



**TOM GREEN COUNTY**

**AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
NEWSLETTER**

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*April 2019*

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**Warm Season Annual Forages**

It's that time of year when my office often receives calls about warm season annual forages. Examples of summer annual grasses include:

- Pearl Millet
- Forage Sorghum
- Sorghum Sudangrass hybrids

- Sudangrass

These forages can provide valuable hay and/or grazing if managed correctly. Planting date for our area is usually April 15-May 15. Warm season annuals require that you prepare the soil, plant the seed (drill or broadcast), and fertilize each year.

**Pearl Millet** is not affected by Sugarcane aphid like sorghums. Avoid grazing or mowing pearl millet too short, as that can kill the stand. If you leave 4 to 6 inches of plant stubble after harvest, pearl millet will regrow. The stand can be harvested again in about 4 to 6 weeks.

**Forage Sorghums** can grow 8 to 13 feet tall and produce a substantial amount of dry matter. Forage sorghums grow best in fertile, well-drained soils that have good water holding capacity. Forage sorghums are best used in a single hay cutting when plants are in bloom or early dough stage. These sorghums have large stems.

**Sorghum-sudan hybrids** grow 4 to 7 feet tall, have smaller stems, and dry faster than the forage sorghums. Sorghum sudan hybrids can yield more than any other summer annuals. These hybrids can be used for grazing or silage, but they are difficult to dry for hay. Do not allow horses to graze sorghum-sudans because they contain an unidentified toxin that can cause spinal cord degeneration and even paralysis.

**Sudangrass** is a fast growing warm-season annual that can produce good forage, though usually not as much as the sorghum-sudangrass hybrids. True sudangrass has fine stems and regrows rapidly after being grazed.

For more detailed information about warm season annual forage production: <https://sanangelo.tamu.edu/extension/agronomy/agronomy-publications/summer-annual-forage-production/>

## **Human Dimensions of Wild Pigs Survey**

You have been invited to participate in this survey as a member of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service email list. This study is designed to allow Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to better understand hunter, landowner, and stakeholder opinions about wild pigs and management practices for the species.

You will be asked a series of questions about your thoughts and opinions on the resource use, economic impacts, and management of wild pigs. The survey should only take about 30 minutes to complete. Your responses are voluntary. Your answers will be submitted confidentially and will not be linked to your name or address. No risks are expected to participants in the study. There are no sensitive questions in this survey

that should cause discomfort. However, you can skip any question you do not wish to answer, or exit the survey at any point.

If you have questions, complaints, or concerns about the project, you may contact the Human Research Protection Program at Texas A&M University by phone at (979)-458-4067, toll-free at 1-(855)-795- 8636, or by email at [irb@tamu.edu](mailto:irb@tamu.edu).

**Please access the online survey by clicking on the link below:**

[Human Dimensions of Wild Pigs Survey](#)

We hope that you will take a few moments to help us to learn more about the human dimensions of wild pigs in Texas. Should you have any questions regarding this survey, or if you would like to respond to a paper copy of this questionnaire, please call or email Rachael Connally – we will be glad to assist you! You can reach Rachael by phone at (979)-583-2205 or by email at [rachael.connally@tamu.edu](mailto:rachael.connally@tamu.edu).

We hope that you will enjoy completing the questionnaire and the opportunity to share your thoughts and opinions on wild pigs. We look forward to receiving your responses.



## **Wild Pig Management**

Don't forget if you want more information on the history, biology and impacts of wild pigs visit our Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute Wild Pigs website at: <https://wildpigs.nri.tamu.edu/>

### **Private Pesticide Applicator Training May 3**

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Tom Green County is partnering with Angelo State University's Department of Agriculture to conduct a Private Pesticide Applicator Training May 3, 2019 in San Angelo.

The training will be on the university campus in Room 250 of the Vincent Building, 2333 Vanderventer Ave. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. The training will be from 1-5 p.m.

The training is specifically for those seeking a Texas Department of Agriculture Private Applicator License, and is not a continuing education unit training. The license is required to buy and apply restricted-use herbicides and pesticides.

Individual registration is \$50, due upon arrival. To ensure enough study materials are ordered, preregistration by **April 26, 2019** is required. To preregister and for more information, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Tom Green County at 325-659-6522.



Texas A&M AgriLife Extension—Tom Green County  
And  
Angelo State University—Department of Agriculture

Presents

**Date of Program:**  
May 3, 2019

**Location:**  
ASU—Vincent Bldg  
2333 Vanderventer St.

**Registration:**  
12:30 pm

**Training:**  
1:00—5:00 pm

“Private Pesticide Applicators Training”

Friday, May 3, 2019

At

Angelo State University- Vincent Building

Room #250

2333 Vanderventer St

San Angelo, Texas

**Cost of Program:**  
\$50.00  
Due upon arrival,  
covers training  
and study materials

★ PRE-REGISTER BY APRIL 26th TO ★  
TOM GREEN COUNTY EXTENSION  
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(325-659-6522)

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Please pre-register to insure proper study materials can be ordered and received. Registration after April 26th study material cannot be guaranteed.

**\*\*Due to new TDA procedures, this is a TRAINING ONLY, no testing to follow. Information will be provided on how and when to test once training is complete\*\*\***

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