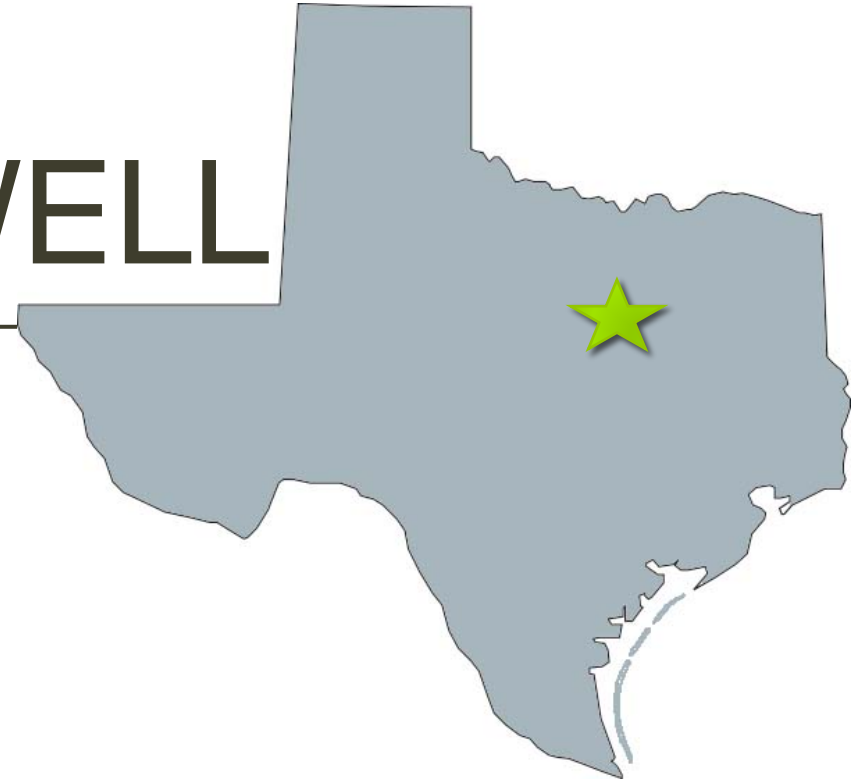


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Farm History

- 5th Generation Farmer
- Farm in partnership with grandparents
- Average Yearly Rainfall—35 inches

Crop Information—10,000 Total Acres

- **Cotton**
 - 1,000 acres
- **Corn**
 - 2,000 acres
- **Sorghum**
 - 1,500 acres
- **Wheat**
 - 1,500 acres
- 150 Head of Beef Cattle

Sorghum

- Normally plant sorghum from 2nd week in March to 2nd week in April.
- Begin harvest last week in July
- Aim for a yield goal of 100 bu/acre
- Normally conventional till but have experimented with no-till



Sorghum is a good choice in our rotation because:

- Harvest Date
- Feral Hog Problems
- Herbicide Resistance Issues
- Market Diversity

Self Storage

- Currently have 9.5 million pounds of on farm storage with thoughts of future expansion



Markets

- Current markets are mainly local feed mills
 - Main feed mill use is aimed toward the poultry industry



Crop Outlook/Progress



Expectations for Industry

- Very excited about current positive basis contracts for grain sorghum
- Hopefully sorghum can attract enough market attention from technology based companies to invest in future technology for sorghum



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