

March/April 2020

## 2020 Uvalde County Junior Livestock Show & Sale

### UPDATE

Another Uvalde County Junior Livestock Show has come and gone – this year we added a new species to our livestock show and we had a great response! The kids loved this new project and we were able to add a few new supporters to our show! There were about 20 entries of **Market Broilers** and I bet it's safe to say we will have more entries next year. Our sale was good to the exhibitors as well. The Commercial Heifer project started the sale and all the pens took home at or above average prices! Considering our current weather condition, we were fortunate with those prices!! During the sale we also awarded several deserving students within the county with scholarships. Overall the week and night were enjoyed by many buyers, families, and friends!

Even though we just wrapped up our county show several kids are continuing to show their livestock! Uvalde County 4-H has had members attend the Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show, San Angelo, San Antonio, and Fort Worth. Currently we are gearing up for the Houston and Austin livestock shows! Let's send these kiddos some good luck wishes and make sure we congratulate everyone who has been active with their livestock projects!

## Soil Sampling

Soil testing is a good idea any time! Especially as we gear up for our spring gardens! Soil testing is easy and doesn't require a whole lot from you. Sample bags and testing information can be picked up at the Uvalde County Extension Office. There are various tests that can be ran from your sample depending on what you are doing with your land and what it is that you are looking for. The basic "Routine" test will provide you with soil pH, salinity, nitrates, and levels of the primary nutrients. Results are then emailed to you (or mailed) with a breakdown and recommendation for your property based off the information you provide when sending in the sample! Simply put, everyone should take soil samples!

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### MARCH

Houston Livestock Show  
Austin Livestock Show

### APRIL

## Spring is in the Air!

This weekend we all "spring" forward – so don't forget to set your clocks an hour ahead! It seems like we were just setting our clocks back an hour and making that adjustment. This simple task this weekend means there are a lot of exciting things happening in the fields. Some producers already have their seed in the ground and others are just getting started. For those of us not in the field that means we'll be seeing a lot of equipment being moved – that being said let's remind everyone to share the road and have patience with our farmers and ranchers. They are going to their jobs just like the rest of us, their "rides" just take a little longer! And because it is spring here are some timely garden tips & tricks!

\*Mow warm-season grasses 1-inch lower than their height last year to remove winter damage.

\*Cut back dead material out of ornamental grasses only after you have seen new growth emerge.

\*Remember a properly watered, fertilized, and mowed lawn will almost always beat out weeds.

\*If you've wanted to plant "tropical" trees in your landscaping now would be a good time to get those in the ground.

\*The best "Pest Management" for gardens is for you to be present in your garden. Spend the extra time to scout for various insects and diseases that could be in your gardens.



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