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**64th Beef Cattle  
Short Course  
August 6 - 8 in  
College Station**

The 64th Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course August 6 thru 8 at Texas A&M University in College Station will highlight a cattle market outlook as well as issues affecting beef producers.

Registration is \$210 and covers all meals, including the prime rib dinner, breaks and printed materials. To register, go to:

<https://beefcattleshortcourse.com/>



An added component to the front of this year's short course is the Ranch Horse Workshop on August 5th for beef short course registrants. Cost is \$50 at the door for those not registered for the beef short course. The day-long program will feature AgriLife Extension experts and topics that include equine nutrition, hay and pasture management, and routine health maintenance. There will also be a presentation on the history of the King Ranch.

For more information,  
call 979-862-5980



**Lakes Area Deer Expo**

**August 16, 2018 - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Jasper County Courthouse Annex**

**Speakers, Vendors, Door Prizes**

**Cost is \$10 which includes meal**

**See Details on Page 8**

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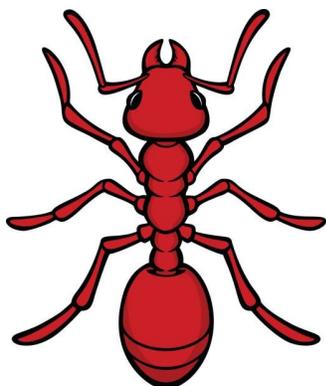


# Don't Let Fire Ants Ruin Your Summer

Dealing with fire ants is no picnic, but getting rid of them can be as easy as Step 2, Step 2, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

Dr Allen Knutson, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Dallas, said spring is a good time to control fire ants as this is when they search for food and build mounds, which makes them easier to locate.

Broadcast baits are the core of AgriLife Extension's recommended



treatment. The method becomes effective as temperatures begin to rise and ants begin to gather forage to feed their new brood, he said. But once hot, dry summer conditions set in, fire ants become less active and mounds become less visible as ants go deeper in search of moisture.

Its time now in southeastern Texas to put out baits. It's a good time to apply baits in spring as they are generally slow acting. It typically takes two to four weeks to see results from us-

ing baits containing indoxacarb, spinosad or hydramethylnon. Starting as early as possible provides more time to enjoy summer without fire ants.

Learn more about the Two-Step Program:  
<http://agrilife.org/citybug-stest/files/2015/02>

## JASPER COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

Come Experience

Jasper County Farmer's Market

Open Every Saturday in June & July

8:00 a.m. to 12 noon

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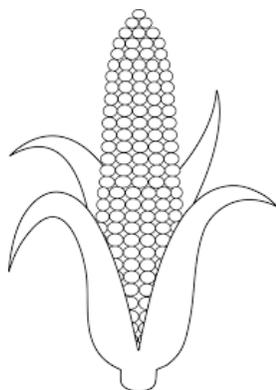
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**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS FOR  
TEXAS MASTER  
NATURALISTS  
20 YEAR  
ANNIVERSARY GALA**

With sizzling hot temperatures blanketing the state, the Texas Master Naturalist program hopes to cool things down with the announcement of their 20th Anniversary Gala, coordinators said. The event will be the evening of Oct 25 at the Sheraton Georgetown located off Interstate 35 and State Hwy. 29 at Georgetown, Texas. Proceeds from the gala will benefit the Texas Master Naturalist Endowment Fund. The Fund's mission includes enhancing the Texas Master Naturalist Program, its chapters and volunteers, now and into the future, for the benefit of natural resource education, conservation and stewardship.

