



FARM & RANCH FAMILY SPOTLIGHT

The Vincent Family from Region I

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 be receive a \$500 McCoy's Gift Card and will be announced at the 2009 THSRA State Finals.

Congratulations to the Vincent family of Region 1 for being named this month's McCoy's Farm and Ranch Family!

This THSRA family consists of Carr and Sue Vincent and their children Ann and Austin. The Vincent's own and operate Springhill Ranch in Des Moines, New Mexico. "We have chosen the ranch lifestyle for many reasons: tradition, freedom, the out-of-doors, and the fact that we live in a community that is a clean whole-some place to raise our children."

Springhill Ranch is a cow/calf operation that has been around since Carr's great-grandfather and grandparents founded it in the late 1920's. The Vincent family also helps out with the Morrow Ranch, which was founded in the 1880's and is owned by extended family. Springhill is about 40 square miles of private deeded ranchland and



also has a small operation in Oklahoma of around 4,800 acres. "We run about 40 acres to the cow unit with our cow herd being Angus and Angus Hereford cross, and our bulls being Angus and Hereford. We keep our calves on the ranch after weaning until they are ready to go to the feedlot. Sometimes we keep them ourselves through the feedlot and sometimes we sell them to someone else."

Owning a full time ranch, the Vincent family is involved in all aspects of doing what needs to be done to make Springhill Ranch run. The kids have helped with ranch work since they were old enough to ride a horse by themselves – which as unlikely as it sounds, was since they were 3 and 4 years old! The Vincent family is also involved together in THSRA. Ann, a senior in high school and a 4-year THSRA member, competes in Breakaway Roping, Goat Tying, Barrels and Poles. Austin, a sophomore in high school and a 2-year THSRA member, competes in Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, and wants to start riding bareback broncs. "THSRA has been a great deal of fun and enjoyment for our family. The level of competition and the friends we have made have truly enriched our lives. It is really great to be able to spend such quality time together as family."

Congratulations to the Vincent family!