



2011 TSSRM President Matt Wagner and Grass Roots Award Recipient Don Harris

Texas Section Society for Range Management
Grass Roots Award-Ag Teacher
Don Harris

This year's recipient of the 2011 Grass roots award for AG science Teacher is Don Harris. Don has been Ag Science Teacher for 11 years and is currently teaching at Ingram Tom Moore High School. Don has a true devotion to range management and range conservation which he passes onto his students through plant identification skills, conservation principals and practices, habitat management and habitat improvement skills.

Don has also been very active with his judging teams, and has had much success with his Wildlife Judging team. He has had some of the most successful teams in the state. Don's Wildlife teams have won the State Wildlife CDE twice in the last couple of years and this past year's team took first place at 10 contests.

Don spent several years managing large ranches in south Texas prior to teaching. Don still consults some landowners in the area surrounding Ingram. Don views land owners as valuable source of information for his students and he can be found most weekend out on area ranches with a group of students interacting and learning from the ranchers' experience.

There are very few ag science teachers that are more devoted to teaching conservation practices than Don is. He is willing to work with anyone who he can pass on his love for the environment and strong conservation practices. Don is truly and outstanding teacher that spends his time both in the classroom and outdoors, but always with students by his side. That's why Don Harris is the 2011 Grassroots Ag Science Teacher recipient.