

Timothy Gertson

Timothy Gertson, a fifth generation rice farmer of Lissie, Texas owns and operates G5 Farms with his cousin, Daniel. Gertson farms more than 2,000 acres, primarily rice but adds rotations of corn, sorghum, soybeans, and wheat.

Gertson graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in agricultural engineering and went to work for the largest U.S. ethanol plant, located in the Texas panhandle. In late 2008, Gertson and his cousin took an opportunity to begin farming independently of their fathers and uncles and planted their first crop in 2009.

After graduating from the Rice Leadership Program in 2012, Gertson became heavily engaged in industry leadership positions. He currently serves as a member of the USA Rice Farmers Board of Directors, USA Rice Federation Board of Directors and on the Federation's Sustainability and Regulatory Affairs Committees. Locally, Gertson serves as the President of the Wharton County Farm Bureau and sits on the Board of the Texas Rice Producers Legislative Group.

Gertson was the winner of both the 2015 Texas Farm Bureau Discussion Meet and the 2015 Texas Farm Bureau Outstanding Young Farmer & Rancher award. He then went on to the American Farm Bureau Federation where he placed in the Top 10 of the Outstanding Young Farmer & Rancher national competition. Just three years into their farming careers, Gertson and his cousin received the 2012 Farmer of the Year award by the Coastal Bend Soil and Water Conservation District for their enthusiasm for implementing innovative conservation practices across their operation.

Gertson and his wife, Lindy, have three young sons that are already training to be the sixth generation of Gertson farmers.