

June 17, 2021

UPCOMING TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Washington County Extension Office

TEXAS A&M
AGRILIFE
EXTENSION

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Important Updates



Ag Pesticide Applicator Update 2021 COVID-19 Pandemic (Grace Period ends 12.31.2021)

During the COVID-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/0/Files/ACP/Pesticide/Policy_Pesticide_Applicator_Course%20Provider_COVID.pdf

Visit the TDA Website for more Information

Upcoming Events

Pond Management (CEUs) June 18, 2021 Fayette County

The June meeting for the 2021 series will take place on ***Friday, June 18, 2021*** at the Fayette County Fairgrounds Event Center in La Grange located at 400 West Fair Grounds Road. This session will provide the opportunity for attendees to learn about factors to consider when identifying

Pond Management

2021 Multi-County New Landowner Educational Series

June 18, 2021

**Fayette County Fairgrounds
Event Center**
400 West Fair Grounds Road
La Grange, Texas 78945

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

To register online visit:
<https://washington.agrilife.org/nlo>

Topics to be covered:
**Aquatic Vegetation and Management
Pond Ecology
Pond Construction**

*If you have a pond weed you would like identified bring a **FRESH** sample with you; include leaves, flowers, stem if possible.

2 CEUs
(1 IPM; 1 Gen)

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a site for and constructing a new pond, aquatic vegetation management and control, fish stocking rates, and pond ecology. This is a great opportunity to network with other new landowners and learn about resources that can be of great assistance to you in establishing and/or managing a pond for your property.

Also, if you have a pond weed you would like identified please bring it and we will be glad to identify it for you. Any plant sample needs to be as fresh as possible, include leaves and roots, and flower (if applicable). If possible we recommend collecting the sample with some of the pond water to help keep the specimen fresh! A gallon Ziplock bag or mason jar works well to collect the sample and bring it in for identification.

Register at the Door!

Virtual Plant Party June 23, 2021

We are having our third PLANT PARTY Training on June 23rd from 10-11:30 am. The theme this party is "The Lowdown on Invasives" where we have 5, 15-minute presentation prepared on understanding terms used to describe invasive plants, what makes a plant act invasively, the impact of invasive plants, a case study using a biological control agent, and the influence of invasives on pollinators. It is really going to be an information-thick event, plus there are door prizes!

These Plant Party quarterly webinar trainings are a collaboration between Extension, USDA-NRCS, and TPWD. They are offered FREE in an attempt to provide an easy learning opportunity for our employees, although clientele are welcome.

Click Here to Register

JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL

PLANT PARTY

THE LOWDOWN ON INVASIVES

JUNE 23, 2021

FREE, Informal and FUN!

Topics Covered:

- "Terms" of Invasion
- What Makes Invasive Plants Invasive?
- The Impact of Invasive Plants
- Biological Control: A Case Study
- The Influence of Invasive Plants on Pollinators

Event Details

Cost: Free

Time: 10 - 11:30 AM CST

To register:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PlantParty2>

GREAT DOOR PRIZES will be given away throughout the party! Register for your chance to win.

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Grass-Fed Beef Conference June 24 - 25, 2021 Brazos County

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is pleased to announce the 8th conference focusing on grass-fed beef production.

Consumer interest in natural, grass-fed and organic beef continues to rise. If you'd like to learn more about grass-fed beef production and how it's different, mark your calendar for June 24-25, 2021 to be in College Station for this year's Grassfed Beef Conference.

We're excited about the interest among participants and the outstanding lineup of speakers that will come together for this information-sharing opportunity. Here's a chance



TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION
GRASS-FED BEEF
20 **CONFERENCE** 21
COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

Join us for the eighth Grass-fed Beef Conference
on June 24 - 25 at the
Texas A&M Rosenthal Meat Center

Producers can attend the event in-person and virtually. Meals will be provided for in-person attendees. The program will run from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on June 24 and 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on June 25.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION :

Before June 18, 2021:

- In-person event cost: \$275
- Virtual event cost: \$200

After June 18, 2021:

- In-person event cost: \$325
- Virtual event cost: \$250

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE, VISIT:

[TX.AG/REGISTERGRASSFEDBEEFCONFERENCE](https://tx.ag/registergrassfedbeefconference)

to learn more about beef production... from pasture to plate.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Feral Hog Program (CEUs) ***July 13, 2021*** ***Washington County***

The Washington County Extension Ag Committee and Washington County Farm Bureau are partnering to offer a Feral Hog Program where we will share updates on management options and provide landowners an opportunity to view trapping demonstrations. There are currently no registered toxicants or other products that can be legally used as poisons to control feral hogs. Best management practices suggest that trapping can be highly effective but ultimately a strategic combination of multiple management techniques will have the greatest impact on feral hog populations in Texas.