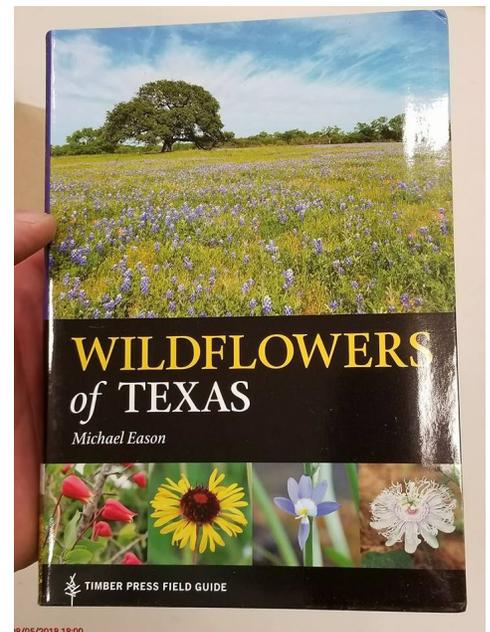
For more information about the gala, go to <https://masternaturalistendowment.org/>



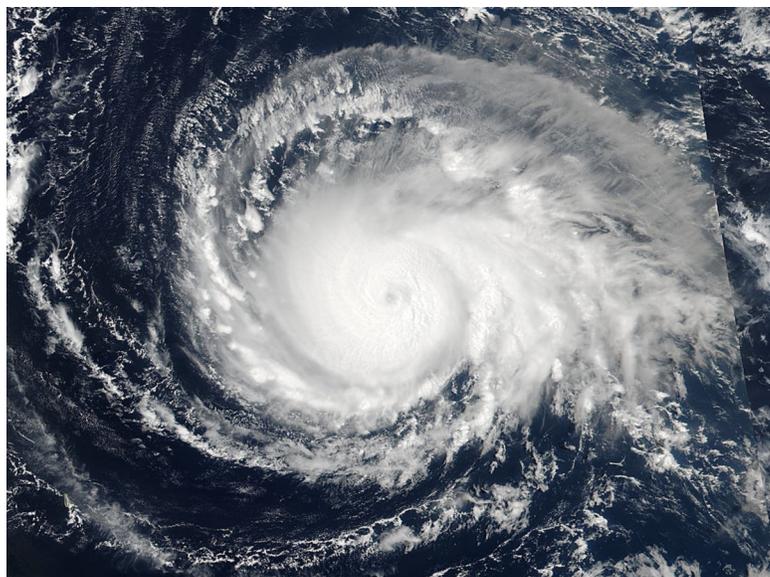
If you are interested in enrolling for the next new Master Gardeners Classes, please call our office at 409-384-3721.

*Who are Texas Master Gardeners?*

*Master Gardeners are members of the local community who take an active interest in their lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers and gardens. They are enthusiastic, willing to learn and to help others, and able to communicate with diverse groups of people. What really sets Master Gardeners apart from other home gardeners is their special training in horticulture. In exchange for their training, persons who become master gardeners contribute time as volunteers, working through their Extension office to provide horticultural-related information to their communities.*



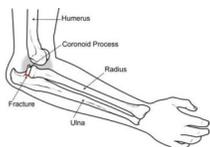
There was a great crowd of Master Gardeners and Master Volunteers for the Wildflower Presentation, held on May 8th. Speaker was Michael Eason, author of Wildflowers of Texas.



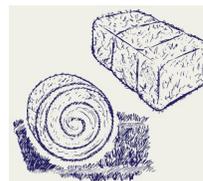
# AgriLife Extension offers Hurricane Preparedness, Recovery Information

With June 1 marking the start of hurricane season, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is reminding Texans the agency provides a wealth of disaster and emergency preparedness and recovery information. Texas Extension Disaster Education network website and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Bookstore website have a variety of this type of information, most of it available free of charge or at a minimal cost. These sites contain useful information provided by the agency and other Texas A&M University System experts, as well as experts from state and federal agencies and the national land-grant university Extension system. In most cases, the information is also available in e-book format for mobile devices. While we can't keep natural disasters like hurricanes from occurring, there is still a lot we can do to prepare for them and help minimize the damage they may do to our homes or business. There is also a lot we can do in the way of disaster preparation and recovery that will allow us to help keep our families healthy and safe.

The Texas EDEN website is at <https://texashelp.tamu.edu> and the bookstore website is at <http://tinyurl.com/AgriLifeBookstore>.



