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Fall Extension Programs

It's time to gear up for the 2016 Rusk County Hay Show. The purpose of the program is to provide hay producers with data on the quality of their hay crop. This allows them to make informed decisions when it comes to winter supplementation. What is the cost to enter hay for testing? It costs the producer nothing. Sponsorships from local businesses and the Rusk County Agriculture and Natural Resources committee are taking care of the cost for our Rusk County producers. Hay producers are asked to submit at least a one gallon bag of hay from each cutting they would like to have tested. Mark your calendars now. The deadline to enter hay is September 23rd. Hay can be delivered to the County Extension office located at 113 E. Fordall St, Henderson. The Rusk County Hay Show program is scheduled for Thursday, October 8th at 6:00 PM at the Henderson Civic Center. One CEU credit will be offered at the Hay Show for TDA Private Pesticide Applicator License holders. The speaker at the event will be Rusk County trapper James Johnston discussing hog and predator control. Money raised from the hay show goes to support Rusk County youth in the form of scholarships and add-on support at the Rusk County Youth Project Show in March.

Another educational program coming up in the near future is the East Texas Beef & Forage Clinic to be held on Friday, November 19th, 2016 at the Henderson Civic Center. This program will focus on topics of interest to beef and forage producers in east Texas and will offer participants the opportunity to earn CEU hours towards their pesticide license. We will be offering 5 continuing education units at the event for holders of Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide licenses. Topics will cover Aquatic Weed Control, Mosquito Abatement & Control, a Perspective on Pesticide Toxicology, Ag Pesticide & Container Recycling and a Herbicide Update. The cost will be \$30 per person and include lunch. Those wishing to attend are encouraged to RSVP to the Rusk County Extension office no later than Tuesday, November 15th in order to ensure an accurate meal count.

Producers' last opportunity to acquire Pesticide License CEUs in Rusk County will take place in Overton on December 1st and 6th. Each program will offer 5 CEUs each, cost \$30 per person and take place at the Overton Research & Extension Center on Hwy 3053. The program on the 1st will include topics like Weed Control in Pastures and Hay Meadows, Getting the Most Out of Your Spraying Equipment, Beef Cattle External Parasite Control and Keeping Records. The program on the 6th will include Pesticides & Pollinators, Mosquito Control Update, Turfgrass Insect Pest Update, Urban Forestry and Wild Pig Control in Urban Environments.

So, Rusk County and surrounding pesticide applicators will have the opportunity to acquire 16 CEUs between now and the end of the year, more than enough to satisfy the license requirement. If you would like more information on any of the above mentioned programs, please call the extension office at 903-657-0376.

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