

Mike Barnett is Director of Publications for the Texas Farm Bureau.

Hired as Assistant Editor in June 1987, Barnett was soon promoted to Editor of *Texas Agriculture* and *Texas Neighbors* and was later named as Director of Publications for the state's largest farm organization. Barnett oversees a staff of four and is also responsible for the organization's county newsletter service and graphics services.

Barnett started his career at *The Nocona News* in Nocona, Texas as a staff writer for both the community newspaper and *The Appaloosa Racing Record*, a horse industry magazine. Following brief stints with *The Newton County News* and *The Mathis News*, Barnett joined *The Texas Farm and Ranch News* in San Antonio as advertising coordinator, and later served that South Texas livestock newspaper as publisher. He later co-owned and published *The Texas Livestock Review*.

Barnett has received numerous writing awards from the American Farm Bureau Federation during his 22 year Farm Bureau career.

Barnett received an Associate of Arts Degree from Brazosport Junior College. He attended Southwest Texas State University and graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science Degree at Texas A&M University.

He and his late wife, Rebecca, have two daughters, Mitzi and Amanda, and four grandchildren.