

AgLead-FarmLead 2019-2020



Kristin Anderson | Buda | Hays County

Kristin Anderson is an Indiana native and AgriEdge Specialist for Syngenta Global. In this role, she works with farmers and ranchers across South and East Texas on agronomic recommendations, crop plans and product training, as well as assisting with analytics to support farm management decisions. Anderson is a graduate of the University of Tampa.



John Evans | Little River | Bell County

John Evans is a fifth-generation farmer. Evans raises cattle, corn, cotton, oats and wheat on the farm that's been in his family for more than 150 years. Evans also sells and services precision agriculture equipment. The Texas A&M University graduate and his wife, Erica, have three children.



Steve Evans | Coleman | Coleman County

Steve Evans and his wife, Barbara, run a commercial Angus cow-calf operation in Coleman County. They also cultivate land for grazing and hay production. The couple has two adult children. Evans is a Texas A&M University graduate.



Meagan Ezzell | Nacogdoches | Nacogdoches County

Meagan Ezzell is an agricultural science teacher and FFA advisor at Central Heights High School. in Nacogdoches. The Stephen F. Austin graduate and her husband, Jerry, are homebrewers and beekeepers. The couple has two children.



Kacy Frazier | Chapman Ranch | Nueces County

Kacy Frazier grows primarily cotton, grain sorghum and corn in Nueces and San Patricio counties with her husband, Scott. They also run a commercial cow-calf operation and raise registered Brahman, Hereford and Simbrah cattle. Frazier, who is a graduate of Corpus Christi State University, is also a crop insurance agent. The couple has one adult daughter and two grandsons.



Richard Fry | Bellville | Austin County

Richard Fry owns and operates a cow-calf operation in Austin and Leon counties. He also has a hay and forage operation. Fry and his wife, Carole, live in Bellville. They have two adult children.



Justin Hannsz | Stephenville | Earth County

Justin Hannsz and his wife, Lindsay, are partners in a 150-head Red Angus cow-calf operation on the Erath County ranch he manages. Hannsz also farms cotton and wheat and runs another cow-calf operation in Haskell County. He graduated from Tarleton State University, and they have three children.



Chase Holub | Blessing | Matagorda County

Chase Holub raises primarily catfish, hybrid striped bass, red fish and shrimp on 234 water acres for both food and recreational fishing stock. He is a graduate of Wharton County Junior College. Holub and his wife, Meredith, live in Matagorda County and have two children.



Jim Hudson | Lawn | Taylor County

Jim Hudson of Lawn farms small grains and forage sorghums. Hudson and his wife, Kimberly run a cow-calf operation and also manage another ranch. Hudson, a graduate of Tarleton State University, consults on natural resources issues. The couple has three grown children.



Charlotte Kneupper | Boerne | Kendall County

Charlotte Kneupper is a retired Comfort ISD teacher who raises Angus cattle, fine-wool sheep, exotic wildlife and Spanish, Angora and Boer goats, with her husband, Roy. The Kneuppers also raise hay, oats and own a custom farming business. The couple has two adult children and four granddaughters.



Frank Massey | Mineral | Bee County

Frank Massey raises registered Brangus seedstock, replacement heifers and Brangus commercial cattle. He also grows coastal hay for his herd. Massey and his wife, Mary, live in Mineral.



Austin Miles | Sadler | Grayson County

Austin Miles is a fifth-generation rancher who runs a small commercial cow-calf operation in Whitesboro and Sadler. The Texas A&M University graduate also works as a relationship manager with Texas Farm Credit. Miles and his wife, Jessica, have two children.



Winston Millican | San Saba | San Saba County

Winston Millican of San Saba manages a pecan orchard that has been in his family for five generations. Along with the pecan orchards, Millican has a pecan shelling facility. They also have a commercial kitchen and sell pecan candy and pies. In addition to pecans, they also grow wheat. The Texas A&M University graduate and his wife, Kristen, have three children.



Matt Moore Shamrock | Wheeler County

Matt Moore of Shamrock has a cow-calf operation and grows alfalfa, triticale, Bermuda grass and Sudan for hay. He also grows cotton and corn. Moore and his wife, Michelle, formed a fertilizer and chemical company, which they still own and operate. The Moores have one child.



Brian Nielsen | Lockhart | Caldwell County

Brian Nielsen helps manage a 2,000-acre commercial Angus cow-calf operation in Caldwell and Gonzales counties. He assists the ranch owner with the day-to-day operations, including managing the ranch's hay production. Nielsen and his wife, Rachel, moved their two children to the ranch in 2018.



J.T. Pratt | Dublin | Erath County

J.T. Pratt has owned Dublin Livestock Auction since 2010 and also has a cow-calf operation and raises yearlings. He manages two feedlots in Erath County and grows wheat. Pratt and his wife, Rachel, live in Dublin with their two children.



Sam Scott | Murchison | Henderson County

Sam Scott was a dairy farmer for many years. He now manages his cow-calf operation and grows hay and forage. The Tarleton State University graduate previously worked in commercial feed sales for 30 years and owned and operated two feed stores and a small feed mill. Scott and his wife, Rhonda, live in Murchison.



Justin Stoerner | Lockney | Hale County

Justin Stoerner, a Tarleton State University graduate, grows cotton, wheat, grain sorghum and corn with his father, uncle and brother in Hale County. He also owns an agronomic consulting business with his wife, Stacie. The Stroerners live in Lockney with their two children.



Todd Straley | Plainview | Hale County

Todd Straley of Plainview grows cotton, wheat, alfalfa and hay and runs a cow-calf operation. In addition to farming, he also works as the operating partner and general manager of Quarterway Cotton Growers, LLC. The Texas Tech University graduate and his wife, Robin, have two children.



Isaac Sulemana | Edinburg | Hidalgo County

Isaac Sulemana grows sorghum, corn, hay and cotton in South Texas. He also runs a small cattle service operation focused on beef cattle reproduction. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University and University of Texas School of Law. He is also an attorney in Hidalgo County. Sulemana and his wife, Maria, live in Edinburg.



Adreinne Synatschk | Olton | Lamb County

Adrienne Synatschk of Olton grows cotton, corn and wheat and raises stocker calves with her husband, Alton. She helps manage the family farm, as well their custom spraying business. The Texas Tech University graduate also works part-time at the Olton Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. The Synatschks have four children.