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Austin County Livestock Association Meeting Thursday, June 6, 2019

The annual Austin County Livestock Association Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2019, at the Cat Spring Ag Hall in Cat Spring. There will be a two-hour CEU program (1 IPM and 1 General) program prior to the meeting with registration starting at 2:30 pm and the program beginning at 3:00 pm. This year's program will be presented by Beef Cattle Specialist Dr. Joe Paschal and will cover controlling external and internal parasites in cattle herds. Registration for the annual meeting will be from 5:30pm – 6:30 pm. The meal will be served at 6:30 pm, followed by the program, short business meeting and door prizes. The guest speaker for this year's general meeting will also be Dr. Joe Paschal. He will discuss "safe beef" for the consumer.

There will be a registration fee of \$20 per person charged prior to CEU program, which includes the annual membership fee. This money will be used for the payment of the meal at the annual meeting, and coverage for a \$500.00 reward in the event of recovery of stolen livestock. Dues are also used in awarding college scholarships to Austin County youth. All livestock producers are encouraged to attend and become a member of the association.

Spray Permits Required for a Portion of Austin County

As a reminder to anyone that will be using state limited use or state restricted use herbicides in Austin County, a permit to apply these herbicides must be obtained through the Texas Department of Agriculture if you plan on spraying in certain portions of the county. The following areas of Austin County must acquire a permit as is specified in the Texas Agricultural code, chapter 75,

I.) Only the portion of Austin County lying east and south of the line beginning at the point where state highway 36 crosses the north county line, thence southerly along Highway 36 to FM 949; thence westwardly along FM 949 to the San Bernard River

2.) Between March 15th and July 31st, in that portion of Austin County lying south of Interstate Highway 10, the following restrictions on the use of 2,4-D formulations shall apply:

- (A.)* The application by aircraft is prohibited
- (B.)* The use of all ester formulations by any method is prohibited

Permits may be obtained from the Texas AgriLife Extension Service of Austin County at (979) 865-2072. Forms can also be obtained by contacting the Texas Department of Agriculture Gulf Coast Regional Office in Houston at (713) 921-8200. An updated spray map is included at end of newsletter.

Multi-County New Landowners Seminar Friday, August 16

The next meeting for the 2019 Multi-County New Landowner Series will take place on Friday, August 16, 2019, at the Washington County Sales Facility. Registration begins at 1:00pm with the program to follow.

This program will focus on Bees and Trees for Homeowners. For more information on this series please contact the Washington County Extension office by calling 979-277-6212 or by visiting <https://agrilife.org/coastalbend/nlo/>.

5 Hour CEU Horticulture Program August 23, 2019

The Austin County Horticulture Committee is planning to host a 5-hour CEU conference on August 23 at the Liedertafel Hall in Sealy, Texas. The topics for this CEU will include: Gardening 101, Urban Gardening, Turfgrass 101, Fruit and Nut Tree production, and feral hog control options. Please stay tuned for more updates on this program. For more information please contact the Austin County Extension Office at 979-865-2072.

***2019 Schedule
Multi County
New Landowner Series***

August 16

**Bees and Trees for Homeowners
Washington County**

September 20

**Horticulture Production
Fayette County**

October 18

**Wildlife Management
Native Grass Restoration
Austin County**

November 15

**Managing Pests in the Country
Colorado County**

***Calf Management Tips
Joe C. Paschal
Livestock Specialist
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension***

Texas is one of the few states that can go from the dead of winter to the beginning of summer in five days.

Fortunately, the calves that are coming now in pastures throughout the bottom half of Texas will be the prime beneficiary of the better weather as will the green that is beginning to appear in pastures from the Sabine to the Rio Grande. Now is the time to consider a few economically beneficial few calf management tips.

First, when possible, your calves should be identified. A good ear tag will help you remember the birthdate and dam of the calf, and later at weaning and marketing, his growth rate and market value. Calves born early in the season weigh more at weaning (about 2-2.5 lbs. more per day of age) and calves that are born earlier are generally out of more adapted (and fertile) cows. Calf weight at weaning and marketing will assist you in deciding which cows are more productive and produce more valuable calves.

