

Edwards County Newsletter

Agriculture

Special points of interest:

- Feral Hog Trapping Workshop
- Sonora Research Station Field Day
- Box Trap Rules
- Rancher's Roundup



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Feral Hog Trapping Workshop

On May 2nd, Edwards, Sutton and Val Verde Counties are happy to bring you a feral hog trapping workshop. Topics included will be:

- DIY Box Trap Building and Impact of Feral Hogs
- BoarBuster Trap Demonstration
- Feral Hog Baiting Methods and Recipes

Three CEU's (2 IPM & 1 General) will be given to those with a Pesticide Applicators License.

There is a \$5.00 cost to register that covers morning refreshments, checks should be made out to "Sutton Ag Program Fund. Please RSVP for an accurate headcount by April 28th.

For more information and to register contact James Crockett at 830-683-4310 or by email at

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Directions to the Sonora research Station: From Rock-springs, Take Hwy 55N towards Sonora for approximately 28 miles, the Sonora Station will be on the right-hand side of the road.

Rancher's Roundup

On May 24th, Edwards and Sutton Counties will be bringing a quality educational program to Sonora. Three CEU's (2 IPM & 1 Gen) Program begins at 9 a.m. Details are still being finalized but potential topics include:

- Sheep and Goat Industry Outlook (Pro's and Con's Wool & Hair Sheep & Spanish Goats)
- Right Herbicides for Your Range Situation
- Sprayer Calibration & Herbicide Mistakes
- Wool and Mohair Update
- Pests to Livestock, Internal and External

More details coming soon.

Sonora Station Field Day

Heritage, Homestead and Habitat is the headline for this Field Day. On April 22nd, there will be a neighbors meeting neighbors day at the Sonora AgriLife Research Station. Revolving demonstration will include:

- Prescribed Fire Demonstration
- Edwards Plateau Wildlife
- Lamb Cooking Demo
- Shearing and Working Dog Demonstration
- Cattle Tick, CWD, and Screw-worms
- Super Juniper Eating Goat Sale
- Range Tour, Burn Sites, Drone Demo
- Chuck Wagon Lunch (Contributions Accepted)

FMI contact Doug Tolleson at 325-387-3168.
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Edwards County CHOMP Grant Update:

The sign-up for borrowing one of the box traps will begin at the May 2nd Feral Hog Trapping Workshop. I will be taking delivery of five of the box traps this week, but there are some finishing touches that need to be made first. I will have a full list of the rules attached on the backside of this newsletter. If anybody has any comments on the rules, I would love to hear them. My main priority is to be reasonable, if you feel that these rules are unreasonable or too harsh, I would like to know so that I can look at adjusting them. There are situations where a large hog could damage one of the traps, that is understandable, but it is still an asset that the county has to be responsible for. The main reason for the rules is to protect the county, it is understandable if a weld gets broken or if the cable gets torn up. An example of an abused trap would be multiple broken welds on the angle iron or square tubing, essentially making the trap look like it fell out of the back of a truck going 75 mph down the highway. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to give me a call.



The following are dates for upcoming programs:

- May 2nd– Feral Hog Trapping Demonstration
- April 22nd– Sonora Station Field Day
- May 24th– Rancher's Roundup

If you would like to be added to our e-mail or mailing list to receive updates on all future programs, please contact the extension office at 830-683-4310 or by e-mail at James.Crockett@ag.tamu.edu



CHOMP Grant Box Trap Draft Rules

Rules subject to change prior to May 2nd Feral Hog Trapping Workshop

1. You must be a landowner in Edwards County; if you are under a lease in Edwards County you are still eligible.
2. After using the traps, please report the total number of hogs that were caught while using the traps, it may help in any future grant applications.
3. You will be allowed to have the trap for a total of 21 days at a time, if there is nobody else on the waiting list, you may hold onto the trap for longer.
4. Pick up and Drop off location is at the Edwards County 4-H Barn, please do not leave traps there unattended. Arrangements can be made ahead of time to schedule the best time for drop off or pickup. There will also be an inspection of the trap when dropping off.
5. Should a trap be lost, stolen or damaged beyond repair; the landowner or lessee who checked out the trap is responsible. If the trap is damaged but is repairable, you will still be responsible for the damage. The assigned value for each individual trap is \$650.00.
6. When checking out the trap, please include: name, phone number, email and ranch location.
7. When using these traps you will agree to follow all Texas Parks and Wildlife regulations for hunting feral hogs.
8. When using these traps you agree to follow all Texas Animal Health Commission rules for transporting live hogs.
9. This should be the end of the line for all Feral Hogs, please do not release any hogs that are caught in the box traps.

Contact Information:	
Name:	
Ranch Name:	
Ranch Location:	
Phone Number:	
Email:	

By signing below you agree to all of the above rules and understand that if a trap is lost, stolen, or damaged beyond repair you are responsible for paying for the full \$650.00 replacement fee. You also understand that if any minor repairs are needed and identified during return of the traps, you will be responsible for that cost as well. If you refuse to pay after damaging or losing a trap, you understand that you will be taken to small claims court and that you will be responsible for any court costs that are incurred.

Signature: _____