



# BIOGRAPHY

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## **James Gillespie NRCS Resource Team Leader**

James Gillespie has provided over 38 years of governmental service for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

From 1977 to present, Gillespie has served as District Conservationist and Resource Team Leader for Field Operations in Zone 1 for Texas.

He oversees NRCS program implementation in Motley, Cottle, Hardeman and Foard Counties in the Panhandle and the South Plains Region that offer assistance to private landowners. Gillespie manages conservation planning and contracting for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and a host of other farm bill and conservation programs impacting land and water areas on 2.1 million acres.

In addition, he has received recognition for his commitment in helping to develop and adopt NRCS web based tools to improve efficiency in working with NRCS customers. These include, but are not limited, to ProTracts, Performance Results System (PRS), Web Soil Survey and Customer Self Service.

His career has been devoted to helping protect and conserve valuable natural resources, enhancing the environment and improving the quality of living in Texas.

Gillespie has received 23 Certificates of Merit from the USDA/NRCS during his career. He has also served more than 38 years as a volunteer fire fighter.

A native of Texas, Gillespie holds a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Masters Degree from Texas Tech University.

He is a member of the Society for Range Management including the Texas Section.