

## Farm/Ranch

# Texas Department of Agriculture honors 119 pioneer farms and ranches

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AUSTIN – Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture will honor 119 farms and ranches from 79 counties at the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Family Land Heritage ceremony, March 13 in Austin. The ceremony recognizes families who have kept their farm or ranch in continuous agricultural production by the same family for 100 years or more.

The ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. in the Lyndon Baines Johnson Auditorium on the University of Texas campus.

To date, more than 4,100 farms and ranches in 229 of Texas' 254 counties have been recognized by the Family Land Heritage Program. Three counties, Hudspeth, Ochiltree and Roberts, were added to the list of counties with honored farms and ranches.

“The families honored at the Family Land Heritage Ceremony have made an enormous contribution to the heritage of rural Texas and the history of Texas agriculture,” Combs said. “The dedication of these families – especially those who have kept their properties in continuous production for more than 150 years – should be an inspiration to all Texans.”

This marks the fifth year that the Texas Department of Agriculture will honor farms and ranches in the 150-year category. TDA will recognize 15 properties that were established between 1832 and 1855.

Farms and ranches being recognized for 150 years include: Guy H. Smith and Sons Ranch in Atascosa County, Claiborne Farm and Watterson-Alexander Ranch in Bastrop County, Levi Jordan Ranch in Brazoria County, Burnam Ranch in Burnet County, Mercer-Leon Ranch in Comanche County, Olson-Davis Farm in Delta County, Price Ranch in Fannin County, Darwin Farm in Grayson County, 7K Cattle Company in Grimes County, Wood Ranch in Guadalupe County, New Tracks Ranch in Hays County, Lloyd P. Whittington Ranch in Liberty County, Looking Glass Ranch in Limestone County and Blalock Farm in Wood County.

Neal Spelce, a well-known Texas broadcaster, will serve as master of ceremonies. Cowboy poet and entertainer Red Steagall will perform following the certificate presentation. County music artist Dan Roberts will open the ceremony.

For an application or more information on the Family Land Heritage Program, visit TDA's Web site at [www.agr.state.tx.us](http://www.agr.state.tx.us) or contact coordinator, Melissa Blair at (512) 463-2631 or [melissa.blair@agr.state.tx.us](mailto:melissa.blair@agr.state.tx.us).

Editors Note: A county listing of farms and ranches being honored follows. The histories of these properties are available upon request. The families will not be available Monday, March 13 for interviews since they will be in Austin for the ceremony. Requests for interviews in Austin will need to be pre-arranged.

**2005 Family Land Heritage Honorees**  
**tNew County**  
v **150-Year Farm or Ranch**

**Anderson County**

Ellis Ranch – Red Oak Ranch, 1886  
Johnnie Lou and Marshall G. Ellis

**Angelina County**

Nerren Ranch, 1877  
Mr. William Glenn Nerren  
Mrs. Amanda (Cook) Gilbert  
Mrs. Diedre (Cook) Gilbert  
Mrs. Sally (Nerren) Phillips  
Mrs. Alicia (Nerren) Sharp  
Dr. George Nolen Nerren Jr.  
Mr. Daniel Keith Nerren  
Mrs. Deborah (Nerren) Holland

**Atascosa County**

Mahoney-McDonald Ranch, 1882  
Jo Ann and John Mahoney  
Marci Mahoney  
Jasper McDonald  
Parker McDonald

Guy H. Smith and Sons Ranch, 1852v  
Guy H. Smith Estate Trust  
Mrs. Gloria P. Smith, trustee  
Rhonda (Smith) Hawkins  
Guy Randel Smith  
Shirle Smith

Kathleen (Smith) Krueger  
Jay Holland Smith  
Susanne (Smith) Huizar

### **Atascosa and McMullen Counties**

Lewis Ranch, 1905  
James L. Rayes  
Susan "Rebecca" (Rayes) and David Glover

### **Bastrop County**

Claiborne Farm, 1848v  
Jack D. Claiborne Sr. Estate  
Mattie Claiborne Estate  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack D. Claiborne Jr.

