



## Walker County Agriculture Update

**Late February  
Update 2019**

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

**Hello!**

Enclosed in this quick mailing are a couple of reminders, a new educational event, plus a survey opportunity.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Spring Garden Expo (THIS WEEKEND!)**

**February 23 & 24, 2019**

**9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Feb 23-Saturday)**

**11:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Feb 24-Sunday)**

**Walker County Fairgrounds (3925 SH 30, Huntsville, TX)**

**\$3.00/participant (children under 12-FREE)**

**Free Parking!**

The Walker County Master Gardeners have announced their first Spring Garden Expo will open to the public on Saturday, February 23 at 9:00 a.m. The Expo will cover two days, Feb. 23 and 24 and will be held at the Walker County Fairgrounds located at 3925 SH 30 in Huntsville, TX. Saturday hours are from 9:00 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Parking is free at the Fairgrounds.

The Spring Garden Expo is an indoor event packed with exciting and informative educational events that include hands-on and demonstrations from local experts. Speakers will present timely information on outdoor living and gardening in the areas surrounding Walker County. Presentations will feature LEAF-PRO gardening tips from Master Gardeners, and there will be an "Ask The Master Gardener" booth.

Scheduled Garden Expo presentation topics (current):

Saturday

11:00 AM Helpful items for your garden bag.

12:00 Noon Bee aware about bees.

1:00 PM Meet your County Agent.

2:00 PM Cool weather herbs.

3:00 PM Tomatoes.

4:00 PM All about seeds.

Sunday

12:00 Noon Herbs & cooking tips.

1:00 PM Chickens in the garden.

2:00 PM Propagation of your favorite plants.

3:00 PM Vermicomposting: Composting with worms.

There will be a variety of clubs and associations that will offer information on such topics as beekeepers, native plants, herbs and much more. There is a designated Children's Activity Zone with an entertaining assortment of crafts, games and educational activities. There will be a Garden Shop offered by Walker County Master Gardeners at the Expo. A concession area will also be available.

A wide selection of vendors will be on hand with items for your yard, garden, patio, porch or containers. Sponsors for the Garden Expo include: Landscapers Pride, Scotts Miracle-Gro, Brookshire Brothers, Encore Azaleas, Southern Living Plant Collection and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension.

Each family will receive a 'goody' bag, while supplies last, stuffed with information, brochures and other items. There will be a raffle available. Stop by the Seed Ladies booth for a special surprise.

There will be a \$3 donation per adult to attend the Expo. Children under 12 are FREE! For more information, please call the Walker County AgriLife Extension office at 936-435-2426.

### **Walker County Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale**

**March 9, 2019**

**Walker County AgriLife Extension Office (102 Tam Rd., Huntsville, TX 77320)**

**8:00 AM until 2:00 PM**

Featured plants include: Tomatoes, Peppers, Herbs, Roses, Native, Ornamentals, Perennials, Spring Bulbs, Shrubs, Trees, and much more! Bring your garden wagons! Great info available on growing plants in our county with educational seminars for the green thumbs. Fun for the family!

### **Coffee & Conservation**

**March 14, 2019**

**Honey's Coffee and Biscuits (130 Gibbs St, New Waverly, TX 77358)**

**7:00 AM until 10:00 AM**

Featured discussions at this event will allow landowners to explore local agricultural and natural resource issues and management. Trees, Livestock, Wildlife, & Wildfire will be on the discussion table. Speakers and resource professionals from Texas A&M Forest Service, Texas Parks & Wildlife, Natural Resource Conservation Service (USDA), and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension are planning on being on hand to assist your questions and inquiries. For more information, call (936) 295-5688.

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

Howdy,

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.

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.

Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or veteran status. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating