



**Ben Robles, Corpus Christi Classing Office Area Director,  
Retires After 37 years of Federal Service**

Ben Robles was born in Brownsville, Texas but grew up in Mexico. He attained a bachelor's degree in Agronomy Engineering at the University of Guadalajara, Mexico.

At the age of 27, Ben moved back to the U.S. to pursue a master's degree. In 1987, he received a Master of Science degree in Plant and Soil Science at Texas A&I University in Kingsville.

Later that year, Ben started his career with the USDA, AMS, Cotton Program in El Centro, Calif. In 1990, he moved to Lubbock, Texas where he was stationed for several years. In 1998, Ben was selected for the Assistant Area Director at the Phoenix, Arizona Cotton Classing Office. The Phoenix Classing Office was responsible for the cotton gins in New Mexico, Arizona, as well as a few gins in Texas and California. Ben became the Area Director at the Phoenix Classing Office from January 2006 through July 2008. Afterwards, he served as the Area Director at the Macon, Georgia classing office for more than a year.



In late 2009, Ben moved back home to south Texas to be the Assistant Area Director at the Corpus Christi Classing Office. In 2017, Ben was promoted to the Area Director position in Corpus Christi.

As the Area Director for the Corpus Christi Classing Office, Ben was responsible for all cotton gins from the Rio Grande Valley near the border with Mexico up to the Blacklands area in the Upper East Texas area.

Ben retired on May 31, 2023, after 37 years of Federal service. Ben plans to travel a lot and has exciting plans for a trip to Europe this summer. He also mentions possibly becoming a substitute teacher, as he loves to teach. He plans to spend more time with his family and friends as well. C&T wishes Ben all the best in the future!