

## **Willie Holmon, Soil Conservationist for USDA/NRCS honored by Texas Small Farmers & Ranchers CBO**



**From left to right are: Ollie Ross, TSFR/CBO Region 1 Vice-Chairperson; Willie Holman, NRCS soil conservationist, Bryan; Charles Veal, TSFR/CBO Region 1 Chairperson and Wade Ross, TSFR/CBO state coordinator.**

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Willie Holmon, Soil Conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), was recently recognized for outstanding service by the Texas Small Farmers and Ranchers Community Based Organization (TSFR/CBO).

“I was very honored and proud to accept the Texas Small Farmers and Ranchers award for outstanding service. This is one award that I will always remember and hold in high regard,” Holmon said. “The Texas Small Farmers and Ranchers is a great organization that makes you feel like family. They work together to help each other with different projects. Also, the organization gives farmers and ranchers the latest news and updates to help with their every day operation. This organization is needed in the community.”

The award was presented by Wade Ross, state coordinator for the CBO during the group’s regional executive committee meeting. With emotion, Ross told the gathered crowd about Holmon’s dedication and commitment to their outreach efforts in Brazos County.

“He has made up to 90 percent of the meetings,” he added.

TSFR and the Texas/Mexico Border Coalition (TMBC) CBO are the primary organizations tasked through a USDA grant with coordinating outreach efforts and training, along with providing technical assistance to socially-disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. The University of Texas Pan American is the lead institution in this advocacy and outreach program, which these CBOs collaborate with.