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## BEEF GOULASH

Here's a healthier twist  
on Beef Goulash

from

Dinner Tonight!

Tasty, simple

and fills



### Ingredients:

- 1 lb lean ground beef
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 bell pepper (chopped)
- 1 small onion (chopped)
- 1/2 cup carrots (shredded)
- 10 ounces frozen corn
- 1 cup fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 10 oz. can tomatoes and green chilies
- 1 15 oz. can tomato sauce
- 2 cups whole grain elbow macaroni (cooked, drained)

Brown ground beef and drain off any fat and set beef aside. Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add bell pepper and onion. Saute' for 2 minutes. Add mushrooms and corn and continue sautéing for one minute, add carrots to the skillet and saute' for 2 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add beef, cooked macaroni, tomatoes and green chilies and tomato sauce to sauteed vegetables.

Simmer about 15— 20 minutes.

Makes 6 servings



Young Campers are doing great things at East Texas Baptist Encampment. Agriculture Agent, Brock Fry, helped these campers learn how to plant their own garden.



2018  
State 4-H Roundup  
Share-the-Fun  
Vocal



**Congratulations to all of  
our  
4-H participants and  
teams  
for a job well done at  
this year's  
State 4-H Roundup in  
College Station**



Jasper	05	Humble	Bailey	Plant/Flora	White
Jasper	05	Humble	Bailey	Landscape & Nature	Blue
Jasper	05	Humble	Kaleb	Details & Macro	White
Jasper	05	Teague	Alicia	Theme	Blue
Jasper	05	Teague	Alicia	Animals - Domestic	Blue

**2018 State 4-H Roundup  
Photography Contest**



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**August 16, 2018 - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Jasper County Courthouse Annex**

**Guest Speakers, Vendors, Door Prizes**

**Cost is \$10 which includes meal**

**Please RSVP by Fri., August 10th**

**Jasper County -**

Brock Fry - 409-384-3721

**San Augustine County -**

Shane Bridges 936-275-3644

**Sabine County -**

Ronald Barlow - 409-787-3752

**Tyler County -**

Jacob Spivey - 409-283-8284

**Guest Speakers will be:**

TX State Representative, Ernest Bailes

Wildlife Biologist, Randall Kroll

TX Game Warden, Landon Spacek



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On May 24th we had a good crowd for the Summer Forage Conference. Guest speaker was Dr. Vanessa Olsen, Forage Specialist, from Texas A&M.

Check out our Jasper County Agriculture Website to read about up-coming programs .

TEXAS A&M  
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EXTENSION



A food handlers course accredited by the Texas Department of State Health Services is being offered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

This 1-2-hour course will now be required for all food service employees to help promote the service of safe food.

The certificate is good for 2 years and is valid anywhere in the State of Texas.

The course is a basic overview of food safety practices that are necessary to ensure that safe food is served at your establishment. Practices discussed include good personal hygiene, cross contamination, and time and temperature abuse.

Beginning January 1, 2014 an owner of a Cottage Food business is required to have a food handler's card from a state accredited program.

In Texas, the Cottage Food Law allows residents to prepare and sell specific foods from an unlicensed residential (home) kitchen. This course is designed to help people who want to start a cottage food production operation out of their residence.

## FOOD HANDLERS & COTTAGE FOOD LAW CLASSES

The class is taught in English but Spanish handouts are available if requested in advance.

