

Ochiltree County Ag Newsletter November 2016

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“Ochiltree Farm & Ranch Gathering”

An Educational Workshop hosted by:
Capital Farm Credit & Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2016

**Ochiltree County Expo Center
402 Expo Drive | Perryton**

8:30 a.m.

Registration & Breakfast Tacos

9:00 a.m.

“Surface Owner’s Rights for Wind Turbines & Water”

*Brian Farabough, Attorney at Law,
Lovell, Lovell, Isern & Farabough, LLP*

10:00 a.m.

“The Financial Advantage of Banking with Capital Farm Credit

Kody King, VP, Capital Farm Credit

11:00 a.m.

“Surface Owner’s Rights for Oil, Gas & Pipelines”

*Joe L. Lovell, Attorney at Law,
Lovell, Lovell, Isern & Farabough, LLP*

12:00 p.m.

“Fish Fry with all the Fixins”
Catered by: Potbellied Stallions



Amarillo Farm Show November 30, 2016

This year at the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension will be hosting a wide variety of topics for area producers at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, November 30, 2016. These will be concurrent sessions, about 1 hour in length each, so you will pick which ones you find an interest in. CEU's will be offered. For more answers to your questions you may contact me at my office at 806-435-4501.

RRAD (Researched, Relevant, AgriLife, Discussion) Program Agenda

November 30, 2016
Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show

Station 1 -- Crop Market Outlook and Opportunities
2017 Profitability Analyzer (Grain Option)
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(Small Grain/Grazing/Silage/Hay Option)

Station 2 – TDA Laws and Regulations
Panhandle Cotton Variety Selection
TDA Laws and Regulations

Station 3 – Sunflower Production
Grasshopper Biology, Control, and
Potential Damage
Corn Hybrid Options (Silage, Feed Corn, etc.)

Station 4 – Current Issues and Future Farm Bill
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Station 5 -- Wheat Fungicide Chemistry and Action
Financial Tech Tools in Agriculture
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Station 6 -- Stocker Cattle
Health/Nutrition Opportunities
Hay/Silage/Graze Out Decisions
Stocker Cattle Health/Nutrition Opportunities



* Please RSVP by Nov. 14 to Judy.Collins@CapitalFarmCredit.com or 806.435.6526



The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) was notified by The United States Department of Agriculture/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA/APHIS) of the confirmed presence of New World screwworm in Key deer from National Key Deer Refuge in Big Pine Key, Florida on October 3, 2016.

This is the first local infestation in the United States in more than 30 years. If this pest became established in the United States again, it could have a devastating impact on our country's livestock industry. The USDA announcement can be found at http://www.tahc.texas.gov/news/2016-10-03_USDAScrewworm.pdf

New World screwworms are fly larvae (maggots) that can infest livestock and other warm-blooded animals, including people. They most often enter an animal through an open wound and feed on the animal's living flesh. Infested animals that are not treated in 7 to 14 days may die.

Producers are advised to immediately contact their TAHC [Region Office](#) or local veterinarian if they suspect an animal may be infested with screwworm larvae.

Grain Sorghum Sugarcane Aphid Survey

You are invited to participate in a research study conducted by a team of researchers from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and supported by the Texas Sorghum Producers Board.

The purpose of this research is to estimate the economic impact of the sugarcane aphid outbreak on Texas' sorghum industry and economy.

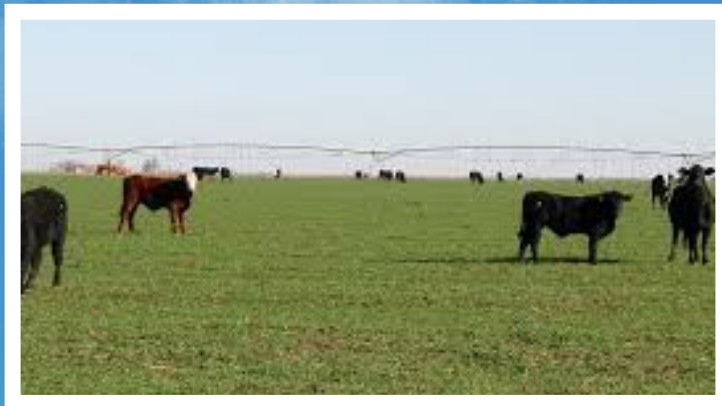
Your participation will involve filling out a short survey regarding your personal perceptions about the crop damage that you have experienced, as well as the efforts you have done to control the pest. Completing the survey should not take more than 5-10 minutes of your time.

"copy & paste" the below web address into your Internet Browser:

https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_77lrLz7ZfFRvmnz

We will do everything we can to protect your privacy. Neither your name nor address will be requested in the survey. Your participation in this study is voluntary. You may choose not to participate and you may withdraw your consent to participate at any time. You will not be penalized in any way should you decide not to participate or to withdraw from this study. If you have any questions or concerns about this study or if any problems arise, please contact Dr. Samuel Zapata at samuel.zapata@ag.tamu.edu or (956) 968-5581. If you have any questions or concerns about your rights as a research participant, please contact the Texas A&M University Human Subjects Protection Program office by phone at 1-979-458-4067, toll free at 1-855-795-8636, or by email at irb@tamu.edu.

Thank you for your time and input.



Wheat Gaze-out Best Bet for Per Acre Returns this Winter

Darrell Peel, Oklahoma State University Extension Livestock Marketing Specialist

Private Applicator Training

A training will be available for all producers wishing to obtain a private applicator chemical license on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at the Ochiltree Expo Center from 8 am till noon. Cost will be \$30.00. Call 806-435-4501 if you have any questions or to sign up. Walk Ins will be welcome.



The current wheat market is such that there will likely be considerable interest in grazing wheat this winter. Producers will not only be looking at winter grazing but may also be thinking about the prospects for grazing out wheat next spring. Wheat graze-out appears to offer better prospects for returns per acre compared to wheat grain. Planning now can help producers better position themselves regardless of weather their interest is in winter grazing only for dual-purpose wheat or grazing out wheat.

Grazing versus gain harvest considerations may affect the choice of wheat varieties to plant. The cost of wheat pasture for winter grazing or winter plus graze-out is estimated at \$0.30-\$0.35 per pound of stocker gain in typical situations.

The typical winter grazing period is roughly 120 days from about November 1 to March 1. Most commonly, producers purchase 400 to 500 pound stockers and expect to sell a 650-800 pound feeder animal at the end of winter grazing.

There are even more considerations if wheat graze-out is already planned at the point. Grazing a single set of stockers for winter plus graze-out is challenging. It would require a very light weight beginning weight(375-425 pounds) in order to finish graze-out in early May with a roughly 900 pound feeder. Early onset of grazing this fall would add that challenge. Moreover, with significantly higher stocking densities for graze-out, a single set of stockers will likely only graze out a subset of winter grazed acres. Another possibility is to plan for two set of stockers wit the first set marketed in January followed by a second set that will complete graze-out in May. This may be even more feasible with the prospects for early initiation of grazing this fall. These alternatives may impact the preferred choice of purchase weights and target selling weights for both set of stockers. For example, 550 pound fall stockers could be marketed at roughly 750 pounds in mid-January (or perhaps a bit heavier if grazing starts early). A second set of 550 pound stockers in mid-January, will reach roughly 850 pounds by early to mid-May with the higher graze-out rates of gain. The availability of fall pasture along with adequate hay supplies may provide additional flexibility in timing for receiving/backgrounding stockers for fall and winter grazing programs.