

## **Class of 1973**

### **Rickey Gruben:**

Following his graduation from Hamlin High School in 1973, Rickey graduated with honors from Tarleton State University in May 1977 with an agronomy degree and minors in chemistry and biology, all the while farming full-time. In 1982, he accepted a job with Federal Crop Insurance Corporation as a field representative. From 1990 through 1994, he worked in Fisher County as an insurance agent for Texas Farm Bureau Insurance. Four years later, he accepted a job offer to work as a crop adjuster for Iowa Grain and Feed; soon after, he moved into a management position in sales for that company. Shortly thereafter in 2001, he had an offer to move into the Nation's largest crop insurer, Rain and Hail Insurance. For almost twenty-two years, he served as a Marketing Supervisor and Company Trainer until his recent retirement in May of this year. Rickey has three sons: Matthew, Daniel, and William. Rickey still resides in the Royston area, just thirteen miles west of Hamlin.