

# WHY SHOULD YOUR CO-OP JOIN?

- The structure of the co-op business model, where farmers and ranchers are the owners and control the business, make it a ripe and **EFFECTIVE** tool for government action.
- We no longer have a choice, and cannot continue to sit on the sidelines hoping things work out!
- Many people believe they are a small fish in a huge ocean and can have little impact in the political process. However, "rural folks" had a great impact on the 2022 congressional and Texas statewide elections.
- By joining a group category, the co-op receives special recognition at the annual state co-op convention.
- Can you imagine the powerful political movement one co-op could bring to agriculture if each member contributed just 50 cents for each of their acres to protect the industry?

## 2023 100% Club Members

**Central Rolling Plains Co-op** - Roscoe  
**Midway Gin & Grain Co-op** - Taft  
**New Home Co-op Gin** - New Home  
**Owens Cooperative Gin** - Ralls  
**Texas Star Co-op Gin** - Slaton  
**Woodsboro Farmers Co-op** - Woodsboro

## 2023 Charlie Award Members

**Brownfield Farmers Co-op Station** - Brownfield  
**EdCot Co-op Gin** - Odem  
**Farmers Cooperative Compress** - Lubbock  
**Gulf Compress** - Corpus Christi  
**Hereford Grain Corp** - Hereford  
**Midkiff Farmers Co-op** - Midkiff  
**Northeast Texas Farmers Co-op** - Sulphur Springs  
**Planter's Grain Cooperative** - Odem  
**Producers Cooperative Association** - Bryan  
**Producers Co-op Elevator** - Floydada  
**PYCO Industries, Inc.** - Lubbock  
**United Agricultural Cooperative, Inc.** - El Campo

## 2023 Capitol Solos

<b>Dolle Barker</b>	<b>Keith Lucas</b>
<b>Kevin Brinkley</b>	<b>Freddie Maxwell</b>
<b>Tommy Engelke</b>	<b>Joe Patranella</b>
<b>Cary Eubanks</b>	<b>Randy Reid</b>
<b>Rex Ford</b>	<b>Curtis Stewart</b>
<b>Cris Gwinn</b>	<b>Robert Swize</b>
<b>Dwight Jackson</b>	<b>Charley Triplett</b>
<b>Christy Lewis</b>	<b>Darren Turley</b>

# TEXAS AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE COUNCIL

# Political Action Committee

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## History

TACC board member and former U.S. Congressman Charles Stenholm of Stamford has long been recognized as the "Father of TACC-PAC" since its concept originated with his initial intent to run for national office in 1978. However, the PAC became much more visible beginning in the mid-1980s when PAC fundraising breakfast and luncheons were established at the Joint Cooperative Meeting.

## Membership

A member can be a director, employee or patron of a Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council member-organization who contributes to TACC-PAC. Checks should be made payable to "TACC-PAC".

## 100% Club

Started in 1993, the 100% Club was formed to recognize those cooperatives that have 100% of their directors and general manager contribute a minimum of \$25 each into the state co-op political action committee in one year.

## Charlie Award

Cooperatives that have 100% of their directors and the general manager contribute a minimum of \$100 each into TACC-PAC in one year, with the cooperative in total contributing a minimum of \$1,000. The award is named in honor of TACC Director and former U.S. Congressman Charles Stenholm.

## Capitol Solo

Individuals that contributed \$100 or more to TACC-PAC during the year, but were not associated with one of the two PAC categories.

*"When we come together in support of a greater cause than any of our individual businesses or rural communities, we are able to achieve monumental things."*

**Seth Stephens**, Charlie Award contributor, TACC Legislative & Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman and general manager of Producers Cooperative Elevator in Floydada, Texas.

*"Contributing to the TACC-PAC is our co-op's way to have our voices heard and be part of the political process that preserves our industry."*

**April Graves**, Charlie Award contributor, TACC Immediate Past President and Controller of United Agricultural Cooperative, Inc. in El Campo Texas.

## Board of Trustees:

TACC-PAC is governed by a five-member board of trustees consisting of the immediate past-president, president, vice-president, secretary and chairman of the Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee of TACC. The TACC executive vice-president serves as the administrator and campaign treasurer of TACC-PAC.

## 2023 TACC-PAC Board of Trustees:

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