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POND MANAGEMENT FIELD DAY

Pond Management usually becomes a hot topic around this time of year. Folks are making plans to improve their pond, and are interested in information on how to do that. Many want to stock their pond, and would like to do it properly. In addition, persons with farm ponds or lakes are always interested in other areas of improvement for a good source of water.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in Rains, Wood, and Van Zandt Counties will be hosting a Pond Management Field Day on Friday, May 5, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. This program will be held at Greene's Lake, located southeast of Emory.

From Emory—At the intersection of HWY 69 and HWY 19 Go South on HWY 19. Just as you turn on 19, take a Left on FM 3274. Continue down FM 3274 for 4.2 miles until you reach county Road 2300 (if you reach HWY 779, you have gone too far). Take a right on RCR 2300 for .5 mile and then turn left on Greene's Lake Private Drive. Watch for signs leading into the location, or contact the Extension Office for a map.

Our speaker for the day will be Dr. Billy Higginbotham, Extension Wildlife and Fisheries Specialist, from the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Overton. Topics will include Pond and Lake Management, Aquatic Weed Identification, Aquatic Weed Control Methods, Stocking Techniques and Rates, Fish Care, and Water Quality.

Two Continuing Education Units (CEU's) will be given for those persons with Private Applicator Pesticide Licenses. One hour of general credit and one hour of IPM will be provided. You will need to have your pesticide license number or driver's license number to sign in for these.

In addition, attendees are asked to bring weed samples from their pond or lake for identification and control methods. The samples will be used as part of the program, and Dr. Higginbotham will identify each weed and discuss control.

We ask that you bring lawn chairs for the program and wear sunscreen, if the day is hot and sunny.

To receive more information, please contact the Rains County Extension Office or the Rains County Extension Office at (903) 473-4580. Please pre-register by April 28th.