



Walker County Agriculture Update

Late September Update 2018

Greetings from the Walker
County, Texas A&M AgriLife
Extension office!

Quick Events & Calendar Dates Reminders...

I'm having to build this newsletter on the quick side. You will find out why later. My guess is I will have several stories to tell.

Be sure you don't miss these educational events!

Upcoming Events:

Bull Selection Workshop

September 27th, 2018

6:30 PM

SHSU Gibbs Ranch Working Pens (Top of the hill)

Cost: \$10.00 per person

RSVP to (936) 435-2426

We will be discussing bull selection criteria based on physical characteristics and EPD numbers with the goal of meeting your ranch needs. Dr. Ron Gill, Associate Department Head & Extension Program Leader for Animal Science will team up with our SHSU faculty for this workshop. We plan to have live cattle in the pens for this workshop discussion.

Walker Co Master Gardener Fall Plant Sale!!

Saturday -September 29th, 2018

Texas AgriLife Extension office, Walker County

102 Tam Road, Suite B

Huntsville, TX 77320

8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Fall is the best time of year to plant shrubs, perennials & fruit trees! Come out and get your plants. We will have Fall vegetables as well. Don't wait too late in the day, what you need may be in somebody else's garden!

Fall Hay Evaluation – Hay Testing Submission Deadline

Thursday, October 4th @ 5:00 PM

Texas AgriLife Extension office, Walker County

102 Tam Road, Suite B

Huntsville, TX 77320

Entry forms are available via email from r-lepley@tamu.edu Be sure to type Hay Entry Request in the subject line.

*Additional information available from Walker County, TX AgriLife Extension at (936) 435-2426

9th Annual Butterfly Festival

Saturday, October 13th, 2018

Walker County Texas AgriLife Extension office (Tam Road & Hwy 75 N, Huntsville)

Bring the family. This is a great educational event to learn about butterflies and their importance to us. If you have never seen a butterfly being tagged for tracking purposes, you need to be here -it's a neat thing!! All ages are welcome. Children's area events available!! Tag & Release of Monarch butterflies. This educational festival is sponsored by the Walker County Master Gardeners.

Walker County Fall Hay Evaluation (1 CEU)

With a STEAK DINNER!

Thursday, October 25th

6:30 PM

Walker County Storm Shelter

455 Hwy 75 N

Huntsville, TX 77320

\$5.00 /person (RSVP to 936-435-2426 by 10/22/18 for meal planning)

In addition to producing and evaluation of quality hay, we will look at hay feeding management to stretch your hay supplies while increasing feed efficiency of beef cattle. Dr. Joe Paschal, Professor & Extension Livestock Specialist, from Corpus Christi will be on hand with us for the beef cattle discussion. We have an impressive set of sponsors lined up to help us with this educational event, more details in the next newsletter.

2019 Walker County Master Gardener Program Orientation

November 15th, 2018

11:00 AM

Walker County AgriLife Extension Office

We hold this program orientation each year prior to the start of the next years Master Gardener Training Classes.

If you are interested in learning about what the MG program has to offer and what is involved in the process, this is the event you need to be at. Training rosters fill quickly, contact the AgriLife Extension Office at (936) 435-2426 if you would like to be on the list.

Calving Assistance Workshop

November 15th, 2018

6:30 PM

Walker County AgriLife Extension Office

102 Tam Road, Huntsville, TX 77320

Cost: \$10.00 per person

RSVP to (936) 435-2426

It has been several years since we have offered this workshop. Experienced ranchers can always use a "refresher course" and new beef producers should really have this knowledge in their personal toolbox. Join us for this workshop to learn the proper methods and timing for assisting cattle during difficult calving. We will demonstrate the method and proper use of tools which you need to know.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR COW COUNTRY CONGRESS

2018 Cow Country Congress

October 19, 2018.

Triple Son Farms, Leon County, TX

\$20.00 per person prior to October 12th/\$30 per person after October 12th

Registration forms are available at the Walker County AgriLife Extension Office
(OR)

Online at: <https://2018easttexasshowstar.wufoo.com/forms/2018-cow-country-congress/>

This ranching location raises some exceptionally high quality F1 Brahman/Angus cross cattle. You don't want to miss the 2018 Cow Country Congress! Look for yourself and see what the excitement is about:
<http://www.triplesonfarms.com>

The program agenda is enclosed below:

Cow Country Congress **October 19, 2018**

Registration and Vendor Set Up

Welcome

Judge Byron Ryder, Leon County

Ranch Welcome and History

Paul Dufrene & Jacob Dufrene, Owners

Low Stress Cattle Handling,

Dr. Ron Gill, Professor & Extension Livestock
Specialist; Associate Depart Head Extension

Dog Demonstration

Gene Stokes, Ranch Manager

Break/Vendor Time

Disaster Planning for Beef Cattle

Dr. Joe Paschal, Professor & Extension Livestock
Specialist

Legislative Update

Representative Trent Ashby

Lunch/Vendor Time

Cattle Development
– Genetics and Geography

Dr. Joe Paschal, Professor & Extension Livestock
Specialist

Break/Vendor Time

Disaster Planning for Forage

Dr. Ron Gill, Professor & Extension Livestock
Specialist; Associate Depart Head Extension

Heifer Selection

Dr. Jason Cleere, Associate Professor & Extension Beef
Cattle Specialist

If you have questions or would like more information regarding Extension Educational Programs, call us at (936) 435-2426.



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Provisions from the American Disability Act will be considered when planning educational programs and activities. Please notify the Walker County Extension Office if you plan on attending an Extension Educational program and need specialized services. Notification of at least three to five days in advance is needed, so that we may have ample time to acquire resources needed to meet your needs.

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