**Farm and Ranch 8 Hour CEU Program and Swine and Horse Validations**

The Texas Pesticide Law requires that a person may not use a restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticides or regulated herbicides unless licensed or certified by the Texas Department of Agriculture. All applicators must obtain continuing education units (CEU’s) to renew their license.

Private Applicators License must obtain 15 hours of CEU’s every five years to renew/recertify their license. These hours must be from 2 hours of Laws and Regulations, 2 hours of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), and any mix of these and General hours to equal the required 15 hours of CEU’s. Licensed commercial and non-commercial applicators are required to recertify every year by obtaining five continuing education credits; with one credit each from two of the following categories: laws and regulations, integrated pest management or drift minimization.

Once again we will be offering the opportunity to get a lot of CEU’s in one day. The program will be held on Thursday, December 13, 2018. This seminar will offer eight (8) CEU’s for the private applicator license and certificate holders. The approved credit hours are: four (2) General, two (3) Laws and Regulation and two (3) IPM hours. Commercial and non-commercial license holders will be able to obtain all of their needed hours for license renewal with the first 5 hours of the program.

Topics and speakers include:

Turfgrass Management- Dr, Becky Grubbs, Turfgrass Extension Specialist, Worker Protection Standards- Perry Cervantes, TDA, Weed Control and Managing Herbicide Resistance-Dr. Scott Nolte, Extension Weed Specialist; Spray Equipment Setup-Josh McGinty, Extension Agronomist; Weed Control in Pastures and Hay Meadows, Dr. Vanessa Corriher, Extension Forage Specialist; Managing Insect Pest of Pastures and Hay-Dr. Allen Knutson, Extension Entomologist; Feral Hog Control, Thinking Outside the Box Trap- Dr. Josh Gaskamp Noble Foundation. Please keep in mind all these speakers will be coming live over the world-wide internet, there will be no speakers in person at the meeting.

This year’s program will be held at Cook’s Fish barn. Doors will open at 7AM with program starting at 7:30AM. 8 CEU’s in one day makes for a very long day. The cost for this program is $50.00, which includes lunch. Please call or come by the office to get registered for the event. Comanche County Agents office: 326-356-2539.

**Comanche County Swine and Horse Validations**

Comanche County Swine and Horse Validations will be this Saturday, November 10th from 8:00 until 12:00 at the Comanche County Livestock Association Barn. The swine validation will be for county and all majors. The horse validations will be for county only.