

Texas



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Prairie View A&M University

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Hoover Carden - Administrator Emeritus, Cooperative Extension Program, Prairie View A&M University (1972-1995)

4-H Efforts: Carden became County agent in Marion County, TX in 1960. Served as associate county agent, then as an administrator at Prairie View A&M University (1972). Established 30 local 4-H clubs with 300 youth while a county agent. Several youth placed 1st in the Houston Livestock Show and received \$500 to buy a calf from county calf scramble. Four consecutive years winning team in vegetable production and marketing at state 4-H roundup. Recruited and trained volunteers in 4-H method demonstrations. Seventeen blue ribbons at South Texas State Fair for Steer and Swine showing. \$50 million for Extension facilities at Prairie View A&M.

Honors: Texas Superior Service Award for county level work (1973), USDA Superior Service Award (1984), Outstanding Black Agriculturist Award (1994), Texas Superior Award (1994) for state and national work, and many more. Received \$1.8 million grant to conduct the Small Farmer Training and Technical Assistance Outreach (1994).

"4-H is a tremendous support system, helping develop young people into responsible and productive adults. Being a 4-Her is not only about the accolades, awards and recognition one receives, but mostly about the commitment, dedication, team work and service to the people."

Hoover Carden, a native of Fairfield, Texas, served the people of Texas and the Extension Service for over 40 years. Carden's career included one year of teaching vocational agriculture, five years in the United States Army and 12 years as a county Extension agent.

He received the Superior Service Award from USDA for outstanding leadership in planning, evaluating and the development and implementation of educational programs that impacted 34 Texas counties. Carden is listed in Who's Who Among Black Americans and served on the National 4-H Council Board of Trustees.



Hoover Carden gives pointers to 4-H boys on how to train and groom their steer calves at South Texas State Fair (1970).