

# YALL

## Youth Agriculture Lifetime Leadership PROGRAM

### TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YALL.

Roy Walston, County Extension Agent in Kerr County deserves the credit as it was his idea and forward thinking that got this off the ground. He asked a few of us fellow agents what we thought and we all agreed this was something that was needed and could really benefit youth in agriculture. The main goals we had include:

- a. Introduce youth to commercial agriculture production
- b. Learn about technology and its role in agriculture
- c. Be advocates for the industry by having a deeper appreciation for food and fiber production
- d. Introduce youth to various colleges and career opportunities
- e. Enhance their leadership skills

### WHAT DOES YALL STAND FOR?

Youth Agriculture Lifetime Leadership Program

### WHAT YEAR DID YALL START?

2015

### WHO STARTED YALL?

Roy Walston, Micah Walker, Sam Silvers, Sam Womble

### WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR YALL?

Continue to offer youth an opportunity to explore ag production on a large scale and explore different parts of Texas. Also, to have a better understanding of the many job opportunities affli-

ated with agriculture and the magnitude of the industry in Texas. These opportunities will only continue to be available through the generous support of sponsors that allow us to offer such a unique experience. It costs about \$20,000 annually to make this work.



### WHAT DO YOU THINK STUDENTS GAIN FROM BEING PART OF YALL?

Deeper appreciation for the men and women who have a part in producing an agricultural commodity that many of us enjoy on a daily basis. I hope they also learn to separate fact from fiction and will stand up and advocate for agriculture. They learn how complex it is and the challenges associated with things outside your control like weather, market/commodity price fluctuations, ect...



### WHO CAN JOIN YALL?

The YALL Program is open to 10-12th grade youth in Central and South Texas interested in learning about agriculture production and enhancing their leadership skills.

### WHERE CAN WE FIND MORE INFORMATION ON YALL?

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### TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT WHERE YOU TAKE THE ORGANIZATION AND WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT ARE LEARNED THERE?

In 2015 and 2016 we traveled to West Texas, High Plains and the Texas Panhandle. We had stops at Texas Tech, West Texas A&M and Angelo State University. We learned about row crop production, plant breeding, irrigation technology, fed cattle, dairy industry, reproduction technology to include cloning, progressive beef seedstock and equine operations, and wool and mohair production to name a few.

