Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Grimes County Agriculture Newsletter

July/August 2019

Upcoming Programs and Events

- *12th Annual Maroon and White Goat Sale, July 21st*
- *Grimes/Waller County Landowners Series, August 22nd*
- *Land Management Options, July 19th*
- *Private Applicator Training, Grimes County Extension Office, July 26th*
- *Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course, August 5th-7th*
- *Private Applicator Training, Brazos County Extension Office, August 9th*

Howdy Grimes County,

I would like to say congratulations to all the youth that participated in the Grimes County Fair last month. The livestock shows were top notch with excellent competition among both exhibitors and livestock. In Grimes County summer means it's time for the Grimes County Fair and Rodeo. Thank you to the GCFA Board, judges and volunteers who make the GCFA an excellent county fair.

There are couple of opportunities still available to take the private applicator training if you are interesting in obtaining your Applicator License. On July 26th there will be a training at the Grimes County Extension Office and another opportunity on August 9th at the Brazos County Extension Office. Included in this newsletter are lots of flyers for upcoming Extension programs in and around Grimes County. Join us in Waller County for the Grimes/Waller County Landowner Series on August 22nd. We will be discussing livestock and forage stocking rates, a meal will be included and CEUs will be offered.

Mark your calendars for the Annual Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course, August 5th-7th at Texas A&M University. The BCSC is one of the largest beef cattle educational events in the country and features over 20 concurrent educational sessions that are designed for varying levels of experience. In addition to the sessions there are live demonstrations such as cattle handling, brush management, tractor safety and more. Participants can also earn a number of CEU credit hours throughout the short course. The highlight of the beef cattle short course is the famous Texas Aggie Prime Rib Dinner!

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Agriculture Management Tips for 2019
Brought to you by the Bayer Animal Health and Range/Pasture Staff
Edited by *Allen Homann-Grimes County Extension Agent*

Agriculture Tips for July/August:

- **Herbicide timing and weed/grass identification are the keys to your pasture success. Continue to monitor hay pastures for sandbur/grassbur and other problem grasses. Chemicals such as *Pastora* can be applied between cuttings. For weed/grass identification and management contact your *County Extension Agent*.**
- **Continue monitoring your cattle for flies. Flies can have serious impacts on your cattle herds from now until October. Contact your *Veterinarian or County Extension Agent* for best control options for your cattle operation.**
- **Some weeds or grasses can become tolerant or resistant to certain herbicides. Stay proactive in managing these resistant weeds/grasses by using a herbicide with a different mode of action.**
- **Consider planting wildlife food plots, these plots can benefit wildlife species and provide additional grazing forages for cattle. Clean out stock tanks and remove any unwanted algae growth. Contact your *County Extension Agent* for aquatic plant identification and control options.**
- **Always remember to evaluate your pastures they've been grazed off or cut for hay to see which grasses are increasing and decreasing.**
- **As we move into the hot summer months (June through September) dusty conditions can aggravate pinkeye in your cattle. Contact you *County Extension Agent or Veterinarian* to recognize the symptoms and develop a treatment plan.**
- **Again with the hot summer months approaching it is critical to monitor your cattle herds. Watch your cattle for heat stress signs and supply them with adequate water and shade to keep them grazing.**
- **Monitor your calves for respiratory illness caused by dry, dusty conditions. Contact your *Bayer representative* about proper cattle health products.**

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Multi-County New & Small Landowners Series

Waller and Grimes Counties

- Sessions held every 3rd Thursday from 6-8pm
- $50 per person or $75 per couple for entire series OR $15 a session
- Meal is included
- Advanced Registration Required
- Register by February 15th

February 21	**Meet your local resources** Hosted in Waller Co.
March 21	**Pond Management** Hosted in Grimes Co.
April 25	**Livestock & Forage** Hosted in Waller Co.
May 23	**Viticulture** Hosted in Grimes Co.
August 22	**Bee's & Pest Insects** Hosted in Waller Co.
September 26	**Private Applicator Information** Hosted in Grimes Co.

CEU's offered

For more information or to register, please contact:

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Private Applicator Training Friday, July 26, 2019
Grimes County Extension Office, 9a.m.

What is a Private Pesticide Applicator?

A private pesticide applicator is someone who uses or supervises the use of restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticides or regulated herbicides to produce an agricultural commodity on:

- Personally owned property;
- Rented Property;
- Property owned by his or her employer;
- Property under his or her general control; or
- The property of another person if applied without compensation, other than the trading of personal service between producers of agricultural commodities.

An agricultural commodity is a plant or animal grown for sale, lease, barter, feed or human consumption and animals raised for farm or ranch work. No license is required to apply general-use pesticides to produce agricultural commodities.

What are the recertification requirements for a Private Pesticide Applicator?

Licensed private applicators are required to recertify every five years by obtaining 15 continuing education units (CEUs). Including two (2) laws & regulations and two (2) in integrated pest management (IPM).

