



CARSON COUNTY AG

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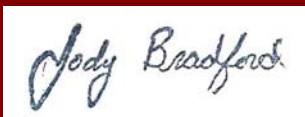


Events

Farm Bill Training
December 16 2014
10am - Noon
Carson County War
Memorial Building

Gray County Farm Bill
Training
December 17, 2014
Gray County Bull Barn

Annual Crops
Meeting
January 9, 2015
Carson County Ag
Barn



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Farm Bill Meeting:

December 16, 2014 ~ 9:30 - Noon

Cosponsored by:

Texas Corn Producers

Texas Sorghum Producers

Texas Wheat Producers

Plains Cotton Growers Associations

Lunch Provided courtesy Panhandle Plains Land Bank

Carson County War Memorial Building

*****RSVP by Noon December 15th**

Program Information and Topics:

- Carson County Producers will have an opportunity to learn more about the 2014 Farm Bill at this second round meeting
- This meeting will include U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency staff discussing farm bill provisions and sign-up requirements and deadlines. The program will be presented by DeDe Jones, Extension Risk Management Specialist III in Amarillo.
 - Meeting is open to the public and is free
- This meeting will also offer an options "hands-on" afternoon session for producers wanting assistance in entering their data into the decision-aid tool.
- Sign up is already under way for base reallocation and yield updates, and sign-up for Price Loss Coverage or PLC and Agriculture.
- Risk Coverage (ARC) started November 17th. These decisions in a lot of cases are not simple and need to be taken seriously due to affecting a producers operation for at least the next 5 years.
- Producers wanting to participate in the afternoon session need to bring the following items with them for the analysis to work.

***The information is as follows: FSA Reported Crop History Summary, FSA 156 EZ Form (only if producer has cotton base), 2014 Schedule of insurance for ALL Crops, Insurance Actual Production History (APH) Report for ALL Crops.

***GRAY COUNTY MEETING ~ December 17th ~ Gray Co. Show Barn**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Annual Crops Production Meeting
January 9, 2015
Carson County Ag Barn
5 CEU's available
More information to follow

Carson County Cotton Production
and Technologies Meeting
January 14, 2015
Carson County War Memorial
2 CEU's available

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AND APPECIATED!!!

The Extension Office needs you to go to the link below and take a Qualtrics Survey on Weed Pests in Cotton. You will need to fill out every question, even if the answer is "zero". This survey is anonymous and will be sent directly to the District office. We appreciate your willingness to help us better serve you!

*****Please complete survey by December 20th**

Qualtrics Survey: https://jfe.qualtrics.com/form/SV_0195hwQyHg2mQWV

Or go to

<Http://carson.agrilife.org>

- Ag
- Resources
- Qualtrics Survey

High Plains Irrigation Conference & Trade Show

January 15, 2015

8:30a.m. - 4:30p.m.

Amarillo Civic Center ~

Regency Room

Cost: \$30, payable at door only -
includes lunch

Carson County Jr. Livestock Association Drawing

3 prizes to be given away, each prize is
\$1,000 gift card

Ticket Price - \$10.00 Donation

Tickets can be purchased at the
Extension Office

or from any 4-H or FFA exhibitor.

We can send your
Ag Newsletter to you by e-mail!
Please just drop us an e-mail at
carson@ag.tamu.edu

Please send us your cell phone number
and the cell provider you use so that we
can send you text updates and
reminders!

Call us at 806-537-3882

Regional Results of Cotton Premier Program Evaluation Weed Management

Questions (Knowledge)

	<u>Before</u>	<u>After</u>	<u>% Change</u>	
<i>Importance of weed identification</i>	2.74 (1289.5)	3.53 (1662.4)	26.3%	(471)
<i>Management strategies to control resistant weeds</i>	2.60 (1420.8)	3.50 (1913.9)	30.0%	(547)
<i>Factors in weed management systems/herbicide selection</i>	2.48 (1249.1)	3.43 (1729.7)	31.7%	(504)
<i>Factors affecting herbicide drift and management</i>	2.81 (781.8)	3.49 (969.2)	22.5%	(278)
<i>Weed resistance and management strategies for prevention</i>	2.56 (1277.8)	3.48 (1741.8)	30.8%	(500)
<i>Value and usefulness of replicated research trials at the regional, district, and county level</i>	2.52 (641.2)	3.34 (852.3)	27.4%	(255)
<i>What is weed resistance?</i>	2.95 (62.0)	3.71 (77.9)	25.3%	(21)
<i>How weed resistance develops</i>	2.19 (164.5)	3.64 (272.9)	48.3%	(75)
<i>Characteristics of weeds/herbicides/ and cultural practices which promote resistance</i>	2.10 (113.5)	3.66 (197.7)	52.0%	(54)
<i>Cotton Trials and Future Herbicide trials</i>	2.37 (118.5)	3.39 (169.5)	34.0%	(50)
<i>Budgeting for pigweed resistance</i>	2.09 (104.5)	3.26 (163)	39%	(50)