Eschberger Farm (Otto and Emma's), 1881  
Mr. Herbert H. Eschberger

Watterson-Alexander Ranch, 1855v  
Mr. Charles Dee Alexander

### **Bee and Live Oak Counties**

Meyer-Stridde Ranch, 1905  
Mrs. Melba (Meyer) Stridde

Oakland Stock Farm, 1901  
Mrs. Linda (Turner) McKay  
Mrs. Jean (Turner) Culli

Zowarka Z Cross Ranch, 1898  
Mrs. Mary Lou Zowarka  
Mr. Raymond Zowarka Jr.  
Mrs. Bobbie Jo (Zowarka) Hill  
Mrs. Wendy (Zowarka) Juranek  
Mrs. Laura (Zowarka) Menn  
Mrs. Melanie (Zowarka) Crosier  
Mrs. Paula (Zowarka) Ivy

### **Bexar County**

High Moon Farm, 1902  
Ellen and Kenneth J. Franckowiak

### **Bosque County**

Anz Farm, 1874  
Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Anz Sr.  
Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Anz Jr.  
Mr. Hugo Anz Jr.

Hinton Ranch, 1904  
Mr. John Darrell Hinton

Holt Ranch, 1873  
Andrea (Gatlin) and Keith Dwayne Holt

Seljos Shady Oaks, 1887  
Mrs. Frances Seljos

### **Brazoria County**

Levi Jordan Ranch, 1848v  
Denise (Peltier) and Bruce Gotcher

### **Burnet County**

Burnam Ranch, 1853v  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. "Bobby" Burnam Jr.  
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Burnam

Shifflett Ranch, 1858  
Jo Ellen (Brune) and Thomas Alfred "Tommy" Shifflett Jr.

### **Caldwell County**

Hardeman Pioneer Lodge, 1880  
Mrs. Annie (Hardeman) Spradley  
Mr. Lee Calvin Hardeman Sr.  
Mr. Arelious Hardeman  
Ms. Virginia Garcia  
Ms. Gladys M. Garcia

### **Carson County**

Williams Ranch, 1905  
Mr. James Irwin Williams

### **Cass County**

McCoy Ranch/Timber Farm, 1902  
Ms. Bonnie Rose McCoy  
Mr. Michael McCoy  
Ms. Annette McCoy

Mr. Jack McCoy  
Mrs. Marla (McCoy) Ray

William E. Thomas Farm, 1891  
Venita (Thomas) and Ples Smith Jr.

### **Collingsworth County**

Grandma Lewis Place, 1905  
Jo (Tanner) and Tommy Jerroll Lewis

### **Colorado County**

Broken Spoke Ranch, 1905  
Margaret and Roy Kaase Jr.

### **Comal County**

AA Morris Ranch, 1867  
Alice (Grosser) and Joseph E. Morris

### **Comanche County**

Mercer-Leon Ranch, 1855v  
Linda (Burton) Rippetoe

Sugarfoot Ranch, 1904  
Cindy (Jones) and Christopher A. Newton

### **Concho County**

Spiser Farm, 1901  
Ms. Jacquelyn D. Spiser

### **Crosby County**

Chance Farm, 1905  
Mr. Kenneth Wayne Chance  
Mr. Raymond Randolph Chance  
Mr. Gerald Lee Chance

### **Dallas County**

The BuckBranch Farm, 1876  
Ms. Linda (Piland) Slagle

### **Delta County**

Olson-Davis Farm, 1837v  
Dr. Nan Davis (Olson) Beeler DVM  
Mrs. Emily Jean (Olson) Yant  
William "Bill" Merrick Olson

### **Eastland County**

G. Carl Stroebel's East Pasture, 1904

Mary Ann (Stroebel) and Joe D. Ziehr

### **Falls County**

Herman Hoelscher Homestead Farm, 1904

Mrs. Erna Garvey

Mrs. Valeria Kostiha

Mr. Leroy Garvey

Mr. Dwayne Kostiha

### **Fannin County**

Price Ranch, 1854v

Betty (Jones) and David Price

### **Floyd County**

Huddleston and Teague Farm, 1902

Mrs. Frances (Jones) Huddleston

Ms. Dorothy Louise (Jones) Teague

### **Franklin County**

Lindsey-Anderson Ranch, 1879

Ruth (Anderson) and R.P. Campbell Jr.