Contact Information

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When:
Friday, July 26, 2019

Where:
Grimes County Extension Office (Navasota Annex)
203 Veterans Memorial Dr.
Navasota, TX 77868

Please RSVP (936)873-3907 to reserve your spot
Coffee & Donuts will be provided

For more information about this training contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office of Grimes County at (936)873-3907.

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Bryan, Texas 77803
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PRIVATE APPLICATOR TRAINING

When: Friday, August 9, 2019
Where: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
Brazos County Extension Office – Conference Room
2619 Hwy 21 West
Bryan, Texas 77803

Schedule:
8:00 a.m. Registration
8:30 a.m. Training Begins
Noon Conclusion and final instructions

Anyone wanting to become a licensed private applicator with the TDA may attend this training. ***A valid private applicators license is required by TDA for a person who uses or supervises the use of restricted use and/or state limited use pesticides to produce agricultural commodities.***

Agricultural commodity is defined as any plant and any animal or animal product produced for sale, feed, food or other use by humans or animals.

Study materials can be purchased prior to the training from the Brazos County Extension office for $50.00. Participation in the training costs $10 per person. Completing the training is required prior to taking the TDA private pesticide applicator exam. TDA exams are administered by PSI Services (www.psiexams.com).

We will seek to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for this meeting. We request that you contact Cullen D. Tittle at (979)823-0129 at least three (3) days prior to the event to advise us of the auxiliary aide or service that will be required.

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January 8	February 5	March 5	April 2
Master Gardener Open House	**Growing Tomatoes Successfully** *Dr. Kevin Crosby*	**Lawn Maintenance Calendar** *Dr. Rebecca Grubbs*	**Bokashi Composting** *Per Bergstol*

May 7	September 3	October 1	November 5
Top Ten Plant Diseases *Shelia McBride*	**Sustainable Landscape Principles** *Dr. William "Bill " Welch*	**Tree Facts from the Tree Expert** *Lee Davis*	**Greenhouse Management** *Al Prescott*

Your One Stop Shop For All Things Gardening!

- Registration: 11:50am - 12:05pm
- Program: 12:05pm - 12:55pm
- No Pre-Registration Required
- FREE to the Public
- Light refreshments provided

Map and Directions Attached!

Washington County Bluebonnet Master Gardeners

Lunch-N-Learn Coordinators:

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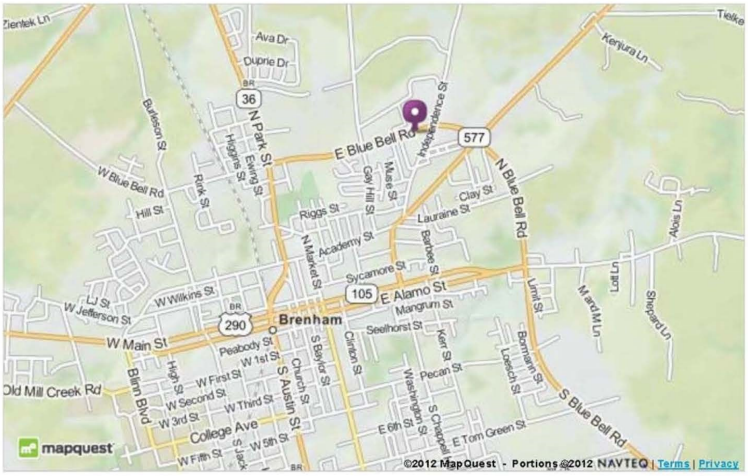
Map and Directions

Washington County Fairgrounds
Sales Facility
1305 E Blue Bell Rd
(979) 277-6212

North on Independence Road
3rd Gate on the Left (West)
Brick Front Building



Driving Directions:

From Houston:
Take US-290W toward Austin. Take FM-577 (Blue Bell Road) toward State HWY 105. Stay straight through HWY 105 intersection on FM-577. Turn right on Independence Street. Enter the third gate on your left into the Washington County Fairgrounds. The Sales Facility will be the brick faced building directly in front of you.

From Austin:
Take US-290 E toward Houston. Turn left onto TX-36 North. Turn right onto FM 577 (Blue Bell Road). Turn left on Independence Street just passed the red brick buildings at the front of the fairgrounds. Enter the third gate on your left into the Washington County Fairgrounds. The Sales Facility will be the brick faced building directly in front of you.