**LOCATION:**

**Jasper County Extension Office**

271 East Lamar Street  
Suite 101  
Jasper, Texas 75951

Phone: 409-384-3721

Fax: 409-384-5949  
c-vandevender@tamu.edu

***Two different times these classes will be offered.....  
9 am to Noon or 4 pm to 6 pm***

- ◆ January 8th—Food Handlers
- ◆ February 5th— Food Handlers/Cottage Food Law
- ◆ April 2nd—Food Handlers
- ◆ May 7th—Food Handlers/Cottage Food Law
- ◆ July 2nd—Food Handlers
- ◆ August 6th—Food Handlers/Cottage Food Law
- ◆ October 1st—Food Handlers
- ◆ November 5th—Food Handlers/Cottage Food Law

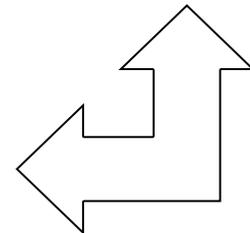
To register for the course, call the Extension office ***a week before class at 409-384-3721.***

The cost is \$20.00 per person and must be paid in full before the course begins.

Person needing auxiliary services need to contact Texas A&M AgriLife Extension—Jasper County office at 409-384-3721 within 5 working days prior to program.

THE YEAR IS  
PASSING  
QUICKLY!

MOST OF THE  
OFFERED CLASSES  
HAVE ALREADY  
PASSED, BUT THERE  
ARE STILL SOME UP-  
COMING DATES  
AVAILABLE!



**SIGN UP NOW FOR  
YOUR NEEDED  
TRAINING!**

## Asian Ambrosia Beetle

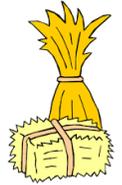
Ambrosia beetle is a serious pest. Once it attacks a tree, **typically the only option is to see if the tree survives the summer. If not, cut the tree down and destroy it or remove it from your property.** Crepe-myrtles might resprout and grow another trunk to replace what you remove but most other trees do not respond so nicely.

If you notice the “toothpicks”, your best bet is to spray susceptible trees **each spring** with cypermethrin, permethrin or deltamethrin in order to protect them from female beetles landing on the trunk and boring in.

For additional information, contact your local Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agent.



*There is no more accurate description of Asian Ambrosia Beetle damage than “Toothpicks coming out of the trunk of my tree!”*



## ANNUAL JASPER COUNTY HAY SHOW

**to be held OCTOBER 25, 2018**

**As you begin to cut your hay this summer, plan now to call Ag Agent Brock Fry to come take samples for the hay show. Cost is \$5 per sample.**





# CONGRATULATIONS! WINNERS IN RECORDBOOK COMPETITION



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SENIOR CATEGORY



**ALISSA TEAGUE**  
3RD PLACE / SWINE  
SENIOR CATEGORY



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## OXYGEN DEPLETIONS IN FARM PONDS



Every year a number of Texas pond owners lose part or all of their farm pond fish population due to an oxygen depletion. An oxygen depletion is not the only cause of fish die-offs in Texas ponds, but it is the most common. Pond-owners should be aware of the causes, signs and corrective measures to lessen the likelihood of experiencing an oxygen depletion

Many factors or combinations of factors can contribute to an oxygen depletion. The most common factors which account for the majority of oxygen depletions in Texas farm ponds are 1)Season, 2) Weather conditions, 3) Ex-

ceding the carrying capacity of the pond, 4) Improper aquatic weed control and 5) overfeeding/over fertilization.

Small ponds managed intensively for catfish are the most susceptible to oxygen depletions, but larger sportfish ponds are not exempt from their occurrence. If the fish appear at the surface and swim sluggishly, this may be a sign that an oxygen depletion is occurring, although fish with diseases or toxicity poisoning may exhibit similar symptoms. Oxygen is normally at its lowest level at daylight, therefore pond owners suspecting oxygen depletion are advised to observe fish early in the morning. A change in water color from a greenish hue to a brown or coffee color may also signal the possibility of an oxygen loss due to a phytoplankton die-off.

By being aware of the causes, signs and corrective measures of oxygen depletions, the pond owner can reduce the risks of fish losses.

For additional information, contact your local Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Agent or go to <https://agrifecdn.tamu.edu/fisheries/>.





