

2019 YF&R ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Jesse and Karri Wieners | District 1 | Groom

Jesse and Karri Wieners grow cotton, wheat, sorghum, alfalfa, wine grapes and produce in Carson, Gray and Donley counties. They custom farm and own a custom baling business. Karri also has a photography business. They have four children: Kinzee, Eli, Ava and Josie Kate.



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 also participated in AgLead XII. They have three children: Lana, Libby and Jordy.



Austen and Rachel White | District 3 | Vernon

Austen and Rachel White raise cattle and grow wheat and cotton in Wilbarger County with Austen's family. They also have a small hay operation. They have one daughter: Macy 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. Angela is an online teacher for Texas Online Preparatory School. They have two daughters: Karsyn and Rylan.



Garren and Shannon Bellis | District 5 | Grand Saline

Garren and Shannon Bellis live in Van Zandt County. Garren serves as the ranch manager of Gabriel Ranch, an Angus seedstock operation. Shannon owns and operates BovaTrac International, a company that works on genetic analysis for commercial and crossbred cattlemen. They also raise a small herd of Angus cattle. The couple has two sons: Beau and Kaeden.



Slayton and Abby Hoelscher | District 6 | San Angelo

Slayton and Abby Hoelscher grow cotton, corn and wheat in Tom Green County. They practice minimal till and no-till to help conserve biological activity and reduce erosion. They also own land in other counties that they lease for farming and hunting. Abby is a marketing manager at Mueller Metals, LLC and Spring Creek Products.



Eric and Alisha Schwertner | District 7 | Miles

Eric and Alisha Schwertner farm and ranch in Runnels County. Their operation consists of cotton, corn, sorghum and wheat. They also grow hay for their cow-calf herd, and Eric runs a custom harvest crew in East Texas. Alisha is also a product manager for Agrian, a farm data software company. They have twin boys: Lane and Caleb.



Travis and Kaylin Isbell | District 8 | Florence

Travis and Kaylin Isbell raise commercial cows and dorper sheep. They also manage two other local cow herds and grow winter oats and Sudan grass for hay production. They market their cattle direct to a local feeder calf buyer. Kaylin is also an independent Matilda Jane Trunk Keeper. They have two children: Trigg and Kyndall.



Cody and Madisyn Berry | District 9 | Huntington

Cody and Madisyn Berry have a small timber operation and farm in Angelina County. Cody is an agricultural science teacher at Hudson ISD and manages a small business that consists of contract mowing. They have one child and one on the way.



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 and is a full-time mom. They have two daughters: Rosalinn and Lillian.



Ben and Jessica Rumbaugh | District 11 | El Campo

Ben and Jessica Rumbaugh have a cow-calf operation and are certified with the American Grassfed Association. They sell their beef online and direct to consumers. They grow wheat, corn, soybeans, rice and hay. Jessica is also a licensed real estate broker and owns Texas Land and Home Real Estate. They have two children: Kai and Bailey.



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. He is also an adult leader of Wilson County 4-H.



Clayton and Michelle Martin | District 13 | McAllen

Clayton and Michelle Martin farm in Hidalgo County. They grow leafy greens and bulb vegetables such as mustards, cilantro, methi leaf and kohlrabi. They also grow corn. Clayton is a sales representative for Helena Agri-Enterprises, and Michelle owns and operates an agricultural magazine. They have one son: Knox.