Second, as soon after birth as possible, castrate bull calves that you are not intending to raise and dehorn all calves.

Doing these practices at a very young age reduces the pain of the procedure and increases the speed of recovery.

Castrated calves are more desired by the feeding industry and they bring more dollars per pound when marketed as their carcasses will quality grade higher and be more valuable. The downside to castration is the steer calves will weigh less at weaning than bull calves but using a calf growth implant when castrating will offset the loss of gain. Dehorning or disbudding will improve the appearance and uniformity of the calves and reduce the potential for injury to you and other animals. If genetically homozygous polled bulls or cows are used, dehorning will not be necessary.

Finally, vaccinate your calves for the Blackleg or Clostridial diseases, especially if their dams have not been vaccinated and the calves are over a month old. This vaccination will protect calves from these “sudden death” diseases. All the commercial vaccines provide excellent immunity from these diseases and all calves should be vaccinated and boosted according to the label.

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Upcoming Events

June

7 - Austin County Livestock Association Meeting

August

4-7 - TAMU Beef Cattle Short Course

16 - Multi County New Landowners Series

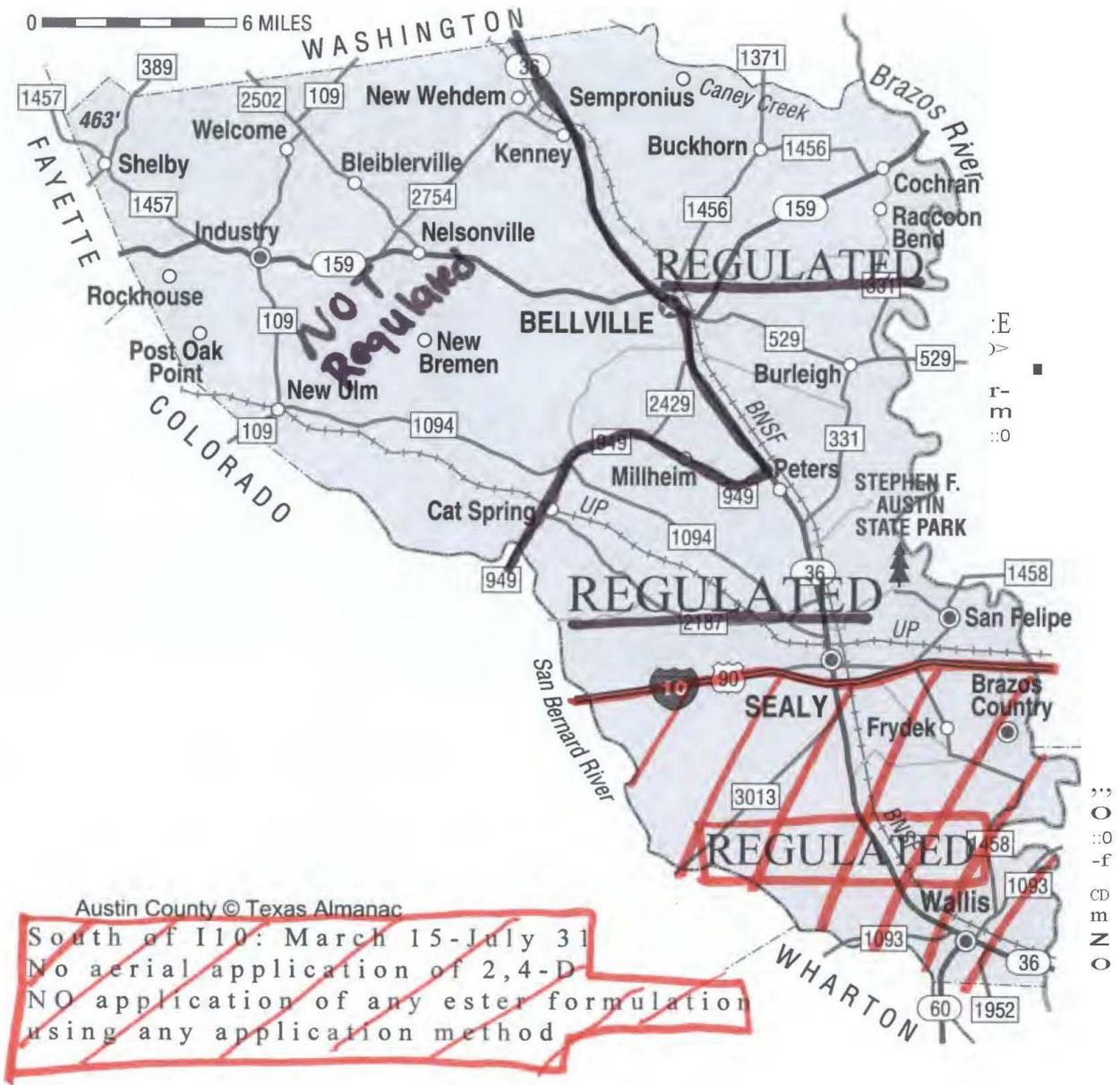
23—5-hour CEU Program, Horticulture

September

2 - Office will be closed for Labor Day

20 - Multi County New Landowners Series

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2019 BLANC DU BOIS SYMPOSIUM

Friday - May 3, 2019

Cat Spring Agricultural
Society Hall

13035 Hall Road
Cat Spring, TX 78933

\$75 per person

\$55 GCWA member

Pay at the door

(Includes lunch & wine
glass)

Note: Free Wine Social
after Symposium



AGENDA

- 8:30 Registration
9:00 Welcome
9:15-10:00 Fran Pontasch
Benefits & Pitfalls to growing BDB
10:00-10:45 Justin Scheiner
Grafted BDB - Rootstock Trial
10:45 BREAK
11:00-11:45 Fritz Westover
Training systems for BDB
11:45-12:30 Andreea Botezatu
Overcoming Reductive Problems
