

MY IMMEDIATE NEEDS ARE:

Please indicate if currently have conservation plan on farm or ranch:

___ YES ___ NO

The following excerpts are taken from the Keynote Speech of Ms. Tia Young, Director, Legislative Affairs, Natural Resource Conservation Services, Washington, D.C. at The First 100 Farmers Conference, August 5-7, 1998, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

“The last 50 years have been difficult for small farmers. The federal, state, and local government have not helped the small farmer. Some of you have been in hell as it were, but don’t stay there. Take your anger and dissapointment and recycle them into positive energy. Building capacity in community-based organizations and how to move legislation through the system are of optimum importance. I urge the creation of unified community-based organizations.....”

“It is imperative that small and underserved farmers are at the table when decisions are made. It takes a strong power base to build community-based organizations. In the Bible book of Genesis, Jacob wrestled all night with an angel until the angel blessed him. The lesson is that we should not let go until we get what we want.....”



TSFR/CBO
501 (c)(3) Organization

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WHAT IS THIS CBO?

This is a STATE OF TEXAS Community-based private non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that provides information and education on agricultural related issues.

The vision, purpose and mission of the Texas Small Farmers & Ranchers/CBO shall be to establish and maintain the integrity and survival of the historically **unserved** and **underserved** small farmers and ranchers in the STATE OF TEXAS by:

- ❖ Being an advocate of change while focusing on the plight of the rural communities.
- ❖ Providing opportunities for changes that promote a healthy environment for humans and natural resources in rural and underserved communities.
- ❖ Providing a voice for information, education, training and health needs to bring equality to the historically under-represented farmers and ranchers at local, state and national levels of government.

WHY ORGANIZE?

Historically, small farmers and ranchers have been a diverse but fragmented group. However, the Texas Small Farmers & Ranchers/CBO views themselves as one unit with the same problems and goals. We have come together to examine and address public policy.

Small and underserved farmers and ranchers can effect change by their sheer numbers. This is one reason why we have organized ourselves into local, state, regional and national organizations. Public policy can be affected when more of us get involved. Our united effort is needed and should be promoted.

This CBO intends to be a driving force in forging partnerships with others, including government agencies and other entities.

The people themselves are the most important resource in community-based organizations. So, informing, training and educating people will have the highest priority and be an ongoing process.



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TSFR/CBO MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(A ranch or farm consists of one membership)

Sign up for:

- Basic Annual Membership.....\$55.00
- Renewal Annual Membership.\$55.00
- Supporter.....\$_____
- Non-member (Mailing List & Support).

Circle Method of Payment: Check Cash Bill Me

Ranch Name: _____

Ranch County: _____

Ranch Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Producer Name(s): _____

Mailing Address (if different than Ranch): _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Member Signature

Date

(List needs or make comments on reverse side.)