

October 2019



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Upcoming Dates

- Soil Campaign 10/14-11/14/19
- South Texas Central Cow-Calf Clinic-10/25/19
- MG Tree Sale Pick up 10/26/19
- Hay Auction/Breakfast 10/26/19
- Lone Star Healthy Streams TBA
- 8th Annual Seaborne Nature Fest 11/2/19
- Private Applicator Training 11/7/19
- Sugar Plum Homemade Market 12/6-7/19
- Ag & Wildlife Valuation Workshop TBA
- 5 Hr CEU Training 12/12/19

Check for fliers in the back of the newsletter for more information



Soil Campaign-October 14-November 14

The Annual Soil Testing Campaign in Grimes and Waller County will run from October 14- November 14. This campaign is made possible through the support of the Grimes County Beef & Forage Committee and the Waller County Livestock & Forage Committee and in cooperation with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Soil, Water, and Forge Testing Lab in College Station.

Soil sample bags and submittal forms for the soil testing campaign is available at: The Grimes County Extension Service located at 203 Veterans Memorial Dr., Navasota or The Waller County Extension Service located at 846 6th St., Hempstead.

All soil samples and forms must be returned to the Grimes or Waller County Extension office to receive the discounted pricing. Full payment by check payable to the County committee you are turning the sample in to and are due when the samples are submitted to the Extension office. Extension office staff will deliver your samples to the testing lab. Sample results will be returned to the Extension office and then distributed.

The Soil Testing Campaign offers agricultural producers the opportunity to have their soil tested to determine its current fertility and receive a recommendation to improve the fertility required to produce the best crop possible. This campaign is only intended for soil analysis on agricultural land used for grazing and/or hay production. Samples which are allowed; pasture, row crop, lawn or garden soil samples.

The cost for a routine analysis will be \$8.00 and a routine analysis with micronutrients will cost \$15.00. In exchange for the reduced testing cost, some information regarding your agriculture land will be required. The information you will need to provide includes the number of acres the sample represents, your planned fertilizer application for the coming year, what you are growing, and whether or not the soil has been sampled in the past three years.

Hay Auction & Breakfast

Waller County Livestock and Forage Committee and Waller County Farm Bureau will be hosting a Breakfast with the farmers followed by a Hay Auction. The Breakfast and Hay Auction will be on Saturday, October 26, 2019 starting at 8am located at the Waller County Extension office at 846 6th St. Hempstead. The breakfast will be provided by Farm Bureau with a short presentations on the organization and membership. The Hay Auction will follow immediately afterwards, with Charlie Tiner as our Auctioneer.

The Hay Auction will include hay from the Hay Show and all proceeds will go towards a scholarship for a local high school senior. We will have several lots that will include round and square bales. Please come out to support the youth of Waller County.

Please go to our website to pre-register, the registration link is under the Hay Show tab or if you do not have internet access, you may also pre-register by contacting the Extension Office at (979) 826-7651, so we can have an accurate count for food and refreshments.



Master Gardeners News

If you ordered your Fruit or Nut Tree from the Master Gardener Tree Sale, pick up will be at the Waller County Fairgrounds from 9am to 1pm on Saturday, October 26. If you have any questions please call a Master Gardner at 979-826-7651.

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SCTCCC Scholarship Drawing

New for 2019, the South Central Texas Cow-Calf Clinic Planning Committee will be selling drawing tickets for five fantastic prizes to support the scholarship and youth program. The prizes will include #1) pen of 5 heifers, #2) pen of 5 heifers, #3) a side of beef, #4) a side of beef, #5) 1 ton of cattle feed. Tickets are be \$100 each and are currently on sale until October 25th. The drawing will be held live during the social following the Cow-Calf Clinic, so buy your ticket and come out to join us!

If you would like to purchase any tickets please call or stop by our office , 979-826-7651.

Name that Plant?

Description

Bishop's-weed is a showy, coolseason annual up to 3 feet tall. The oblong leaves may be up to 8 inches long and 5.5 inches wide.

The many white flowers are arrayed in an umbrella shape up to 3 inches across located at branch tips. Each flower gives rise to a small, oblong, rough fruit.

Habitat

This plant was introduced from the Mediterranean region and has been widely disseminated in the Western Hemisphere. It is found in east and south Texas, usually along roadsides, as it has apparently been included in some wildflower seed mixes. In the past 15 years, bishop's weed has become more widespread, and is now established in some roadside pastures. It is likely to spread further in coming years, posing a greater threat to livestock.

Toxic Agent

Bishop's-weed contains a furocoumarin in all parts of the plant, but it is especially concentrated in the seed. The compound is photoactive, causing primary photosensitization in cattle, sheep and birds. All animals consuming the seed should be considered at risk.

