

## **2015 TEEA Winner Agriculture Category: Texas Alliance for Water Conservation**

### **Eddie Teeter, Producer**

Fifty years I've been here, on this land. A lot of changes in fifty years. We have less water than we used to, everything is more critical. So, we have to do everything we can do to conserve water and use what water we have more efficiently.

### **Bob Glodt, Crop Consultant**

The Texas Alliance for Water Conservation has dedicated itself to implementing and training growers on new irrigation practices that are more efficient. When you adopt new technology, the efficiency is there, and you benefit from that.

### **Glenn Schur, Producer**

We've learned to monitor the soil through capacitance type probes to see, you know, look at the water movement within that soil profile. We've taken some of the new technology and we've applied it on, not just in small plots, but in large farms. So, we can benefit with some of the data that we've done.

### **Rick Kellison, Project Manager**

Our most limiting factor each year as far as our ability to produce a good crop is the amount of water that we have available. And of course the goal of the project is to determine ways that producers can do more with less.

### **Eddie Teeter**

Each farm is different. The fertility is different, the irrigation methods are different. So we use a program to determine what crops will most effectively use that amount of water. And once we determine that, we have a program that helps us decide when to water, and how much to water.

### **Rick Kellison**

We have a producer board comprised of nine growers, and so everything that we have done in the project has been under their direction.

### **Bob Glodt**

They're very much into trying to make sure that the new avenues they approach, the new technology can be implemented realistically at the farm level.

### **Glenn Schur**

It's really the whole equation of water and economics.

### **Eddie Teeter**

Without farming and irrigation in this area, our communities would not exist. And so, the better we can produce, the better off our communities are.