Thanks to the 2020 Kansas Ag Heroes!

Richard Little

I would like to nominate Richard Little, Rainbow Farms, Inc. Richard's ability to adapt to necessary changes, his persistent financial analysis, his vision and above all, constant and compassionate communication with the Landlord, combined with commitment to the surrounding community makes Richard Little, a well-deserved hero.

In 2003, my mother meet with Richard Little. Richard explained his row-crop rotation, soybeans and corn, and how he works to preserve the land and environment. Fast-forward to today and Rainbow Farms, Inc. currently farms 2,000 acres in Osage and Shawnee Co. Richard is a 3rdgeneration farmer taking over the family operation in 1990. Richard, a graduate of KSU, previously served his community as a CPA until he realized the office wasn't for him. Richard's dedication and communication with the Landlord is an important part of his farming practices. During harvest season and after a long day in the field, Richard provides a detailed spreadsheet, which includes the grain, acres, moisture, and overall bushel for crop. Richard continues to improve his knowledge concerning the environment and how to better preserve the land, puts his emphasis on efficiency and innovative production, and always looking for new technology to keep his edge on productivity. Richard is a stickler about machinery maintenance, as he can't afford downtime during planting and harvest seasons. Richard has served on the local CO-OP board and during a recent wind/hailstorm volunteered to help his neighbors with cleanup.

Nominated by Joyce Karnes James