## **Craig R. Jones**

Born in Laredo, Texas and raised in Lytle, Texas, Craig Jones graduated with Honors with a Degree in Finance from Texas State University in 1990. Immediately following graduation he relocated to Chicago and spent the next several years working on the floor of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange in the livestock, financial, currency and index product trading pits. Following this Craig worked as a licensed Investment Executive for a major regional investment banking firm, with a focus on tailoring municipal debt securities to financial institution portfolios. Beginning in 1995, Craig returned to his roots and has been actively involved in the ranching industry ever since, producing cattle, sheep and goats.

Craig has been married to his wife Maggy since 1994 and they have three very active children. They are members of the First United Methodist Church of Goldthwaite, Texas and it is through this membership that Craig has been introduced to mission work, with trips in recent years to build casitas in the Mexican border region and to Guatemala as part of a work crew at New Life Children's Home. The family resides on a ranch near Goldthwaite, where Craig is President of the Mills County Youth Sports Association and Vice-Chairman of the Fox Crossing Water District. In addition to these local groups, he is a member of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association, Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, Hill Country Dorper Association, American Sheep Industry Association, National Cattleman's Beef Association, Texas Wildlife Association, Texas Land and Mineral Owners Association and is Central Texas Coordinator for the Texas Landowners Council.