

FARMER OF THE YEAR

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Farming, Farmer, Farm Life..... However you want to say it, it is said with pride and endearment. What better way to raise three boys than on an Alexander County farm. Their farm may have started as “the only thing they know”, but oh how it became so much more!

They began with a few acres of tobacco and over the years added a black angus beef herd and chicken houses.

They have graciously participated in Cooperative Extension sponsored field research trials, educational youth programs and served on many local boards such as Voluntary Ag. Districting and the Farm Service Agency Board. They have been recognized as a River Friendly Farmer and are long-time members of Fairview Baptist Church.

“They” are Tommy and Cathy Chatham of Triple T Farms in Hiddenite. You have to use they because both have been avidly involved on a daily basis since the very beginning. Tommy and Cathy Chatham are wonderful people, hard-working, fun to be

around – you could not ask for nicer folks. They are a huge asset to the Alexander County farming community.

I am glad to present the 2012 Larry Payne Farmer of the Year Award to Triple T Farms. Tommy and Cathy, would you please come forward.