

**2015**  
**TEXAS COUNTY**  
**AGRICULTURAL AGENTS**  
**ASSOCIATION**

**Annual Meeting &**  
**Professional Improvement**  
**Conference**



**CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS**  
**JULY 19 - 22, 2015**  
**OMNI CORPUS CHRISTI HOTEL**



# 2015 TCAAA Annual Meeting

## Sponsors

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Bee County Crops Committee  
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Wharton County Row Crops Committee

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Texas Corn Producers Board

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# NOTES:

Texas Gulf Coast Grain Handlers Conference  
Texas Landowner Association  
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San Patricio County Farm Bureau  
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Texas Cattle Feeders Association  
Texas Livestock Marketing Association  
Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association  
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Washington County Beef and Forage Committee  
VOYA Financial Advisors—John Galloway

## **TCAA Supporters**

Americot, Inc.  
Beef and Forage Committee of Austin County  
Dierlam Feed Store  
Driscoll Grain Cooperative, Inc.  
Fayette Field Crop Committee  
Horticulture Committee of Austin County  
Jackson County Soil & Water Conservation District  
Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.  
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South Texas Cotton & Grain Association, Inc.  
Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Assn.  
The Gulf Coast Grape Growers Committee  
Victoria Farm Equipment Co., Inc.  
Wiese Crop Insurance Services LLC  
Willhite Seed Inc.

**Texas County Agricultural  
Agents Association  
2014-2015 Officers**

**NOTES:**

President.....Cary Sims  
*Angelina County, Lufkin*  
President-Elect.....Brent Batchelor  
*Matagorda County, Bay City*  
Vice President.....Shane McLellan  
*McLennan County, Waco*  
Secretary.....Robert Scott  
*Lubbock County, Lubbock*  
Treasurer.....Brian Yanta  
*Goliad County, Goliad*  
Past President.....Terry Millican  
*Gaines County, Seminole*

**District TCAAA Directors**

District 1.....Josh Brooks, Hall Co.  
District 2.....Greg Gruben, Scurry Co.  
District 3.....Jay Kingston, Kent Co.  
District 4.....Laura Miller, Tarrant Co.  
District 5.....Chad Gulley, Smith Co.  
District 6.....Tommy Yeater, Howard Co.  
District 7.....Tom Guthrie, Mills Co.  
District 8.....Zach Davis, Johnson Co.  
District 9.....Tyler Fitzgerald, Chambers Co.  
District 10.....Pascual Hernandez, Sutton Co.  
District 11.....Jason Ott, Nueces Co.  
District 12.....Jamie Lopez, Frio Co.  
Early Career.....Caleb Eaton, Ward Co.  
Retired Agents/Life Members.....John Farris

**District TCAAA Alternate Directors**

District 1.....Leonard Haynes, Donley Co.  
District 2.....John Villalba, Swisher Co.  
District 3.....Toby Oliver, King Co.  
District 4.....Todd Williams, Rockwall Co.  
District 5.....Rick Hirsch, Henderson Co.  
District 6.....Parks Tucker IV, Martin Co.  
District 7.....Rocky Vinson, Shackelford Co.  
District 8.....David Groschke, Limestone Co.  
District 9.....Dusty Tittle, Brazos Co.  
District 10.....Michael Haynes, Caldwell Co.  
District 11.....Scott Willey, Fayette Co.  
District 12.....Omar Gonzales, Willacy Co.  
Early Career.....Cooper Terrill, Falls Co.  
Retired Agents/Life Members.....Eddie Holland

### Door Prizes

Stephen Janak.....Colorado County  
Matt Bochat.....Victoria County  
Mike Hiller.....Jackson County  
Ginger Easton Smith.....Aransas County  
Eric Taylor.....Calhoun County

### Gift Bags

Kara Matheney.....Washington County  
Anthony Netardus.....DeWitt County

### Lifetime Committee

Harvey Buehring.....Nueces County (Ret)  
Joe Janak.....Victoria County (Ret)

### Awards Luncheon Setup and Photography

Corrie Bowen.....Wharton County  
Matt Bochat.....Victoria County

## NOTES:

# Annual Meeting Program July 18 – July 22, 2015

## Saturday – July 18

### Fishing Tournament

5:15 a.m. Depart from Omni Hotel lobby  
6:00 a.m. Meet at Marker 37 Boat Ramp  
3:00 p.m. Weigh-in, Lunch, and Awards at Doc's  
Seafood Restaurant