Mary Moulton

Charles Moulton

### **Frio and LaSalle Counties**

Burns Ranch, 1905

Mrs. Katherine "Katie" (Burns) Horlen

### **Gonzales County**

Bar C Cattle Company, 1905

Janey and Verne Colwell

### **Grayson County**

Darwin Farm, 1837v

Mr. Robert Houston Darwin

Ms. LaVerne (Kilgore) Darwin

Ms. Percy J. Darwin

Mrs. Betty (Darwin) Wilson

Mrs. Judy (Gosnell) Rowton

Mrs. Carol (Harper) Brownlow

Mr. Barry Darwin Harper  
Mrs. Holly (Harper) Camp  
Mr. Todd Allen Harper

### **Grimes County**

7K Cattle Company, 1841v  
Billie Gwyn (Keyser) and Donald Lemon  
Stoneham Company, 1870  
Mrs. Florence M. Stoneham  
Mr. John Haynie Stoneham  
John O. Stoneham  
Josh B. Stoneham

D.F. Wagnon Ranch, 1904  
Karen and Gerry Wagnon  
Judy (Wagnon) and Jeff Heldenfels

### **Guadalupe County**

Atzger Ranch, 1890  
Diann and Terence W. McCabe  
Elizabeth and Michael Lee Herry  
Sharon and George James "Jimmy" Atzger  
Deloris and Jesse Lee Atzger

Wood Ranch, 1854v  
Mr. Gerald G. Wood

### **Hansford County**

Venneman Ranch, 1905  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Venneman  
Mrs. Hattie (Venneman) Davis

### **Harris County**

Pine Acres Ranch, 1898  
Louise (Webb) and Frederick Hamilton  
Mr. Frederick Roy Hamilton  
Ms. Jane (Hamilton) Roberson

### **Hays County**

New Tracks Ranch, 1850v  
Shyrle and David L. Allen

### **Henderson County**

Meredith Family Farm, 1882  
Ms. Shirley (Meredith) Calhoun  
Mr. Jack Meredith  
Mr. Jim Meredith

### **Hood County**

The Renfrow Farm, 1905  
Renfrow Trust  
Mrs. Margo (Garrett) Clark  
Mrs. Charlotte Mayall

### **Houston County**

Bar A Ranch, 1878  
Ms. Barbara Ann Wooten  
Ms. Doris (Roberts) Wooten  
Mr. Robert Walter Wooten

### **Hudspeth County**

Hammack Ranch, 1905  
Mrs. Shirley (Gilmore) Richardson  
Mr. and Mrs. Glen G. Gilmore  
Mr. John T. Gilmore  
Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Gilmore

### **Hunt County**

Ralph F. Gibson Farm, 1905  
Helen and Ralph Fredrick Gibson  
Paula (Gibson) and Larry W. Eason

### **Jack County**

Birdwell Ranch-Smith Place, 1885  
Mildred (Smith) and Henry Birdwell Sr.  
Mr. Henry D. Birdwell Jr.

Henderson-Durham Ranch, 1890  
Henderson-Durham Properties Ltd.  
Mr. Monroe C. Henderson  
Mrs. Carol (Durham) Henderson  
Mrs. Donna (Henderson) Craft  
Mr. J. Curtis Henderson  
Mr. Charles C. Henderson

### **Jasper County**

Wright Brothers Ranch, 1874



Mr. Herman Wright Sr.  
Mr. Herman Wright Jr.  
Mr. Clinton Wright

### **Johnson County**

Hardin Farm, 1902  
Martha Irene and Robert Floyd Hardin

### **Kendall County**

Adam Acres, 1874  
June and Chester Adam Sr.  
Jacqueline and Chester W. Adam Jr.  
Sheri Adam  
Peggy Mott  
Adam Zenner

