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Hodges Farms Receives Water Conservation Award at Texas Water Day

WHITE DEER, TX. (Mar 22, 2019) – David, Destan and Carter Hodges with Hodges Farms in White Deer received the Blue Legacy Award last week during Texas Water Day at the Capitol. Presented by the Water Conservation Advisory Council, along with the Texas Water Development Board, the award was given to Hodges Farms for their water conservation efforts with the installation of three large rainwater harvesting tanks.

The Hodges participated in Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District's Rainwater Harvesting Rebate/Loan Program installing two tanks in 2015 and adding another tank in 2016. Since 2016, the Hodges have collected over 700,000 gallons of water, allowing them to continue their spray operations and give water to their livestock without pumping any groundwater. In addition to using rainwater, Hodges Farms strives to conserve groundwater by rotating crops and staying up-to-date with developemtns in the agriculture industry.

PGCD is still accepting applications for its Rebate/Loan Program. The District is currently offering two types of payment options. Applicants may either receive 50 percent of the total cost of the system or put 10 percent down and pay the District back over a five year term at a low interest rate. For more information, visit www.pgcd.us/rainwater-harvesting or call the office at 806-883-2501.