The Washington County Feral Hog Program is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at the Washington County Expo – Sales Facility. The doors will open at 5:30pm for registration. A meal sponsored by Washington County Farm Bureau will be served from 5:30-6:00pm with the program beginning promptly at 6:00pm. At the conclusion of the program all licensed pesticide applicators will have earned two continuing education units in laws and regulations (2 L&R).

[Click Here to Register](#)

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

Feral Hog Program

Tuesday, July 13, 2021
Washington County Expo
Sales Facility

2 CEUs
(2 L&R)

Registration: 5:30 pm
Program: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

\$10 Pre-Registration Before July 8th
\$20 Registration At the Door

Topics Include:
Feral Hog Laws and Regulations
Feral Hog Trapping and Baiting

PROGRAM SPONSORED BY
WASHINGTON COUNTY
TEXAS FARM BUREAU

For more information and to register
please visit:
<https://washington.agrilife.org/ceuprogram>
or call (979) 277-5212 ext. 2

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Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course (CEUs) ***August 2 - 4, 2021*** ***Brazos County***

The Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course has a rich tradition and historical place in the programs emanating from the Department of Animal Science at Texas A&M University. The Cattleman's College features more than 20 concurrent sessions. Topics

Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course

August 2 - 4, 2021
College Station, Texas

beefcattleshortcourse.com



include animal health, nutrition, reproduction, breeding, genetics, selection, research, marketing and handling. Management sessions will cover business, forage, range, and purebred cattle. Topics such as landowner issues and fence building will be featured at this BCSC. Sessions are designed for everyone, from the newest member of the industry to the most seasoned producer. A number of pesticide CEUs and veterinarian CECs are available to attendees. Additionally, over 150 agriculture related businesses and trade show exhibitors annually attend the course and attest to the fact that it is the most highly attended activity of its kind anywhere in the United States.

Visit the Beef Cattle Short Course website

Generation Next: Our Turn to Ranch August 16 - November 7 Online Series

The [Generation Next: Our Turn to Ranch](#) online course is now open for registration. The 12-week program, offered by the [Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service](#), runs from Aug. 16- Nov. 7.

The program cost is \$300 and it is limited to the first 100 registrants. Participants should register as soon as possible at <http://bit.ly/OurTurntoRanch>.

For More Information



AUGUST 19, 2021
8:30AM - 12:30PM

WASHINGTON COUNTY
EXPO
SALES FACILITY

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
<http://washington.agrilife.org/pat>

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Private Applicator Training August 19, 2021 Washington County

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 **Thursday, August 19, 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

Bees & Trees for Homeowners (CEUs)

August 20, 2021
Washington County

The August meeting for the 2021 series will take place on **Friday, August 20, 2021**, at the Washington County Expo Sales Facility in Brenham! Beekeeping continues to be a hot topic, especially for medium to small acreage landowners. Before you jump in head-first and order the equipment and a hive of bees, come learn what to expect! We will hear from several area beekeepers on what it takes to raise honeybees in this area of Texas, some of the challenges they face, and what they've found to be good solutions. In addition to bees we will take a portion of the afternoon to talk trees! In Texas and especially in our part of Texas trees are a valuable commodity that landowners care about and strive to keep them healthy and vigorous. Come learn about tree biology, how to recognize common tree problems, and how to manage for tree health. We will "leaf" no question unanswered, discussing planting, pruning, watering, fertilizer, insect and disease control.

[Click Here to Register](#)

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Bees & Trees for Homeowners

2021 Multi-County New Landowner Educational Series

August 20, 2021

**Washington County Expo
Sales Facility**
1305 East Blue Bell Road
Brenham, Texas 77833

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

To register online visit:
<https://washington.agrilife.org/nlo>

Topics to be covered:

- Bee Keeping Basics
- Trees for Texas Landowners

2 CEUs
(1 IPM; 1 Gen)

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TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE -
BLUEBONNET MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

Wildflowers

OCTOBER 5, 2021

Trees - Recovery, Pruning, and More

NOVEMBER 2, 2021

Roses - Purchase to Pruning

**2021 WASHINGTON COUNTY
LUNCH-N-LEARN
SERIES**

Your One Stop Shop For All Things Gardening!