3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. TCAAA Registration Open  
*Partnership Boardroom*

## Sunday – July 19

### Golf Tournament

*Palmilla Beach Golf Club*

6:30 a.m. Practice Range Open  
7:00 a.m. Golf Registration  
7:45 a.m. Teams assemble at Clubhouse

10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. **Conference Registration**  
*Partnership Boardroom*

9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. **Trade Show Setup**  
*Foyer Third Floor*

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Trade Show**  
*Foyer Third Floor*

2:00 p.m. **Texas Hold'em  
Tournament**  
*Copano Room*

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Life Members &  
Retired Agents Reception**  
*Laguna Madre*

4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. **TCAAA Foundation  
Board Meeting**  
*Matagorda*

5:00 p.m.-6:00p.m. **Vespers and  
Memorial Service**  
*Aransas*

6:30 p.m. **Begin Shuttle Services  
to Texas State Aquarium**  
*Hotel Lobby*

7:00 p.m.– 10:30p.m. **Family Night**  
*Texas State Aquarium*

7:30 p.m. **Dolphin Show**

8:00 p.m. **Dinner**

*Last bus leaves  
Texas State Aquarium at 11:00 p.m.!!!*

**Monday – July 20**

7:00 a.m. **TCAA  
Directors Breakfast**  
*Aransas*

7:00 a.m. **Past Presidents Breakfast**  
*Matagorda*

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**  
*Corpus C*

8:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. **Conference Registration**  
*Partnership Boardroom*

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Trade Show**  
*Foyer Third Floor*

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Employee  
Benefits  
Consultation  
(by appointment)**  
*Copano*

9:00 a.m. **General Session**  
*Corpus A  
(Business Casual Dress)*

**Door Prizes**  
*Stephen Janak  
Colorado Co.*

**Presiding**  
*Cary Sims  
TCAA President*

**Invocation**  
*Matt Bochat—Victoria Co.*

**Introduction**  
*Jason Ott  
Nueces Co.*

**Bay Fishing Tournament**

Adrian Arredondo.....San Patricio County  
Michael Donalson.....Refugio County

**Texas Hold’Em Tournament**

Charles Seely.....Washington County  
Eric Taylor.....Calhoun County

**Youth Program**

Adrian Arredondo.....San Patricio County  
Jared Alewine.....Karnes County  
Michael Donalson.....Refugio County  
Travis Gonzales.....Austin County  
Stephen Janak.....Colorado County  
Charles Seely.....Washington County  
Eric Taylor.....Calhoun County

**Guest Speakers**

Brent Batchelor.....Matagorda County

**Facilities**

Brian Yanta.....Goliad County

**Live and Silent Auction Items**

Scott Willey.....Fayette County

**Family Activities & Entertainment Setup**

Adrian Arredondo.....San Patricio County  
Michael Donalson.....Refugio County

**Scholarship Auction Setup**

Scott Willey.....Fayette County  
Jason Ott.....Nueces County

**Tours**

King Ranch Tour.....Mike Hiller  
*Jackson County*  
Sam Kane Beef Processing Tour.....Joe Paschal  
*Research and Extension Center Corpus Christi*  
Kiewit Offshore Services .....Bob McCool  
*San Patricio County*  
Horticulture Tour.....Ginger Easton Smith  
*Aransas County*

**Spouses Tour**

Erika Bochat.....Victoria County  
Brent Batchelor.....Matagorda County  
Norma Davila.....Nueces County  
Kathy Farrow.....San Patricio County

9:00 a.m. **Board Bus for Women’s Shopping Tour**  
*Bayview Room*

9:00 a.m.– 3:30 p.m. **Women’s Shopping Tour to Kingsville, Texas**  
  
**King Ranch Museum**  
  
**King Ranch Saddle Shop Lunch**  
*Main Street Café and Grill*

12:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m. **Man of the Year Reception**  
*Foyer*

6:00 p.m. **Man of the Year Banquet**  
*Corpus B/C*  
(Business Professional Dress)

