YF&R Advisory Committee, and Scott is vice president of Montague County Farm Bureau. 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 of Grayson County Farm Bureau 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 where 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 farming 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 two sons, Byler and Brance, and one daughter, Blakley.



**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, as well as grow cotton and wheat. Justin serves on the Erath County Farm Bureau board. They have two boys, J. and Brazos, and a daughter on the way.



**Ryan and Santanna Bay** | [District 8](#) | [Gatesville](#)

Ryan and Santanna Bay grow pecans in Coryell County, and they also custom harvest pecans in the surrounding counties. The Bays run a custom pecan cracking and shelling business for the public and 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 and Jordan McInnis** | [District 9](#) | [Montalba](#)

Braden and Jordan McInnis grow corn, wheat, sorghum and soybeans in several East Texas counties. They also raise commercial cattle. Braden first started farming with his father and grandfather and is now the sole operator of McInnis Farms, and Jordan is a high school agricultural science teacher in Elkhart.



**Cody and Melody Kneupper** | [District 10](#) | [Kendalia](#)

Cody and Melody raise cattle, sheep, goats and exotic wildlife on their Kendall County ranch. They also do custom hay baling, as well as own and operate two skid steers for clearing brush. Melody helps Cody on the ranch, is a full-time mom and is a presenter for Texas Farm Bureau's Planting the Seed program in the San Antonio and Hill Country area. They have two daughters: Rosalinn and Lillian.



**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. Colt serves as the chairman of TFB's YF&R Advisory Committee. He is also president of Walker County Farm Bureau and vice president of the Walker County Fair Association.



**Darren Fey** | [District 12](#) | [La Vernia](#)

As part of Fey Farms, Darren Fey manages a herd of commercial Brangus cattle and does custom hay work. He also owns and manages an equipment trading business. Darren serves on the Wilson County Farm Bureau board of directors and is an active member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and the Texas A&M Association of Former Students. He is also an adult leader of Wilson County 4-H.



**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.