



# Thomas Ellis

## *Strength Through the Years*

Four generations of the Ellis family has prided themselves on selling the best pecans in the South. Their company, Priester's Pecans, began as a partnership in 1936 between Lee C. Priester and Hense Reynolds Ellis. Today, Priester's Pecans continues to thrive, due to tradition, quality and, in part, Alabama Ag Credit.



Pictured from left to right are Alabama Ag Credit Montgomery Branch Manager Ed Nelson, Stinson Ellis and Thomas Ellis, owner of Priester's Pecans

"Priester's provides the cash flow to fund my land loan through Alabama Ag Credit," says Thomas Ellis.

"Just as four generations of my family have been involved with Priester's Pecans, three generations have had loans with Alabama Ag Credit.

Ellis says the Association has been a great source of good service and rates. However, it's the lending cooperative's ability that keeps him coming back, he says.

"Alabama Ag Credit understands agriculture loans. You can call on them and get things done, and that's critical when you're a farmer, because not a lot of bigger banks understand forestry and agriculture," says Ellis, who is busy with his timber, poultry and beef cattle business when he's not shelling pecans.

"Alabama Ag Credit has been around since 1917, and in our business, history means everything. You can count on those who have been around that long," he says.