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Multi-Agency Land Management Options 2016

Friday, July 19

Lincoln Community Hall

on Main Street, Lincoln, TX

call for directions

1 pm — 6 pm

RSVP by July 17

979.542.2753

TOPICS —— 12:30 Check-In

- Pond Weeds
- Common Tree Diseases
- Fire-Wise Landscapes
- Prescribed Burning

Two CEU credits will be offered to Pesticide Private Applicators

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TEXAS 4-H LIVESTOCK AMBASSADOR

Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Courses

- 25 Youth Selected
- College-Level Animal Science Curriculum
- Livestock Production Knowledge Outcomes
- Agricultural Advocacy
- Career Development

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY KINGSVILLE — June 17-20, 2019

July 8-11, 2019

WT — July 22-25, 2019

For more information visit: www.texasyouthlivestock.com

TEXAS 4-H EQUINE AMBASSADOR

Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador Short Course

- 15 Youth Selected
- College-Level Equine Science Curriculum
- Horse Industry Knowledge Outcomes
- Agricultural Advocacy
- Career Development

Equine Short Course: June 22-25, 2019

For more information visit: www.texasyouthlivestock.com

CONTACT YOUR COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT FOR AN APPLICATION OR VISIT:WWW.TEXASYOUTHLIVESTOCK.COM.
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Preserving Family Heritage

Estate and Legal Planning Seminar

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Hosted by:
Fayette & Washington County Extension

August 27, 2019

Two Programs, Two Locations, One Day

Fayette County AgriLife Extension Office
255 Svoboda Lane, La Grange, Texas 78945

Registration: 8:00am
Program: 8:30am-12:00pm
Lunch: 12:00pm

Washington County Fairgrounds Sales Facility
1305 East Blue Bell Road, Brenham, Texas 77833

Registration & Lunch: 12:00pm
Program: 1:00pm-4:30pm

Citizens State Bank | TEXAS FARM CREDIT | AGWORKERS INSURANCE WORTH CASUALTY COMPANY | CAPITAL FARM CREDIT

Pre-Registration (By August 20th): $30.00/person
Onsite Registration: $40.00/person

To preregister and pay online please visit:
https://washington.agrilife.org/estateplanning/

Program Topics:

- Overview of Estate and Transition Planning
- Business Entities and Trusts
- Understanding Probate & Alternatives

For more information and to RSVP please contact your local County Extension Office:

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Visit your local County Extension Office to preregister and submit payment in person. Please make checks payable to **EPC Fund**

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Fayette County Extension Office
255 Svoboda Lane, La Grange, TX

From Austin County:
Start out following TX-159 to North Rust Street. Turn right onto N Rust Street and take the 2nd left onto West Market Street. West Market Street becomes FM-955. Turn right onto TX-71. Take exit towards TX-159. TX-159 will come to a T in the road (Bealls Department Store on Left). Turn right on East Travis Street. Continue through town and over the river bridge. Take a left on Svoboda Lane (across from Cottonwood Inn/La Marina Restaurant). *Look for green AgriLife and USDA sign* 255 Svoboda Lane will be on the left (across from the Fayette County Animal Shelter).

From Colorado County:
Start out on TX-71 towards Austin/La Grange. Take Exit toward TX-159. TX-159 will come to a T in the road (Bealls Department Store on Left). Turn right on East Travis Street. Continue through town and over the river bridge. Take a left on Svoboda Lane (across from Cottonwood Inn/La Marina Restaurant). *Look for green AgriLife and USDA sign* 255 Svoboda Lane will be on the left (across from the Fayette County Animal Shelter).

From Washington County:
Start out taking US 290 West to HWY 237 towards Round Top. HWY 237 becomes HWY 159. TX-159 will come to a T in the road (Bealls Department Store on Left). Turn right on East Travis Street. Continue through town and over the river bridge. Take a left on Svoboda Lane (across from Cottonwood Inn/La Marina Restaurant) *Look for green AgriLife and USDA sign* 255 Svoboda Lane will be on the left (across from the Fayette County Animal Shelter).

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Upcoming Programs & Events Cont.

- *Private Applicator Training, August 13th in Waller County*
- *Texas Ranch Round Up in Wichita Falls, TX August 16th-18th*
- *Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course, August 5th-7th*

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Tips to Avoid Resistant Insects…

Insecticide resistance is the repeated failure of an insecticide to produce the intended effect on an insect population as a result of selection process.

Effective insect resistance management includes… (Bayer Management)

1. **Rotate insecticides with different MOAs, not just different brands or ingredients, rotate late in the season to cut down on resistant overwintering flies.**
2. **Rotate MOA classes between applications when applying insecticides more than once per year.**
3. **Use insecticides at their full doses according to product label recommendations.**

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Grimes County…

Our goal in Grimes County is to provide producers with the most up-to-date information to improve the efficiency and profitability of their operations. Educational programs/events are provided throughout the year to help producers with best management practices on issues relating to... livestock herd health, forage production, stocking rates, drought and flood management, pasture and range management strategies, etc. Private applicator trainings are offered throughout the year. CEU programs are available for producers with private applicator licenses, programs include the latest information to help effectively manage pasture and rangelands. Youth agriculture education is also a major focus, teaching youth best management practices in agricultural production is critical to the industry. Please call (936)873-3907 for more information!

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