

Tim McMillan Bio

Tim McMillan is a 7th generation family farmer in Enigma (Berrien County), Georgia. He is a 1982 graduate of the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with an emphasis in Agronomy. While there, he was a member of the UGA Soil Judging Team, Gamma Sigma Delta Ag Honor Society, and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

Tim began farming full time in 1983 along with his brother Steve. They formed Southern Grace Farms in 1994. They grow 275 acres of peanuts, 400 acres of cotton, corn, and rye as well as running a 60 cow/calf operation. The two brothers also started growing fruit crops, selling blackberries commercially up and down the east coast and into Canada. In addition, they have a U-pick strawberry farm and grow peaches, plums, nectarines, and blueberries that are sold locally at their country store. In 1987, Tim and his brother Steve started Berrien Peanut Company, which is a peanut buying point that dries, cleans, and stores peanuts for McCleskey Mills. The business won an award for National Buying Point of the Year.

Tim has been blessed with numerous accomplishments and achievements. Tim won the Georgia Outstanding Young Tobacco Farmer Award in 1986, and in 1990 he won the Woodmen of the World Conservation Award. Also in 1990, Tim became the first Georgian recognized as a Sunbelt Farmer of the Year. In 1999, Tim was included in the Southeast Peanut Leadership Class. In 2013, he won the Farm Press Peanut Profitability award for the Lower Southeast Region. The award is based on peanut production efficiency. He has also been named Farm and Agribusiness of the Year by the Berrien County Chamber of Commerce. Tim has served on the Berrien County Extension Service Advisory Board and is the former Secretary and current Georgia representative of the Southern Agricultural Leadership Association. Since 2007, Tim has worked with the University of Georgia Extension Service conducting on-farm peanut research trials.

Tim serves as Vice-President of the Berrien County Farm Bureau Board of Directors and currently serves as Chairman of the Georgia Farm Bureau Fruit Committee. He currently serves on the American Farm Bureau Farm Policy Issue Advisory Committee, which has oversight on (a) Risk Management including Crop Insurance; (b) Price and Income Support Programs; and (c) Conservation Programs. In addition, he formerly served on the Georgia Farm Bureau state Peanut Advisory Committee. He served eight and a half years on the Berrien County Board of Education, and he attends Nashville United Methodist Church.

Tim credits much of his success to his high school sweetheart, Margaret, who has been tremendously supportive throughout the years. The two have been married for 36 years. They have three sons: Jesse (32), Tyson (28), and Daniel (20), one daughter-in-law (Mandy), and 3 grandchildren.