Questions (Adoption)

Determine most common / troublesome weed species and chemical / non-chemical strategies available
 Could = 368 Intend to adopt = 299 % Adoption = 81.2%

Utilizing yellow herbicides and other herbicides with different modes of action to aid in management
 Could = 317 Intend to adopt = 267 % Adoption = 84.2%

Water quality issues related in control of weeds
 Could = 189 Intend to adopt = 126 % Adoption = 66.7%

Identify and manage herbicide resistant weeds on best management practices provided by agrilife exte
 Could = 337 Intend to adopt = 289 % Adoption = 85.8%

Manage weeds based on agrilife extension recommendations
 Could = 427 Intend to adopt = 368 % Adoption = 86.2%

Utilize an at-plant preemergence herbicide such as caparol, direx, etc.
 Could = 11 Intend to adopt = 10 % Adoption = 90.9%

Utilize a postemergence herbicide in combination with glyphosate such as dual, warrant, or staple.
 Could = 12 Intend to adopt = 10 % Adoption = 83.3%

Utilize shielded sprayer or other equipment which helps apply other labelled herbicides besides glysohate
 Could = 14 Intend to adopt = 7 % Adoption = 50%

Utilize crop rotation to another crop which utilizes a different set of herbicides for management
 Could = 40 Intend to adopt = 21 % Adoption = 52.5%

Southwest Beef Symposium set for Jan. 14-15 in Amarillo

The Southwest Beef Symposium, jointly hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service, is set for Jan. 14-15 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, 3100 Interstate 40 West, Amarillo.

“Looking to the Future” is the theme of this year’s conference, said Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist in Amarillo.

“After some very rough years of drought, we will address issues of concern to the industry at large, but also at the ranch level. Hopefully we have turned the corner and are beginning to stabilize the national cow inventory.”

Individual registration is \$80, which includes a steak dinner on Jan. 14, lunch on Jan. 15, refreshments and symposium proceedings. Registration is required by Jan. 9 and seating is limited to 150, McCollum said, advising participants to register early. Others will be put on a waiting list.

Register online at <http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu> or by phone at 979-845-2604.

The opening session from 1-5 p.m. on Jan. 14 will address big-picture emerging issues in the global beef industry, he said.

Issues and speakers will be:

- The Beef Industry: What’s in Store Over the Next Five Years and Next 10 Years?, Dr. Darrell Peel, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma.
- Ranching Strategies for the Long Term, Clint Richardson, Triangle Ranch, Paducah.
- Regulatory Issues Facing the New Mexico and Texas Cattle Industry, Karen Cowen, New Mexico Cattle Growers Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Ross Wilson, Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Amarillo.
- Where Do I Go to Get Help with Regulatory and Legal Issues on My Property?, Tiffany Dowell, AgriLife Extension agricultural law specialist, Amarillo.

The symposium on Jan. 15 will address rangeland resource management in the morning and beef herd management in the afternoon. Issues and speakers will be:

- Rangeland Resource Management in the Panhandle: A Long-Term Perspective, Andrew Bivins, JA Ranch, Amarillo.
- Tipping Points for Juniper and Mesquite Control: Canopy Cover and Forage Production, Dr. Jim Ansley, Texas A&M AgriLife Research rangeland ecologist, Vernon.
- Evaluating the Current Costs and Future Value of Rangeland Improvement Practices, Dr. Richard Connor, rangeland economist, Texas A&M University, College Station.
- Climate and Weather Outlook: Better Days Ahead?, Brian Bledsoe, chief meteorologist, KKTU, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- Heifer Development Strategies, Dr. Andy Roberts, U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service Livestock and Range Research Laboratory, Fort Keogh, Montana.
- Genetic Management Tools for Commercial Cow-calf Producers, Dr. Joe Paschal, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, Corpus Christi.
- Bull Performance in the Pasture: What We Know, What We Are Learning, Dr. Bruce Carpenter, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, Ft. Stockton.

For more information, go to the symposium website <http://aces.nmsu.edu/ces/swbeef/> or contact McCollum at 806-677-5600 or ft-mccollum@tamu.edu