9:00 p.m. **District 8 Hospitality 2016 TCAAA Meeting**  
*Presidential Suite*

**Welcome**  
*Rep. Todd Hunter*  
*Texas House of Representatives, District 32*

**Introduction**  
*Brent Batchelor*  
*Matagorda County*

**Agriculture in District 11**  
*Donnie Montemayor*  
*District Extension*  
*Administrator—District 11*

9:30 a.m. **Introduction**  
*Brent Batchelor—Matagorda Co.*

**“Riding for The Brand”**  
*Jim F. Whitt—Author*

10:30 a.m. **Break—sponsored by V.G. Young Institute of County Government**  
*Trade Show Area*  
*Foyer Third Floor*

11:00 a.m. **General Session**  
  
**Door Prizes**  
*Stephen Janak*  
*Colorado Co.*

**Introduction**  
*Corrie Bowen*  
*Wharton Co.*

**Commodity Updates**  
*Monty Dozier*  
*Moderator*  
*Regional Program Leader*  
*Southeast Region*

12:00 p.m– 1:45p.m. **DSA, AA Recognition, Communication Awards, and Recognition of Retirees Luncheon**  
*Corpus C*

2:00 p.m. **Regional Program Leader Commodity Group Breakout**  
*Aransas*

## District 11 Annual Meeting Planning Committees

### Executive Committee

Brent Batchelor, Chairman.....Matagorda County  
Anthony Netardus, Treasurer.....DeWitt County  
Corrie Bowen.....Wharton County  
Jason Ott.....Nueces County  
Scott Willey.....Fayette County  
Brian Yanta.....Goliad County

### Registration

Kara Matheney.....Washington County  
Anthony Netardus.....DeWitt County

### Transportation

Jason Ott.....Nueces County

### Programs & Agendas

Corrie Bowen.....Wharton County

### Golf Tournament

Brian Yanta.....Goliad County  
Jared Alewine.....Karnes County

2:00 p.m. **Life Member Breakout**  
*Laguna Madre*

2:00 p.m. **Door Prizes**

2:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m. **General Session Continued**  
*Corpus A*

**Introduction**  
*Ginger Easton-Smith*  
*Aransas Co.*

2:15 p.m. **Stock Show Updates**  
*Jeff Ripley*  
*Moderator*  
*Asst. Director of*  
*County Programs*

4:00 p.m. **District TCAA Meetings**

5:30 p.m. **Shuttle Services to U.S.S. Lexington**  
*Hotel Lobby*

6:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. **Scholarship Dinner/Auction and Entertainment**  
*U.S.S. Lexington*

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. Scholarship Raffle Final Drawing

8:00 p.m. Live Auction

9:00 p.m. 10:30 p.m. Live Band  
*Larry Jo Taylor*

*Last bus leaves the USS Lexington at 10:30 p.m.*

9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. **Jewelry Workshop**  
*Marsha Butler—Pura Vida*  
*Nueces A*

11:00 a.m. **Depart for Tippy Canvas Studio**  
*Hotel Lobby*

11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Lunch and Painting Workshop**  
*Tippy Canvas Studio*

5:30 p.m. **Shuttle Services to USS Lexington**  
*Hotel Lobby*

6:00 – 10:30 p.m. **Scholarship Auction and Entertainment – USS Lexington**

*Last bus leaves USS Lexington at 10:30 p.m.*

**Tuesday – July 21**

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**  
*Corpus C*

***Professional Development Tours***

7:30 a.m. **Depart for: King Ranch Tour**  
*Mike Hiller*  
*Bayview Room*

9:00 a.m. **Depart For: Sam Kane Beef Processing Tour**  
*Joe Paschal*  
*Bayview Room*

9:00 a.m. **Depart For: Port of Corpus Christi & Kiewit Offshore Services Tour**  
*Bob McCool*  
*Bayview Room*

9:00 a.m. **Depart For: Horticulture Tour. South Texas Botanical Gardens & Gils Landscaping & Nursery**  
*Ginger Easton Smith*  
*Bayview Room*



## Tuesday – July 21

- 8:30 a.m. **Welcome and Get Acquainted**  
*Poolside*
- 9:30 a.m. **Load Bus/Depart for Ball Park**
- 10:00 a.m. **Arrive at Ball Park**
- 11:30 a.m. **Load Bus/Depart for Hurricane Alley**
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch at Hurricane Alley**
- 3:00 p.m. **Load Bus/Depart for Omni Hotel**
- 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. **Kids Fun Room—Dinner, Snacks, Games and Movies**  
*Bayview Room*
- 5:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m. **Babysitting for Man of The Year Banquet—Game Room**  
*Bayview Room*