John Duennenberg Farm, 1889  
Mr. Blurette Allan Duennenberg  
Mr. Harvey Lee Duennenberg  
Mr. Merton W. Payne Jr.  
Mr. Kenneth Payne  
Ms. Linda (Payne) Cannon  
Ms. Barbara Elaine Krywoszej  
Ms. Anna Mae Laza  
Mr. Michael C. Haas  
Ms. Sherril (Haas) Crisp

### **Kerr County**

Cold Spring Creek Ranch, 1902  
Ms. Deborah (Morris) Scott  
Ms. Melissa (Morris) Cavanaugh

The Priddy Ranch, 1902  
Mrs. Patricia Priddy Holliday  
Mrs. Anna (Priddy) Molina  
Mrs. Mary (Priddy) Putnam  
Mrs. Rachel (Priddy) Duchaine  
Mr. Paul Ramon Priddy  
Mr. Christopher King Priddy

Schumacher Ranch, 1903  
Mr. Jimmy Alton Schumacher

### **Kimble County**

Chanckton-Bolt Ranch, 1891

Ms. Jo Ella Bolt

Ms. Deanna Elizabeth (Whitworth) Murrah

Mr. Ward Bolt Whitworth

Fox Ranch, 1904

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fox

Ms. Connie Fox

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Fox

Mr. Alan Granger

Mr. Osborn Fox

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Fox

Ms. Clara (Fuchs) Russell

Mr. and Mrs. Odean (Fuchs) Allison

### **Knox County**

McGaughey Farm, 1904

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henderson McGaughey

### **Lavaca County**

Gerum Farm, 1905

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence G. Gerum

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Gerum

### **Lee County**

Allen Wolf Ranch, 1883

Mr. Allen Clinard Wolf

### **Liberty County**

Kirkham Ranch, 1903

Mrs. Bobbie (Chapman) Kirkham

Lloyd P. Whittington Ranch, 1835v

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pinkney Whittington Jr.

### **Limestone County**

Looking Glass Ranch, 1832v

Mr. John Kevin Dorrell

Ms. Carolyn (Arnett) Dorrell

Ms. Tessa (Bayne) Dorrell

The Lee Pinkard Estate, 1905

Mrs. Margie (Pinkard) Calico

Ruth (Baker) Britton  
Caroline J. (Baker) Allen  
Mr. Warren Britton  
Mr. Samuel Allen Sr.  
Mr. Samuel Allen Jr.  
Mr. Isham O. Baker

### **Madison County**

N & R Ranch, 1880  
Lemma Ruth and Clyde Nelson Parker Sr.

### **McCulloch County**

Brook Ranch, 1892  
Mrs. Barbara (Brook) Brodbeck  
Mrs. Bonnie (Brook) Vickery  
Bonnie (Brodbeck) McAnelly

### **McLennan County**

Seawright's Deficeit Farms, 1899  
Mr. and Mrs. Billy Duncan Seawright

### **McMullen County**

Austin Ranch, 1881  
Mrs. Charlie Ann (Franklin) Austin  
Mr. John Charles Austin

Donald Haynes and Son Ranch, 1881  
Ms. Rosemary (Franklin) Haynes  
Mr. Donald Haynes Jr.  
Mrs. Mary Catherine (Haynes) Kessler

### **Medina County**

Boehme Ranch, 1875  
Mr. and Mrs. Glenford C. Boehme  
Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Charles Boehme  
Mr. Braden Clae Boehme  
Ms. Branda Cai Boehme

