## Sonora Research Station Endowment Fund

The Sonora Research Station has been discovering solutions for people in the Edwards Plateau area and beyond for 100 years. The Station exists today because of the vision and generosity of the early settlers of this area.

These pioneers donated half the purchase price for the land and lobbied the Texas Legislature to fund

staff and operating **expenses**. Dividends from this **investment** have been tremendous.





In celebration of the Sonora Station's 100th Anniversary, an endowment was established to ensure that the second century will be as productive as the first.

An endowment goal of \$1 million will be used to fund graduate education at the Station.

Eighty students have conducted their graduate research at the Station and they have gone on to help improve the sustainability of ranching as agency employees, county agents, and university faculty.

Graduate students who conducted research at the Station have become leaders at several universities including a president at New Mexico State, deans at Texas Tech and Sul Ross Universities, head of the Range Science Department at Utah State, and several presidents of the Society for Range Management.



B. M. Halbert, V. A. Brown, R. E. Taylor, and J. B. Murrah (left to right, top to bottom)



Help ensure West Texas values are instilled in students who are destined to become leaders in agriculture and natural resources management,as well as agency employees who will help landowners accomplish their goals.

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For more information about the Research Station, visit <u>sonora.tamu.edu</u>.



## The Next 100 Years...

A tax-deductible contribution\* to the Sonora Research Station Endowment Fund can be mailed to: San Angelo Area Foundation - 221 S. Irving St. San Angelo, TX 76903; or visit <u>www.saafound.org</u>.

Pavers and other permanent memorials are available to commemorate your contribution to the Endowment fund.

For more information, please call the Station at (325) 387-3168, visit Sonora's website, or find us on Facebook.