

The folks at McCoy's Building Supply understand that it takes a lot of hard work and the whole family pitching in to get things done on a farm or ranch. That's why we'd like to take some time out to salute Texas High School Rodeo Association families who are farmers and ranchers. In our monthly Farm & Ranch Family Spotlight, we'll feature one family, sharing their story of how they work together as a family to make their farm or ranch successful. The spotlight will run for 10 months; each month will feature a different region. Each Regional McCoy's Farm and Ranch Family will receive a \$100 McCoy's Gift Card. The McCoy's Farm and Ranch Family of the Year will receive a \$500 McCoy's Gift Card and will be announced at the 2011 THSRA State Finals.

The Boswell Family of Region V

The McCoy's Farm and Ranch Family for Region 5 is the Boswell Family, who own and run Boswell's Hay Sales and Service in San Augustine, Texas. C.J. and Teresa Boswell have three children Jessica (senior), Coy J. (sixth grade) and Aimee (fifth grade).

The Boswells started their business in 2002 with only one tractor, sickle mower, rake and a borrowed square baler. Over the years with a lot of hard work they have grown their business to now include two tractors, two cutters and two balers. They produce an amazing 2,000 square bales and 2,500-3,000 round bales each year.

They also manage a 1,000-acre farm, which has ten poultry houses and cow/calf operation, which consists of one hundred and fifty head of momma cows.

Through Texas High School and Junior High School Rodeo Association the Boswells have met new people and made great friends. In fact, their hay business has grown through the word of mouth recommendations of the THSRA Family.



Working in the hay business is admittedly one of the toughest and hottest jobs there is. Teresa says that C.J. carries the load during the day while the kids are in school and she is working at the hospital, but that it's during the summer hay season that everyone works.

"Coy J. cuts and rakes while C. J. cuts and does all of the baling. Jessica and Aimee rake and drive the trucks and tractors, hauling hay from the fields to the barns. Momma works wherever she is needed but her main job is to keep everyone fed and with plenty to drink. I bring our meals out to the fields so we don't lose any time," said Teresa.

If you are a Boswell, every day is full! Beginning with the chicken houses in the morning they work each house doing pickup and making sure things are running smooth. Then it's time to check on the cows and put hay out. C.J. heads to the shop to service and repair farm equipment, which usually leads to running errands in town to pick up parts.

When the kids come in from school they help feed the cows and then it's time to saddle up and head to the arena for practice, which usually happens with the help of lights.

After all the animals are fed and cared for they head inside for the evening. "An important part of our day is supper time, it's when we sit down together at the table to enjoy a meal and hear about everyone's day," said Teresa.

The Boswell's wouldn't live their life any other way. We love "the freedom to set your own schedule for the day and being outdoors. We just love country living. It's simply the best and the most wholesome way of life. We couldn't imagine raising our family any other way," said Teresa.



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