



Jim Prewitt was born and raised on a family farm near the east Texas community of Kirbyville, where the value of hard work and an appreciation for agriculture were impressed upon him at a young age. As an aspiring agriculturist, Prewitt proudly served as a Texas State FFA President and later as a National FFA Vice President, two roles that have shaped his lifelong commitment to youth leadership and development, public service, and agricultural policy.

After attending Sam Houston State University, where he studied agriculture, Jim founded Landmark Nurseries, Inc. As President and CEO of Landmark, he transitioned the company from providing purely residential and commercial landscaping services to opening the first of his wholesale nurseries in Garland, Texas. Today, Landmark Nurseries, Inc. has evolved into one of the largest, wholesale grower/distributors in Texas, with six distribution centers located in Dallas, Coppell, Ft. Worth, Houston, Austin and San Antonio. In addition, the company operates various plant growing facilities across Texas, including sites in Austin, Kirbyville, Grand Saline and Edgewood.

In 2002, Jim acquired and launched a nascent biological products company called CX International (CXI). As a manufacturer and distributor of high quality microbial products, CXI offers biologically based solutions relating to soil fertility, waste management, and bio-remediation. CXI's products are sold nationally and globally through a network of distributors and provide diverse applications for a wide continuum of customers, ranging from row crop farmers and hog producers across the Midwest to almond and walnut growers in California to oil companies in the Permian Basin.

Jim's professional life has been enriched through his active philanthropic commitments and service on numerous organizational boards relating to education and agriculture. He currently serves as the President of the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Foundation, Chairman of the Texas Nursery and Landscape Association Political Action Committee and Chairman of the Texas Agriculture Lifetime Leadership Board. He is a founding member of the Floriculture Chair Advisory Board at Texas A&M and a member of Texas A&M College of Agriculture Development Council, Texas Tech College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Advisory Board, and the State Fair of Texas Advisory Board.

His past board service includes Texas 4H Board of Trustees, Texas Nursery and Landscape Association, Texas FFA Foundation Board and the National FFA Sponsors Board. Jim is a proud supporter of Happy Hill Farm, Fort Worth Livestock Show and Rodeo, State Fair of Texas, and Dallas Summer Musicals.

While attending Sam Houston, Jim was granted the opportunity to work as a congressional intern in Washington D.C. That formative experience reinforced his lifelong interest in state and national policy and politics and compelled him to offer similar opportunities for students at Texas Tech and Texas A&M, where he has sponsored their Congressional Intern Programs.

Jim and his wife Paula are the proud parents of three daughters and ten wonderful grandchildren. The Prewitts reside in Flower Mound, but spend as much time as possible at their east Texas tree farm near Grand Saline on the Sabine River, where they enjoy hosting family and close friends to fish, boat, swim, and otherwise enjoy the area's bountiful woods and waters.