Signs of Livestock Ingestion

Signs in affected animals: increased body temperature; Photophobia (the animals shy away from light); Edema of the muzzle, ears, udder, scrotum and vulva; Sunburn of light-colored skin; Inflammation of skin.

Thin-skinned areas and those having thin or no hair are often those most affected. Inflammation is followed by swelling, blisters, fluid seepage and sometimes sloughing of the skin.



48th Annual South Central Texas Cow-Calf Clinic

Mark your calendars for the 48th Annual South Central Texas Cow-Calf Clinic and Trade Show on Friday, October 25, 2019 at the Washington County Fairgrounds Sales Facility in Brenham! Registration will begin at 7:30am with the program getting underway at 8:00am. A registration fee of \$20.00 per person will provide admission to the clinic, an opportunity to visit with tradeshow vendors, refreshments, a catered bar-b-que lunch, the afternoon social, and the GRAND DOOR PRIZE HEIFER at the conclusion of the day. Make plans to join in and receive information which will help you make sound management decisions in your beef cattle operations.

A great list of program topics and excellent speakers have been prepared based on the recommendations of Beef and Forage Committee members from Austin, Brazos, Burleson, Fayette, Grimes, Harris, Lee, Waller, and Washington Counties. The 2019 clinic will focus on emerging issues for cattle producers ranging from land-owner liability and changes in animal identification requirements to heifer development and grazing management. The day is packed full of great presentation, live cattle demonstrations, and includes a number of contests for participants to test their knowledge and skills with awards sponsored by Capital Farm Credit. Throughout the day there will be time to visit with tradeshow vendors, view cattle in the contests, and network with producers, speakers, and others.

For the second year, the South Central Texas Cow-Calf Clinic Planning Committee is excited to offer a Youth Track. This new adventure will be a great learning opportunity for SENIOR AGE 4-H and FFA members who have an interest in animal science with a focus on beef

cattle production. Topics for the youth track will include hands on activities focusing on anatomy & physiology, meats, beef cattle reproduction, path to the plate, and a grilling 101 workshop. This is an exciting addition to the South Central Texas Cow-Calf Clinic and we look forward to working with young people who are interested in the beef cattle industry. Registration will be limited to the first 100 students and is open to youth in the multi-county area.

For the sixth year in a row, the Washington County Beef and Forage Committee have partnered with Texas Farm Credit has purchased a commercial heifer at the Washington County Fair and will draw for her as the GRAND DOOR PRIZE at the end of the day. Participants must be registered for the entire day and must be present to win! Be sure to get your registration ticket for this great door prize.

The tradeshow at the Cow-Calf Clinic continues to grow and this year will feature some great representatives from the cattle and ranching industry. You won't want to miss the opportunity to visit their booths, learn about the products and services they offer, and have an opportunity to win some of the great door prizes they will be giving out!

After the meeting is adjourned tradeshow vendors, participants, and speakers are invited to stick around for the social hour sponsored by Mike Hopkins Distributing and enjoy some Beer-Battered-Beef-Tips! Cow-Calf Clinic participants who hold a private, commercial, or non-commercial pesticide applicators license will receive two hours of continuing education units, one laws and regulations and one general category.

Beef 706 This is a flagship educational activity of the Animal Science Department and the Texas Beef Council entitled Beef 706. Each session of Beef 706 involves approximately 30-40 participants from various segments of the beef industry. They learn about the importance of producing a more consistent and high quality beef product through a series of hands-on lessons presented by various meat science faculty, staff and graduate students. For example, the participants are divided into groups, allowed to select live cattle (through video) and then follow those cattle through grading and a hands-on cutting session which allows the participants a chance to experience first-hand the differences encountered in carcass composition and meat quality and profitability. Their resulting information is then evaluated in terms of the value differences calculated between animals. Participants will see cattle value from market steer to fabricated boxed beef.

The Texas Beef Council pays for the majority of the course; therefore, you pay \$50 to register in a program that costs over \$500 per participant to conduct. Participants will be provide transportation via buses while at the Beef 706 Program. The workshop will be held at the Kleberg Center and Rosenthal Center on the Texas A&M University Campus in College Station. There will not be parking available for your car on campus. The deadline to register is October 23 and there is no walk-up registration.