G & J Ranch, 1904  
Janis and Gary Horace Schweers

LIVEOAK FORKS Quarter Horses, 1890  
Maryann (Bailey) and L. Marion Pringle

## **Milam County**

Emanuel and Edwin Fischer Ranch, 1900  
LaVelle (Fischer) and Stanley Joe Glaser

Richter Falke Farm, 1905

Mr. Edwin Falke

Dr. Mark E. Falke

Mrs. Lynne (Falke) Hook

YX Ranch, 1892

The Honorable Penelope (Graves) Redington

## **Mills County**

Berry Ranch, 1905

Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Berry

Mitchell Place, 1894

Diane and Horace Alexander Mitchell

Debbie (Mitchell) and Larry Price

N 2 P Ranch, 1893

Janice and Lee Roy Niemann

Niemann Gruene Acres Ranch, 1893

Debra and Michael Lee Niemann

Timber Creek, 1893

Caroline (Niemann) and Lee Roy Schwartz

## **Montague County**

S.M. Brown Ranch, 1895

Mr. Matthew Sydney Brown

3 Bar K Farm, 1892

Mr. Robert E.L. Kennedy III

Kennedy Acres, 1900

Mr. Pat Kennedy

## **Ochiltree County**

Leicht/Stump Farm, 1900

Tara (Difley) and Jeff Leicht

Reed Farm and Ranch, 1904  
Mr. A.D. Reed Jr.

### **Palo Pinto and Hood Counties**

JM Ranch - Sears Division, 1896  
Colonel John Kevin Hendrick  
Mr. James Kyle Hendrick

### **Presidio County**

W.E. Love Ranch, 1905  
Mr. Wert Eugene Love IV  
Mrs. Worth (Love) Witherspoon

### **Roberts County** †

Gill Lazy H Ranch, 1904  
Mr. and Mrs. Herchel Ronald Gill

### **Runnels County**

Gus Dierschke Homeplace, 1905  
Irene (Dierschke) and Raymon J. Bruchmiller

### **Rusk County**

Sanders Ranch, 1903  
Sharon and Tony Dean Sanders

### **San Saba County**

Kuykendall Ranch, 1878  
Sandra and Lovell W. Kuykendall  
Patricia and John L. Kuykendall

### **Scurry County**

Dell Ray Helms Ranch, 1902  
Joye and Dell Ray Helms

### **Stephens County**

Ball Ranch, 1893  
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Ball

### **Throckmorton County**

Lee-Brockman Farm, 1905  
Jean (Lee) and Thomas G. Brockman

## **Titus County**

Eddie B. Mebane Ranch, 1890

Mr. Eddie B. Mebane

## **Val Verde County**

G Cross Ranch, 1905

Ms. Dina Lesa Whitehead

T 4 Ranch, 1905

Mr. W.E. Whitehead II

Whitehead-Funderburgh Ranch, 1905

Bo Dell (Whitehead) and Dennis Funderburgh

L.D. Whitehead Jr.

Whitehead-Jones Ranch, 1905

Ms. Rose Mary (Whitehead) Jones

W.R. Whitehead Headquarters Ranch, 1905

Lou Emma (Whitehead) and Jack Brown

Tommy (Espy) and Walter Linn "Bud" Whitehead

## **Washington County**

Kurtz Marcus Farm, 1878

Mrs. Carrie Laverne (Wieghat) Richardson

Judi (Richardson) and Larry Davis

## **Webb County**

Lindsay Ranch Ltd., 1905

Mr. Sidney A. Lindsay Jr.

## **Wheeler County**

Schlegel Hill Farm, 1905

Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Bennie Schlegel

## **Wilbarger County**

Anderson Farm, 1898

Lillian Anderson

The Bingham Homeplace, 1905

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Eugene Bingham

Mrs. Jolene (Bingham) Adams

James Streit Farm, 1888  
Patricia and James Luther Streit

### **Williamson County**

Heine Hills Farm, 1901  
Dean Corbett  
Lisa (Corbett) Peterson  
Patty (Corbett) Brinda

Samuelson Homestead, 1904  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Oscar Samuelson

Urbanek Farms, 1901  
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas R. Urbanek

### **Wilson County**

Karnei Farm, 1904  
Mrs. Nona B. Karnei

### **Wood County**

Blalock Farm, 1855v  
Mr. John R. Blalock  
Mrs. Helen (Blalock) Sauls  
Ms. Alice Pearl Vance  
Ms. Patricia R. Blalock

### **Young County**

Taack Farm, 1900  
Mr. Woodrow Wilson Taack Jr.  
Mr. John Robert Taack  
Mrs. Bonnie Ruth Taack