UPCOMING TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Washington County Extension Office

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/o/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





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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

AGWORKERS

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



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 grassfed 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



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: \$275Virtual event cost: \$200

After June 18, 2021:

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE, VISIT:

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

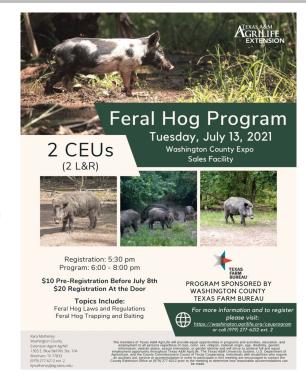
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Feral Hog Program (CEUs) July 13, 2021 Washington County

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.

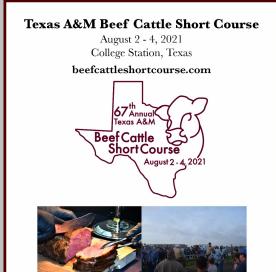
The Washington County Feral Hog Program is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at the Washington County Expo – Sales Facility. The doors will open at 5:30pm for registration. A meal sponsored by Washington County Farm Bureau will be served from 5:30-6:00pm with the program beginning promptly at 6:00pm.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

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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



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



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



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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, 24-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.



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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.

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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.





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 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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