Beef 706
October 29-30, 2019
on the Texas A&M University Campus
College Station, Texas



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TEXAS BEEF COUNCIL




Thursday October 29

- 7:00 am Bus leaves the Hotel for the Kleberg Center
- 7:30 am Introduction and Purpose
- 7:45 am Beef Carcass Grading – Dan Hale
- 8:30 am Market Cattle Evaluation – Jason Cleere
- 9:30 am Beef Harvest Floor Demo – Dan Hale
- 10:45 am Review Video of the Market Cattle – Dan Hale
- 11:00 am Hands-on Beef Grading – Dan Hale
- 11:30 am Introduction to Meat Cutting – Davey Griffin
- 12:15 noon Lunch
- 1:00 pm Fabricate the Forequarter – led by Davey Griffin
- 1:30 pm Fabricate the Hindquarter – led by Davey Griffin
- 5:00 pm Relocate to the Texas A&M Beef Center
- 6:15 pm Effective Stockmanship – Ron Gill
- Prime Rib Dinner
- Beef Checkoff Update
- 7:30 pm Bus Returns to Hotel

Wednesday October 30

- 7:30 am Bus leaves the Hotel for the Kleberg Center
- 7:45 am Genetic Selection Tools – Andy Herring
- 8:45 am Feeder Calf Beef Quality Management – Ron Gill
- 9:45 am Break
- 10:00 am Eating Appeal of Beef – Rhonda Miller
- 11:30 am Economics Carcass Finished Steer to Carcass on the Grid – Dan Hale
- 12:30 pm Finished Steer to Boxed Beef Value – Davey Griffin
- 2:00 pm Adjourn Program

Registration – <http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/Beef706> or 979-844-2604
 Parking – Participants will be provide transportation via buses while at the Beef 706 Program. The workshop will be held at the Kleberg Center and Rosenthal Center on the Texas A&M University Campus. There will not be parking available for your car on campus.

What to wear? – Bring a sweatshirt and wear long pants and close-toed work shoes. You will be in a cold room for one 4-hour block of time. No Jewelry and watches may be worn in the meat's lab sections of the workshop.
Hotel – RAMADA COLLEGE STATION, 506 EARL RUDDER FREEWAY S., COLLEGE STATION 77840 (979-846-0200) Group Name: Beef 706, \$79 plus tax.

Education programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.



Waller County Master Gardeners

2019 Tree Sale

Order: August 15 - September 30



Order deadline: September 30. Pre-order sales ONLY

Varieties & sizes subject to vendor availability

Order online at website: txmg.org/wallermg

Or visit Waller County Extension Office to place order:
Monday- Friday 9AM- noon August 15- September 30. (excludes holidays)

Payment due with order. (PayPal, credit card, cash, or check)

View order form & tree variety info @ website

Also on Facebook page: Waller County Master Gardeners

Pickup: Saturday October 26th 9am –1pm

Location: Waller County Fairgrounds
22000 Fairground Road, Hempstead, TX, 77445

New varieties offered

Burr Oak	Redbud
Chinese Pistache	Red Maple

Favorite standards

Apples	Avocados
Blueberries	Olives
Figs	Grapes
Lemons	Limes
Oranges	Grapefruits
Peaches	Blackberries
Plums	Persimmons
Pecans	

All Sales FINAL



Waller County Master Gardeners
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Waller County Office
846 6th Street, Hempstead, TX.
Phone: 979-826-7651
Email: wallermgardener2013@gmail.com
Website: txmg.org/wallermg

FARM BUREAU OF WALLER COUNTY
&
LIVESTOCK & FORAGE COMMITTEE



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**FARMER BREAKFAST
&
HAY AUCTION**

Learn about Agriculture in our county, enjoy a hot breakfast
and support education.

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10.26.2019

WALLER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
846 6TH STREET
HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS 77445

RSVP: Online or Call

<https://waller.agrilife.org/4-h-events/>

979-826-7651

Deadline to RSVP: 10/23/2019

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Private Applicators Licenses Training

Training-\$10

Books - \$40
(2 manuals)

**Please RSVP to
reserve your
spot, space is
limited.**

**Please mail
checks or bring
money by before
the Training.**

**Checks payable:
Extension
Program Council**
Nonrefundable

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
Service

Waller County Office &
Cooperative Extension Program

846 6th Street
Hempstead, TX 77445

Phone: 979-826-7651
Fax: 979-826-7654

<http://waller.agrilife.org>

When: Rescheduled Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Thursday, November 7, 2019

Trainings are from 1pm to 5pm

Check in/Registration starts 30 mins before

You may bring your lunch with you

Dates & Times are subject to change

Where: Waller County Extension Office,
846 6th Street, Hempstead, TX 77445

The purpose of this training is to obtain a Private Applicator License from Texas Department of Agriculture. This license will enable the applicator to purchase and apply state limited use and federally restricted chemicals on his land or land he has control of for the purpose of production of agricultural commodities. All farm and ranch operators who do not have a Private Applicator's License to purchase "restricted use" pesticides (such as 2, 4-D, Grazon P+D, Tordon 22K, etc.) will need to attend this training.

If you are interested in obtaining a Private Applicator license, please contact the Waller County office at (979) 826-7651 to RSVP and to purchase the manuals.

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Grimes & Waller County Soil Testing Campaign

October 14-November 14, 2019

This campaign is open to all Livestock and Forage producers as well as homeowners for gardens and yards.