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EVERYWHERE!**

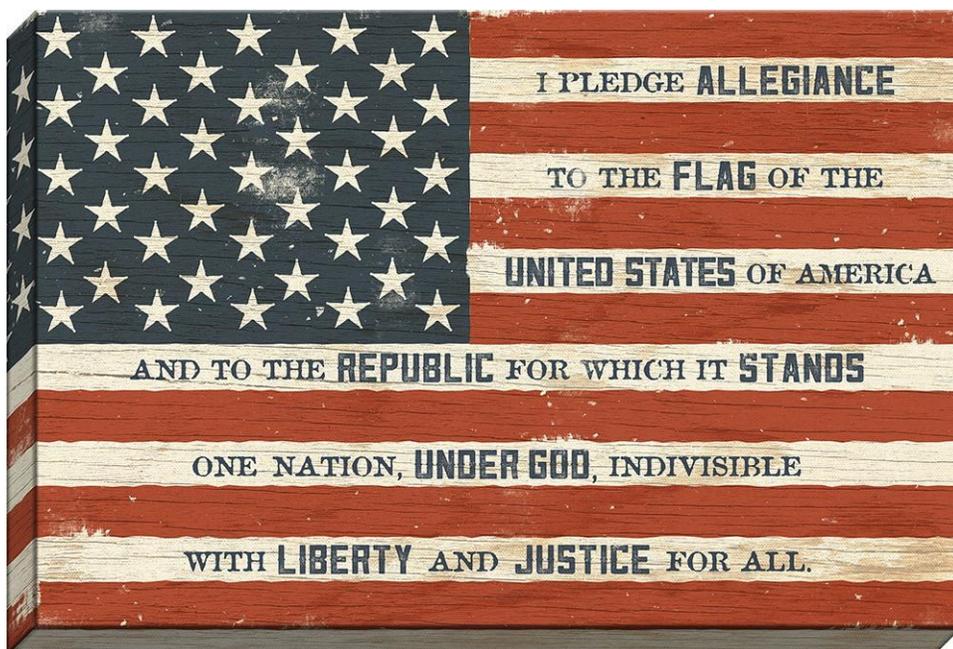
**KIRBYVILLE**

According to the Kirbyville Banner, with the success of their market on June 9th, they are looking to have another farmers market on July 14th, from 8 am. to 11 am.

**BUNA**

The Buna Beacon advertises a Farmers Market coming soon, but no dates have been given so watch for further details.....

*When you buy locally, you support your home town!*



**HAVE A  
HAPPY  
AND  
SAFE  
4TH OF  
JULY!**





June 26th - 28th

# FUN SUMMER CAMP



Pancakes and Omelets!

Popcorn Chicken!

Quesadillas!

They learned how to prepare some **great** things!



The 2018  
**Jasper County**  
**Kids Cooking**  
**Camp**  
**Advanced**  
**3rd to 8th Graders**

had a great time  
and learned a lot!



<p><b>Beginners—3rd to 11th graders</b> (limited to the 1st 15)</p> <p>Date: July 31—August 2, 2018</p> <p><b>Cost: \$25</b></p> <p>Hours: Morning Session 9:00 am to 12:00 noon</p> <p>Registration Deadline: July 1st</p> <p>Location: Jasper County Extension Office (Courthouse Annex) 271 East Lamar Street, Jasper</p>	<p><b>Advanced—3rd to 11th graders</b> (limited to the 1st 15)</p> <p>Date: July 31—August 2, 2018</p> <p><b>Cost: \$35</b></p> <p>Hours: Afternoon Session 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm</p> <p>Registration Deadline: July 1st</p> <p>Location: Jasper County Extension Office (Courthouse Annex) 271 East Lamar Street, Jasper</p>
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The attached registration form must be completed and remitted along with a non-refundable deposit of \$15 (deposit will be applied to camp fee.)

Spaces are limited to 15 participants and will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

For registration information and additional information on this camp, contact the County Extension Agent, Cindy Vandevender at either 409-384-3721 or [cjvandevender@tamuc.edu](mailto:cjvandevender@tamuc.edu)

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The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture and The County Commission, County of Jasper, Texas

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IF YOU ARE  
INTERESTED

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