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And this year’s Leonard Wyatt award goes to ... 

JIMMY KINDER

Jimmy Kinder and his wife, Margaret, have been cooperators with the Noble Research Institute since 2007. Kinder operates 5,000 acres in Cotton County, Oklahoma, as a diversified farming operation in which he raises about 1,500 head (or more, depending on season) of stocker cattle and grows wheat, canola, sesame and grain sorghum.

Kinder was an early adopter of no-till farming practices and remains an avid investigator and adopter of farming technologies that add value to his operation. Kinder has hosted crop variety test demonstrations for Oklahoma State University and Noble, and he continues to investigate cover crops as a component in his cropping system. Kinder remains a continual learner; he is willing to attempt new management practices or try novel technologies that demonstrate potential; and he mentors other producers and students, who often visit his operation.

Kinder has served his community at the local and state levels. He is active in his local church and in community organizations as well as being actively engaged in the Oklahoma Farm Bureau, for which he served as a district director for many years. Jimmy also served the Noble Research Institute as a nonresident fellow for eight years, providing direction and support to the consultants and agricultural researchers. Kinder continues to remain active with our consultants in his operational planning and contributes to the education of other interested producers by sharing his experiences and knowledge.

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