Soil bags, campaign forms, and directions can be picked up at the Grimes or Waller County Extension Office.

All bags, forms, and payment must be received by November 14th at 5 pm

Please make checks payable to:
Grimes County: Grimes County
Beef & Forage Committee
Waller County: WC Livestock &
Forage Committee

Prices:

Routine Analysis: \$8

Routine + Micro-nutrients: \$15



Location:

Grimes County:
203 Veterans Memorial Dr.
Navasota, TX 77868

Waller County:
846 6th St.
Hempstead, TX 77445

For more information please contact the Grimes County Office (936-873-3907) or Waller County Office (979-826-7651).

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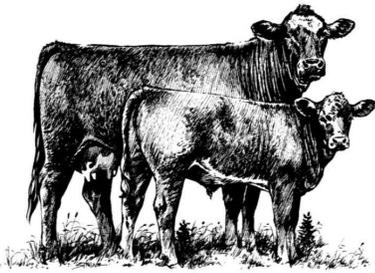
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SAVE THE DATE

**48th South Central
Texas Cow-Calf Clinic**

OCTOBER 25, 2019



**At the Washington County
Fairgrounds in Brenham, TX.**

**For details or to get involved visit
our website at
washington.agrilife.org**

ENTER TO WIN A FREE HEIFER!

The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in this meeting are encouraged to contact the County Extension Office at (979) 277-6212 prior to the meeting to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.

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LEADERSHIP ADVISORY BOARD

1st Annual

SUGAR PLUM HOMEMADE MARKET

DECEMBER 6, 2019 | 6:00 PM TO 9:00PM
DECEMBER 7, 2019 | 10:00 AM TO 2:00PM

Waller County Extension Office
846 6th St
Hempstead, Texas 77445
979-826-7651

— SPECIALS —
ALL ITEMS
\$1 TO \$30

***ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BENEFIT
YOUTH AND ADULT PROGRAMS.

DROP BY FOR A SELECTION OF HOMEMADE OR LOCALLY-SOURCED
FOOD, KNICK-KNACKS, ORNAMENTS, CRAFTS, AND MORE!



COUNTRY PLACE* MARKET

OPEN -AIR MARKET / SMALL COMMUNITY HUB

(GRAND OPENING)



10X10 Tents 12X12

Vendors



Stage

(Farmers, Food, Crafters, Drinks & Talent)



Classic Antique Cars

* Waller County Residents



● FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.



Community Residents & Resources Connection

- Free! Free! Free! Hot Dogs, Drinks & Music
- Vendors Sign Up & Bring Lawn Chairs

● SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.



- Vendors – Farmers, Food, Drinks, Crafts, Jewelry, etc.....
- Classic Antique Car Show
- Entertainment * Raffle drawings
- Bring lawn/ Loungers/ chairs

● INFORMATION- ASK: “ 359 COUNTRY PLACE”

- **Email:** Rd359countryplacemarket@yahoo.com
- **Call:** 281-202-9427
- **Address:** 12699 FM 359 Road - “ Monaville ”9+
- **Rights:** We Reserve The Right To Refuse Service/s.
- **Absolutely:** No Alcohol, Drugs, Beverages, Food, Coolers or Weapons Allowed*

8TH ANNUAL
SEABOURNE NATURE FEST

November 2, 2019, Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Seabourne Creek Nature Park
3831 Highway 36 South, Rosenberg, TX 77471

Petting Zoo
Bee Keepers
Food Trucks
Nature Talks
Face Painting
Prairie Hayrides
Children's Crafts
Native Plant Sale
Guided Park Tours
Edible Plant Display
Alligators & Snakes
Butterflies & Caterpillars
And Much More...



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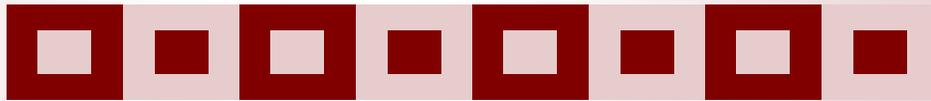
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We're on the web
<http://waller.agrilife.org/>

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Sponsored by the Waller County Beef & Forage Committee
Signs are available at Waller County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office
846 6th St., Hempstead, TX 77445; 979-826-7651



We have a Soil & Forage Probe that can be rented out to take samples. \$50 Deposit which is returned when the probe is brought back and not damaged. For more information or to check out one of these items please call the office.



*Help stray livestock get
home safely*

**\$12
each**

OWNER/AGENT: _____
**Waller County
Sheriff's Office 979-826-8282 #XXXX**

**Property
Gate
Signs**

Signs are available for Waller County residents signs are about 5"x20" in size.
Attaches to gates or fences where they are visible from the road.
Individualized for each producer with an assessing number and a place for a phone number, Ranch name, or Owners Name.