



Texas Section Society for Rangeland Management
Grass Roots Award – Extension Agent
Robert Pritz

Robert provides a multifaceted educational program in the county he serves. He uses result demonstrations, landowner consultation, seminars, newsletters and volunteers to meet the goal of a well round educational program. Rangelands account for two thirds of the county and the nominee insures there are plenty of rangeland educational events for landowners to attend.

To help him reach a broader and larger audience he provides leadership and coordination for two volunteer organizations, Big Country Master Naturalist and Big Country Master Gardiners. These volunteer organizations provide additional one on one and group assistance.

Rangeland demonstrations include chemical brush mgmt., mechanical brush mgmt., weed mgmt. and rainfall harvesting.

Each year Robert coordinates the educational events for the Texas Farm Ranch and Wildlife Expo. The educational program is usually has three concurrent session over two days

resulting in over 30 hours of continuing education credits available to area producers. The Big Country Range session alone has *over* 100 participants each year for a morning long program.

Robert is valued for his technical expertise in the Rangeland Mgmt. field and landowners in the area heavily depend upon him for assistance.

Robert walks the talk as his pastures are always conservatively stocked with his nice set of Hereford cattle he runs on leased and owned country In Callahan County. He is continuously working on managing the brush and weeds to insure maximum forage production.

Robert started his career after a BS at Angelo State University and a MS at Texas Tech with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service as an Assistant County Extension Agent in Wise County. He promoted to Agriculture Extension Agent in Callahan County in 1997 before taking the helm in Taylor County as Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent In 2008.