

## Henry Bart Davis Jr. – Biography

Bart Davis grew up in Doerun, Georgia and attended high school in Worth County. When he was eighteen, he and his sister Vickie lost their mother and father. The siblings decided to stay in the family home. Vickie took care of the household while Bart took over his father's 500 acre farming operation that produced cotton, peanuts, wheat, soybeans, hogs, and beef cattle.

Today, still in Doerun and farming a bit over 5,000 acres, Davis Family Farms tends approximately 3,100 acres of cotton, 1,600 acres of peanuts, 300 acres of corn, along with hay and beef cattle. Bart has the pleasure of working alongside his family daily. The family farm consists of Bart and his wife Paula, their two sons, Trey (31), Jedd (29), and their daughter Lakyn (23).

While in high school, Bart was involved in the FFA and by eighteen years of age, he earned the State FFA Degree and then was named "Georgia Star Farmer." A few years later he was named "Farmer of the Year" at the Annual Peanut Festival in Sylvester. In his early years, Bart was very involved with the Doerun Young Farmers and over time, served them as secretary, vice-president and president.

The Davises are members of Doerun Baptist Church and regularly attend services there. They are supporters of the FFA, Sherriff's Boys Ranch and the American Red Cross in their community. About five years ago, Bart became part owner in Doerun Peanut Buying point which, in addition to the farm, keeps him very busy.

Now that his children are grown and able to assist in the management of the farm, Bart is able to become involved in service work within the farming industry. Since 2012, he has served on the Georgia Cotton Commission board of directors, serving as chairman since 2017. Davis also serves as chairman of the Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation of Georgia, a director of the Southern Cotton Growers, an alternate director of Cotton Incorporated, a grower delegate to the National Cotton Council of America, as well as serving on the County Committee for his local Farm Service Agency Office in Moultrie, Georgia.