

Calhoun County Ag Talk

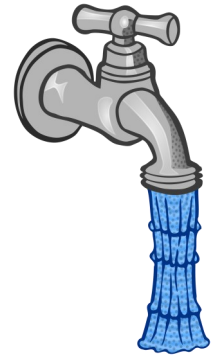
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Texas Well Owner Network Training set for January 24

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There will be a Texas Well Owner Network Training on Tuesday, January 24th from 8:30am—3:30pm at the Calhoun County Extension Office 186 Henry Barber Way, Port Lavaca. This program is for residents who depend on household wells for their water. It helps well owners become familiar with Texas groundwater resources, septic system maintenance, well maintenance, construction, water quality and treatment. Private well owners are independently responsible for monitoring the quality of their wells. This is a free event

and lunch will be provided. Well owners may bring water samples to the training to be screened for nitrate-nitrogen, total dissolved solids (TDS) and *E. coli* bacteria. Cost per water sample is \$10



and sample materials can be picked up at the Extension Office or the Ground Water Conservation District Office. To pre register for this event please call 979-845-1461.

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Due to rising paper, postage and ink costs this is the last newsletter you will receive in the mail. If you would like to continue to receive updates please call 361-552-9747 with your email address or you can go online and view the newsletters at anytime:

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If you like texting more than email please text @agnewsup to 81010. Using this will allow me to quickly update everyone to events or interesting articles.



New Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent



Hi! My name is Geri Kline and I'm the new Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent for Calhoun County. I was an assistant agent in Gonzales County before starting this position. I grew up in Bastrop on a ranch and was involved in 4-H. We have a herd of black angus crosses and my grandfather has a pecan orchard. My goals for this year are to have

the annual Crop Tour, Cattleman's Annual Banquet and to send out this newsletter every other month. A few more educational events will be held throughout the year as well. If there is an important event that is upcoming I will be sure to post it in the newsletter and/or send it out in a email. (Please see page 1 on how to keep receiving this newsletter and infor-

mation on events). I'm very excited to be in Calhoun County and look forward to meeting everyone. If you have any suggestions for programs you would like to see happen or topics that need to be covered at programs please let me know. My email is geri.kline@ag.tamu.edu or 361-552-9747.

Beef Cattle 2017 Market Outlook



Unfortunately it looks like the 2017 cattle market will probably have lower annual average cattle prices compared to 2016 . This is because of the increased amount of beef supply, weaknesses in the U.S. economy and increases in domestic competing meat production. The U.S. cattle herd inventory of cattle and calves is expected to grow in 2017. Due to cheaper feed, slaughter weights are expected to continue to be heavier during 2017. Some

factors to watch that will impact U.S. cattle markets: food safety, war, terrorist incidents, weather, levels of competing meats, energy prices, exchange rates, input prices, consumer confidence, beef demand (international and domestic) levels of unemployment and the growth of the U.S economy. Depending on what beef demand is, the levels of meat production, trade issues and various other economic variables the market can have volatile

price movements. So in 2017 you might want to look at ways to lower cost to keep profitable.

I am not a market expert, this is a summary from an article. If you would like more information please contact me at 361-552-9747

Texas Corn Town Hall

There is going to be a Texas Corn Town Hall held from 9:00 am—1:00pm with a meal included on January 31st at the Victoria County 4-H Activity Center at 259 Bachelor Drive, Victoria (at Victoria Regional Airport). One general CEU credit is being offered. This town hall is

being held for farmers to discuss what you would like to see on the next farm bill, any issues with farm bill implementation, crop insurance or other issues with regulation. You can also express what your top priorities for check off dollars. There will be an update about the work

the state corn check off and association has been doing on your behalf. This is a free event and please RSVP by January 27th to 361-575-4581.



Row Crop 2017 Market Update

Corn- “The projected range for the season-average corn price received by producers is raised 5 cents on both ends to \$3.05 to \$3.65 per bushel, on continued higher-than-expected early-season prices.”

Grain sorghum- “Grain sorghum prices in 2016/17

are projected to average \$2.80 to \$3.30 per bushel, down 10 cents on the high end of the range.”

Rice- “The all rice marketing year average price is lowered \$0.20 per cwt at the midpoint to a range of \$10.90 on lower projected California prices.”

Cotton- “The forecast range of 64 to 70 cents per pound for the marketing year average price received by producers is narrowed one cent on each end.” *I am not a market expert, this is a summary from an article. If you would like more information please contact me at 361-552-9747*



Victoria County CEU Day

Victoria County AgriLife Extension Service is holding Victoria County CEU Day on Friday, February 10th. The program will be held at Victoria Educational Gardens Pavilion 283 Bachelor Drive (Victoria Airport).

Registration starts at 7:00 am and the program will begin at 7:30 am. 5 CEU’s will be offered, 1 in Integrated Pest Management, 2 in Laws and Regs, and 2 in General. This event is \$40 (which includes lunch). RSVP is

required by February 3rd, please call 361-575-4581. This would be a great opportunity for you to receive a lot of CEU’s.



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Picture of the month

This month's picture is of false ragweed. Also known as ragweed, parthenium ragweed or Santa Maria. It's scientific name is *Parthenium hysterophorus*. This weed is a warm-season annual commonly found in row-crop fields and roadsides. It looks like the true ragweeds. Its leaves are simple, alternate, deeply dissected and lobed. Pubescent on both surfaces and the petioles are also pubescent. The seeds are achene with two small petal-like scales. False ragweed is naturally tolerant to paraquat (Gramazine).

Glyphosate (Roundup) resistant populations are common in the Lower Row Grande Valley and southern Coastal Bend regions. This weed is the picture of the month because farmers/ranchers should be on the lookout for it.



*"The farmer is the only man
in our economy who buys every-
thing at retail, sells every-
thing at wholesale, and pays
the freight both ways."*

-John F Kennedy