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East Texas Forage Conference to Cover a Wide Array of Topics

A wide array of topics will be covered at the East Texas Forage Conference, all in an effort to assist East Texas forage producers make the best quality forage they can at the most economical price. The event is scheduled for **Friday, February 26, 2016** at the Rains County Fairgrounds Exhibit Building (located at the intersection of Hwy 19 and 69). Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. with the educational program starting at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 3:30 p.m. There is a \$20 cost for the conference with a catered lunch provided. Topics on the program are listed below:

- The Use of Prescribed Burning on Grazing Lands - Mr. Ryan Walser, Natural Resource Conservation Service
- Silvopasture in East and Central Texas - Jodi Hill, Graduate Student, Stephen F. Austin University
- Warm Season Pasture Establishment Perennials and Annuals - Dr. James Rogers, Assistant Professor Pasture and Range, Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, Ardmore, Oklahoma.
- Stockpiling Bermuda Grass Pastures - Dr. James Rogers, Assistant Professor Pasture and Range, Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, Ardmore, Oklahoma
- Pro's and Con's of Using GPS Tracking and Foam Markers for Herbicide Applications - Mr. Darren Rozell, Rozell Ag Sprayers and Rozell Chemicals

Three (3) continuing educational units (CEU's) will be given for those in attendance. One (1) hour in the general category and Two (2) in Integrated Pest Management (IPM) category. Two DOPA Credits for participating Dairies will also be given.

This program is sponsored by Van Zandt, Rains, and Wood County offices of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Please RSVP to the Rains County Extension Office Located at 410 Tawakoni Drive in Emory, or call 903-473-4580 by **2-19-16**. This will enable us sufficient time for an accurate participant count for the amount of food to order for lunch. We will also be having booth exhibits from various agricultural-related industries. I look forward to seeing everybody at the conference!