## **Spouses Program**

### Monday – July 20

- 7:00 a.m. **TCAAA Directors Breakfast**  
*Aransas*
- 7:00 a.m. **Past Presidents Breakfast**  
*Matagorda*
- 7:30 a.m.– 8:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**  
*Corpus C*
- 8:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. **Conference Registration**  
*Partnership Boardroom*
- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Trade Show**  
*Foyer Third Floor*
- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Employee Benefits Consultation (By Appointment)**  
*Copano*

## Tuesday – July 21

- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**  
*Bayview*
- Professional Development Tours**
- 7:30 a.m. **Depart for: King Ranch Tour**  
*Mike Hiller*  
*Bayview Room*
- 9:00 a.m. **Depart For: Sam Kane Beef Processing Tour**  
*Joe Paschal*  
*Bayview Room*
- 9:00 a.m. **Depart For: Port of Corpus Christi & Kiewit Offshore Services Tour**  
*Bob McCool*  
*Bayview Room*
- 9:00 a.m. **Depart For: Horticulture Tour. South Texas Botanical Gardens & Gils Landscaping & Nursery**  
*Ginger Easton Smith*  
*Bayview Room*

*All Tours (except the King Ranch Tour) will include a stop at AgriLife Research and Extension Center—Corpus Christi to learn about Drones in Agriculture*

- 3:00 p.m. **Animal Industries Meeting**  
*Aransas*
- 3:00 p.m. **Early Career Meeting**  
*Laguna Madre*
- 5:30 p.m. **Man of the Year Reception**  
*Foyer*
- 6:00 p.m. **Man of the Year Banquet**  
*Corpus B/C*  
(Business Professional Dress)
- 9:00 p.m. **District 8 Hospitality 2016 TCAAA Meeting**  
*Presidential Suite*

## Wednesday – July 22

7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. **TCAAA  
Directors Breakfast**  
*Aransas*

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**  
*Corpus C*

9:00 a.m. **General Session**  
*Corpus A*  
(Business Casual Dress)

**Invocation**  
*Brent Batchelor—Matagorda*

**Door Prizes**  
*Stephen Janak*  
*Colorado Co.*

**NACAA Southern Region  
Report**  
*Lenny Rogers*  
*Director—NACAA Southern  
Region*

**Introduction**  
*Cary Sims-TCAAA President*

**Director’s Remarks**  
*Dr. Doug Steele*  
*Director, Texas A&M*  
*AgriLife Extension Service*

10:00 a.m. **Break**

10:15 a.m. **Resume General Session**

**Door Prizes**  
*Stephen Janak—Colorado Co.*

**Invitation to 2016 Meeting**  
*Shane McLellan*  
*TCAAA Vice President*

**TCAAA  
Foundation Report**

**TCAAA Treasurer’s Report**  
*Brian Yanta*

**TCAAA Business  
and Audit Committee  
Report**

**Installation of Officers**

**John E. Hutchinson Scholar-  
ship Drawing**

**Final Door Prizes**  
*Stephen Janak*  
*Colorado County*

12:00 p.m.

**Adjourn**

## **Youth Program**

### Monday – July 20

7:30 a.m. **Welcome and Get  
Acquainted**  
*Poolside*

8:15 a.m. **Load Bus/Depart for the  
Redfish Hatchery**  
*Hotel Lobby*

9:00 a.m. **Arrive at the Redfish  
Hatchery**

11:00 a.m. **Load Bus/Depart for  
travel to The Lexington  
(snack provided on the bus)**

12:00 p.m. **Arrive at The USS Lexington  
(Lunch provided)**

3:30 p.m. **Load Bus/Depart for travel  
back to The Omni Hotel**

4:00 p.m.. **Arrive back at Hotel**

5:30 p.m. **Shuttle Services  
to the USS Lexington**  
*Hotel Lobby*

6:00 p.m.– 10:30 p.m. **Scholarship Dinner/Auction  
and Entertainment**  
*U.S.S. Lexington*