12:30 LUNCH
1:30-2:15 Mike Sipowicz
Small Batch Vintages
2:15 BREAK
3:00-3:45 Tiffany Farrell
BDB Style Profile





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WILD PIG MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Learn about the impact wild pigs are having on the landscape, the varieties of hog trapping systems and the laws and regulations for controlling populations on your property.

Featured Topics and Speakers:

Wild Pig Biology, Impacts and Control Techniques

Josh Helcel, Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute

Laws and Regulations for Wild Pigs

Adam Broll, Game Warden, Texas Parks and Wildlife

Wild Pig Safety and Disease Concerns & Transportation Regulations

Dr. Tommy Barton, DVM, Texas Animal Health Commission

Demonstration: Snaring/Trapping Wild Pigs

Jacob Hetzel, Texas Wildlife Services

RSVP to the Extension office, by April 30

979-542-2753

"This event is provided through a Clean Water Act Section 319(h) nonpoint source grant from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency."

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May 7

Lincoln Community Center

Main Avenue, Lincoln
or call for directions

8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Doors open 8:15 am

up to

4 CEU hours
"General and Laws&Regs"

FREE TO ATTEND

30 minutes is scheduled
for lunch.

lunch purchase available
\$10 pre-registration
\$15 at the door

GERI L. KLINE
CEA, AG/NR



**This Month:
Grazing for
Wildlife**

FEATHERS, FURS, AND FARMING

A series of educational events designed to help all landowners diversify their operations and save more money and time by becoming better stewards of the land.

May 31, 2019

1:00-5:00 PM

\$20/Person

Liedertafel Hall
116 Lux Rd
Sealy, Tx 77474

Laramie Naumann
979-732-2082
Colorado County

Hayley Wolfford
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Austin County

Mark Lange
979-732-3458
Austin/Colorado County

2 CEUs - 2 Gen

**Range Plants for Livestock &
Wildlife**

**Achieving Wildlife Management
Goals with Livestock Grazing**

Wildlife Tax Valuation

Using Prescribed Fire



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