



Business Spotlight: Pro Ag Services Inc.

With nearly half a million acres of fertile agricultural land, Garvin County is a prime location and its farmers and ranchers are prime customers for Pro Ag Services to contribute to their crops' success each year.

For two generations, Pro Ag aerial spraying services have helped farmers and ranchers succeed in the agricultural industry. When they need crop-dusting services, Pro Ag Services Inc. takes to the skies with over 40 years of flying experience and an arsenal of cutting-edge technology to help agricultural businesses succeed.

Alfalfa, wheat, corn and soybeans are some of the major crops grown in Garvin County. Oftentimes they need some help and that's where Pro Ag comes in. After take-off at Pauls Valley Municipal Airport, the company's plane applies herbicide, fungicide and insecticide on farm and pastureland.

The company's story starts in 1963 when Don and Judy Sharp moved to Pauls Valley to manage the city's airport. Seeing new opportunity in "crop dusting," they started the

forerunner of Pro Ag and bought a small spray plane. In time, they purchased property next to the airport at 1708 West Avenue South for more operational space.

One of the Sharps' two sons, Donnie, took to the business early on. By age 22 he had his private pilot's license and by 23 his commercial license and was a valued employee who assisted in the trips to the fields.

When Donnie met and married Shannon, the company's second chapter was about to unfold. He continued with Pro Ag Services while she obtained a degree in business management and computer information systems from East Central University. After Judy's passing, the couple entered a lease to purchase arrangement with Don. Besides the equipment and property, they also bought their own ground rig and an ag truck -- a spray plane capable of carrying 280 gallons of liquid.

With technological advances over the years, the services by Pro Ag have become more efficient and precise. Work orders are sent by cellphone and maps created at the office are uploaded to a plane's GPS system so they appear on the plane's digital screen. The technology directs the pilot to the designated acreage and the boundaries mapped in are sprayed.

Pro Ag employs another full- and part-time pilot during the busy season (March – July) as well as a full-time load crew. When pasture season is done in Oklahoma, Donnie takes his plane to Missouri to spray corn and soybeans for another operator there.

The decades of commitment, hard work and agricultural experiences for the sake of fertile farmland in Garvin County and beyond makes Pro Ag Services an obvious candidate for Business Spotlight recognition from the Pauls Valley Chamber of Commerce.

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