- Registration: 11:50am - 12:05pm
- Program: 12:05pm - 12:55pm
- No Pre-Registration Required
- FREE to the Public
- Light refreshments provided

Please visit our website
(<https://washington.agrilife.org/lnl>)
or follow us on Facebook
(Washington County Agriculture -
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension)
for additional updates.

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Gardening Lunch-N-Learn Series Washington County

The Bluebonnet Master Gardeners of Washington County are pleased to present the 2021 "Lunch-N-Learn" series to be hosted on the **first Tuesday of each month, September-November**. The series boasts topics related horticulture with the homeowner and backyard gardener in mind! Speakers are experts in their fields and practical gardeners with great tips and information for everyone.

Program registration will begin at 11:50am with the program beginning at 12:05pm and concluding at 12:55pm. At the conclusion of each session the speaker and our Washington County Master Gardeners will be available to answer questions.

All Master Gardener Lunch-N-Learn programs are free to the public and you are welcome to bring your own lunch and drink.

[Visit our website](#)

Online CEU Courses

Pest and Weed Control

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.

[Click Here for more Information](#)

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.

[Click Here for more Information](#)



Mark Your Calendars for Future Events!

2021 Fall Plant Sale

Proceeds will benefit the Extension Horticulture Committee's Scholarship Fund. Scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors in Brenham and Burton who are pursuing a career in an agriculture related field.

Plant 4 Packs for \$2.50	Plant 4 Packs for \$2.50
Azucena	Kale
Bok Choy	• Flat Leaf
Brevard (Green Magic)	• Curly Leaf
Brussels Sprouts	Lettuce
Cabbage	• Green Leaf
• Bolotov "N.G.B."	• Red Leaf
• Early Flat Dutch	• Romaine
• Early Jersey Wakefield	Mustard Greens
• Cauliflower (Snow Crown)	Spinach
Collard Greens	Swiss Chard

All plants are propagated locally from seed. We will do our best to get everyone their first choice on variety. If we fall short from the grower we will replace with a comparable variety.

Start Placing Your Orders in August!
1305 East Blue Bell Road, Suite 104 in Brenham
Orders must be paid for in full when placed
Online orders accepted at:
www.washington.agrilife.org/plant-sale

Order Deadline is Tuesday, September 21, 2021
Plants will be available for drive thru pick-up on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 from 10:00am until 5:30pm at the Washington County Expo Sales Facility Building in Brenham. Please contact the Washington County office of Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service at (979) 277-6212 ext. 2 or visit our website at www.washington.agrilife.org for more information.

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SAVE THE DATE
50th Annual South Central Texas Cow-Calf Clinic
OCTOBER 22, 2021

30+ Trade Show Vendors, CEUs, Contests & Door Prizes

At the Washington County Expo in Brenham, TX.
For details or to get involved visit our website at <https://www.washington.agrilife.org>

ENTER TO WIN A FREE HEIFER!

WASHINGTON CO. PECAN SHOW

Sponsored by Washington County Extension Horticulture Committee

MONDAY, NOV. 22, 2021
Entries due before 5:00pm to the Washington County Extension Office
No Late Entries Accepted

THURSDAY, DEC. 2, 2021
Results will be available at the Washington County Extension Office.

RULES FOR COUNTY SHOW EXHIBITION
Exhibitors are limited to one entry of each named variety they grow. The grower may enter as many seedlings, known hybrids, or natives as he or she wishes. Sample entries from one orchard cannot be entered in two county shows. Pecans should be entered in the same county they are grown. If your county does not have a show, enter the nearest county which does. The exhibitor must be the grower. An entry consists of a minimum of 40 pecans. 42 is preferred. Entries containing more than one variety are disqualified. An entry may be composed of nuts from more than one tree. Nuts which are cut, sanded, polished, or otherwise altered will be disqualified. Pecans exhibited must be from the 2021 Crop.

For More Information and to Register Please Contact:
Washington County Agrilife Extension Service
579-277-6212 ext. 2 : www.washington.agrilife.org

**Horticulture Committee
Fall Plant Sale**

**50th Annual South
Central Texas
Cow-Calf Clinic**

**Washington County
Pecan Show**

Scholarship Recipient Spotlight!

2021 Washington County Extension Swine Committee Scholarship



Charles Smith
Geology

I plan to use this major to get employed as a paleontologist at a museum and work to find fossils and uncover items from the past.



Kelsey Fehrle
Ag Economics

I feel this is a broad degree that will help me find a job I will enjoy after graduation, possibly at a bank. I also think this degree will help me manage my purebred Brahman herd and our family swine farm more efficiently.



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