

# Spence Pennington

Raymondville, TX



# Farm History

- European Immigrants to Mississippi then to Texas in 1923
- B.S., Texas A&M University 2003; M.A., Air University 2011
- Farmed Part Time for 18 Years & Full Time for 6 Months
- Partners with my Father, Mother, Brother & Sister
- Average yearly rainfall is 26 inches
  - August 2014 to June 2015 Rainfall Totaled 46 inches



# Crop Information-13,750 Total Acres

- Grain Sorghum 10,200 Acres
- Cotton 1,500 Acres
- Sugar Cane 1,250 Acres
- Sesame 800 Acres
- Brangus & Brangus Cross Cattle 250 Head



# Sorghum

- Plant Dates: January 31st – April 15th
- Harvest Dates: June 20th – August 15th
- Yield Goals: 5,000 Pounds/Acre
- \$240 Cost/Acre
- Total acres are high & will continue to be
- Farming Practices
  - Conventional till
  - One application of herbicide & fertilizer
  - 15% Irrigated



# Why Sorghum?

- Ideal Rotation With All Crops
- Suited for Our Climate & Geographic Location
- Minimum Moisture Requirements
- Timing Allows for Efficient Equipment Usage





# Storage Information

- No Self Storage
- Various Buyer Options



# Markets

- Lock in Basis/Price With Buyers
  - First to Harvest in USA
  - Port of Corpus Christi & Progreso
  - Export



# Crop Outlook & Progress

- Planted Acres Are Outstanding/Harvest Begins in Two Weeks
- 15% of County Not Planted Due to Extreme Moisture





# Industry Expectations

- World Has Realized the Value of Grain Sorghum
  - Animal Feed
  - Human Consumption
  - Future Energy Potential



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