

# Upcoming Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Educational Programs

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# NEEDS OF TEXAS COMMUNITIES

We need your help! Here is an opportunity for you to voice your ideas about the strengths and needs of our communities. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey which will greatly benefit Washington County and our programming direction. Here are a few things about the survey:

- Takes about 10 minutes or less to complete
- Identifying relevant issues is important to our program efforts in the county.
- Online
- Anonymous
- Opportunity to elect to receive contact for more information about us.

Here is the link to use to access the survey: https://texasspeaks.tamu.edu/

Complete the Survey Here!

# Important Updates

#### Ag Pesticide Applicator Update 2021 COVID-19 Pandemic

During the CODVID-19 pandemic and the rise of positive cases across the state, the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) is extending this exemption of agriculture Continuing Education Unit (CEU) requirements. To address the CEU's and licensure requirements for Ag Pesticide applicators, the TDA will work with the ag pesticide applicators and CEU course providers of Texas during this critical time. Licensed applicators with expiring licenses or needing CEU's will be allowed to renew their license even if they have not met their CEU requirement for their current licensing period through

December 31, 2021. To learn more click the link below:

https://www.texasagriculture.gov/Portals/o/Files/ACP/Pesti cide/Policy Pesticide Applicator Course%20Provider COVI D.pdf

Visit the TDA Website for more Information

# **Upcoming Events**



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#### **Forage & Livestock Production**

2021 Multi-County New Landowner Educational Series For More Information Please Contact:



Registration 1:00-1:30 pm Program 1:30-5:00 pm \$20 / person

To register online visit: <a href="https://washington.agrilife.org/nlo">https://washington.agrilife.org/nlo</a>









## **Multi-County New Landowner Educational Series - Livestock** and Forage Production (CEUs) May 21, 2021

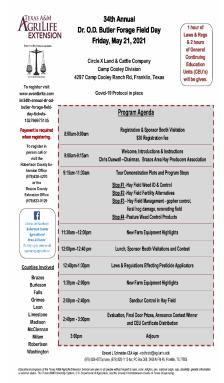
The third meeting for the 2021 series will take place on Friday, May 21, 2021 at the Sandy Creek Ranch located in New Ulm, Texas. For this session preregistration is required, only those who preregister will be sent the directions. The goal of this session is to help landowners with the establishment and/or recover of pasture and hay meadows. Paired with the discussion on establishment and recovery the session will include soil fertility and weed control for long term sustainability and performance. Additionally, the session will evaluate options for overseeding pastures with winter forages and learn about the process and benefits. Lastly, we will discuss livestock production and cover some tips and tricks to help landowners create a more successful and sustainable management plan. Two CEU (2 Gen) will be available for licensed pesticide applicators. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity!

Click Here for More Information

### O.D. Butler Field Day (CEUs) May 21, 2021

This year's O.D. Butler Field Day (Friday, May 21st) will be an in-person event. The field day will be held at the Camp Cooley division of Circle X Ranch. The GPS location of the ranch is 4297 Camp Cooley Ranch Rd, Franklin, TX 77856. The format for the day's activities will be like past field days. We will gather at the sale headquarters from 8 to 9 am to register and visit with Ag Industry booths and view farm equipment displayed outside of the sale pavilion. We are expecting 25 to 30 industry booths, and 5 to 7 farm equipment dealers to be present.

#### Click Here to Register





# PRIVATE APPLICATOR TRAINING

This course is for those who wish to obtain a Private Pesticide Applicator License with the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). Along with the course, you will also receive the Texas Private Applicator Manual (B-1648) as well as the laws and regulations manual (B-5056). The manuals are utilized during the course, so they need to be purchased in advanced. At the conclusion of the course you will receive documentation to be used in securing a test date.

For more information and to reserve your spot at the training visit the Washington County Extension Website at <a href="http://washington.agrilife.org/pat">http://washington.agrilife.org/pat</a>



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# Private Applicator Training June 4, 2021

If you plan on using a state limited use or state restricted use pesticide, such as Grazon P+D, 2 4-D, Weedmaster, etc., and need a license, the Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be sponsoring a Private Applicator Training on *Friday*, *June 4*, **2021** at the Washington County Expo Sales Facility, 1305 E Blue Bell Road, Brenham. Books and study materials for the course need to be purchased ahead of time for \$40.00 at the Extension Office. A registration fee of \$10.00 will be charged for the training. The registration fee will include the training and additional study materials. The training will begin at 8:30am and conclude at approximately 12:30pm. Please reserve your spot for the training as soon as possible; seating is limited.

Click Here to Register

#### Washington County Dairy Day June 5, 2021

The Washington County Extension Dairy Committee is excited to announce the annual Washington County Dairy Day is scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup>! The exhibitors, parents, sponsors, and committee members invite everyone to stop by the Washington County Expo Barn #2 in Brenham beginning at 9:00am to watch the show and learn about dairy cattle.

A hamburger lunch will be available for \$8.00 per plate. The meal will be served at 12:00noon or at the conclusion of the show.

Come out and enjoy the day, grab a bite to eat, and

support the youth of Washington County!

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# **Online CEU Courses**



#### Pest and Weed Control

For more information, contact the Washingt County Extension Office at (979) 277-6212 email kjmatheney@ag.tamu.edu.

Choose from a variety of pest and weed control courses covering topics such as structural pest control, residential and school IPM, aerial applications, aquatic vegetation management, herbicides, minimizing spray drift, pest resistant plants, and more.

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# Range Management

Learn more about topics such as prescribed burns, dicamba and 2,4-D auxin, and picolinic acid chemistry including use of Invora™ herbicide for brush and weed management.

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# **BQA Tip of the Month**



#### Stable Flies

Stable flies can become a problem in the spring for cattle and horses on pasture and are found feeding on the lower legs. Severe stable fly infestations will cause cattle on pasture to bunch up in a circle. Spraying cattle can provide some short-term benefit but reducing breeding sites or spraying resting areas of the flies provide the most benefit. Stable flies like to lay eggs in decomposing vegetation like old hay feeding sites. If possible, spread old hay piles out so they can dry out or spray the piles with diflubenzuron or another insecticide labeled for suppression of emerging flies.

Dr. Jason Banta



# **Mark Your Calendars for Future Events!**



Horticulture Committee Fall Plant Sale



50th Annual South Central Texas Cow-Calf Clinic



Washington County Pecan Show

# **Scholarship Recipient Spotlight!**

# 2021 Washington County Horticulture Committee Scholarship



# Jacob Counts Agricultural Engineering

My goal is to utilize the knowledge and skills I learn to be able to research and design new tools and machinery for the agriculture and wildlife industries; whether it is a new tractor, chemical, facility or land use technique for wildlife managers across the US and particularly



# **Kelsey Fehrle**Agricultural Economics

I plan to graduate college majoring in Ag Economics and possibly Animal Science. I plan to secure a job with a financial institute. More importantly for me I also want to be able to manage my family show stock's care and finances. I idolize a women who raises Brahman cattle by

in Texas. I am interested in researching current deer breeding techniques, and facilities to allow for more sustainable whitetail deer management. I hope to combine my engineering knowledge with my passion for wildlife and agriculture.

the name Rachel Cutrer. She has successfully created several businesses that revolve around the breed she loves so much. I hope someday to do the same.





## **Contact your Washington County Extension Agent**

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