

Unexpected Unusual Observations—  
 You Never Know What You Might See



Fig. 1. A typical crack in many Texas soils when dry and droughty conditions prevail. This shrink/swell soil at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research Field southwest of McGregor, McLennan Co., is likely Houston Black clay. The plants are wheat plus an interseeded clover (at bottom). (Calvin Trostle, May 8, 2024.)



Fig. 2. What do you see? A closer look into the McGregor soil cracks shows stretched and killed roots from adjacent wheat and clover. Root capacity has been reduced. Closure with rain will not restore lost root mass. (Calvin Trostle, May 8, 2024.)

Example: We've all seen large cracks in dry soils. McLennan Co. soil reveals an odd twist.

**We All Make Interesting and Sometimes Odd Observations**

I've seen many wide and deep cracks in Texas soils. I lost a small wrench in a Castro Co. wheat trial once. It wasn't worth digging out. Some Texas soils crack wider and deeper than others. These are usually soils like Houston Black clay or Beaumont clay either high in clay or with soil clay minerals that shrink and swell more than others based on moisture status.

For this update, the cracking soil in Fig. 1 is an example of how we may see routine but also unusual phenomena in a crop field, pasture, homescape, or animal observations. A deformed flower, abnormal roots, some salt crystals on a soil surface, or whether a plant symptom is disease or a nutrient deficiency? What is going on?—that is often difficult to discern. Are there implications for the farmer, gardener, or rancher? This is part of why I love being an Extension agronomist. My training continues with new things I see.

**The Unusual Observation in the McLennan Soil Cracks**

As noted in the Fig. 2 caption, roots have been stretched, exposed, damaged, and likely killed. I have never noticed before. The roots will not be restored. I don't believe this is likely a significant detriment to the wheat crop, but I would rather it hadn't happened.

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**Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Events**

- May 2nd: Texas Community Futures Forum — Bellville United Methodist Church Activity Center, Bellville, 5:30 p.m.
- May 3rd: Furs, Feathers, & Farming — Invasive Species — Immaculate Conception Church, Industry, 1:30 p.m.
- May 17th: Private Applicator Training — Austin County Extension Office, Bellville, 1:00 p.m.
- May 21st: Lunch n Learn Series – Snakes in the Garden — Austin County Courthouse, Bellville, 11:50 a.m.
- **May 27th: Austin County Extension Office — CLOSED for Memorial Day**
- June 6th: Austin County Livestock Association Meeting — Cat Spring Ag Hall, Cat Spring
- June 8th: Home Grown Vegetable Contest & Program
- **June 19th: Austin County Extension Office — CLOSED for Juneteenth**
- **July 4th Austin County Extension Office — CLOSED for Independence Day**
- July 26th: Furs, Feathers, & Farming — Grazing — Immaculate Conception Church, Industry, 1:30 p.m.
- August 2nd: Private Applicator Training — Austin County Extension Office, Bellville, 1:00 p.m.
- August 20th: Lunch n Learn Series – Companion Plants — Austin County Extension Office, Bellville, 11:50 a.m.
- August 23rd: BMGA Fruit & Citric Tree Sale — American Legion Post #442, Sealy, 10:00 a.m.
- August 23rd: Fall Horticulture Program — American Legion Post #442, Sealy, 12:30 p.m.

## BMGA- Kids' Kamp

The Bluebonnet Master Gardeners, in conjunction with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension team, are pleased to announce our 7th year of holding Kids' Kamp in Austin, Colorado, Fayette, and Washington Counties. This kamp is designed to be educational and fun with the goal of igniting a passion in the youth of our area to the importance and enjoyment of gardening through unique experiences.

This year, the kids will (1) experience hands-on plant propagation; (2) be introduced to all kinds of herbs, including learning how herbs make our food tasty and delightful; (3) plant and take home their own herb garden, and (4) learn about some common garden visitors... purple martins, moles, gophers, armadillos, and snakes! Kampers will be able to see (and touch) some of these critters at kamp! As always, we'll have outdoor activity time, nourishing snacks, and lots of fun!

Kamp runs for 3 days (Tuesday -Thursday) from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on these dates:

- Washington County – June 4th to 6th (Washington Co. Expo Event Center)
  - Colorado County – June 11th to 13th (Weimer Civic Center)
- Fayette County – June 18th to 20th Fayette Co. Extension Ag. Building)
- Austin County – June 25th – 27th (Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Parish Hall)

The cost is \$35 (plus processing fee) per child. Kids ranging from 10-13 years of age will be eligible to register for these 3-day kamps but space is very limited, so register early! Kids Kamp is staffed by experienced educators, volunteer Bluebonnet Master Gardeners and Interns.

Registration forms can be completed online at <https://txmg.org/bluebonnet/kidskamp/>

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## AUSTIN COUNTY HOG BOUNTY

The Austin County Feral Hog Bounty is still going on! The Bounty program is offered with the support of the Austin County Commissioners Court. Participants will be awarded \$5 per feral hog harvested in Austin County, with biological evidence provided of harvest in the form of a pair of feral hog ears. Each pair must be placed in an individually sealed bag and dropped off at 1 of the 3 drop-off locations. Three local feed stores in the county - Steinhauser's in Sealy, Linseisen's Feed & Supply in Bellville, and Lindemann Store in Industry - will serve as the drop-off locations.

A limit of 20 pairs per household per month is allowed. All feral hogs must be harvested in Austin County & signed paperwork must be completed when dropping off the ears to collect the bounty.

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## Home-Grown Vegetable Contest 2024

Do you think you have the best vegetables or the biggest tomato? The Horticulture Committee of Austin County, Linseisen's Feed & Supply, and Nelson's Plant Food are pleased to present the Home-Grown Vegetable Contest and Program being hosted on Saturday, June 8th. Show off the prize-winning vegetables from your garden!

The contest is open to the public, with no entry fee and no age requirements! If you love to garden and grow vegetables, you can enter. Vegetable check-in will be at Linseisen's Feed located at 551 W Main, Bellville from 9:00 AM until 10:00 AM. The judging will be closed to the public, with awards presented no earlier than 11:00 AM. There will be a free educational presentation offered at 10:00 AM held at the Bellville VFD meeting room located at 511 W Main, Bellville. You can walk from Linseisen's. The presentation will be given by Robert Luedeker with Austin County Horticulture Committee. He will be showing "How to Make Homemade Sauerkraut".

Only one entry per person in each of the main categories according to specifications on the informational flyer. No rotten or split vegetables will be allowed or judged. All vegetables or fruits entered must be edible and grown by the exhibitor. No store-bought products permitted. Please provide the correct number of samples per category when entering to avoid disqualification.

*See Flier on Page 8*

## FEATHERS, FURS, AND FARMING-MAY 3RD

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services in Austin and Colorado Counties are partnering with Texas Parks and Wildlife to host a Feathers, Furs, and Farming program on Friday, May 3, 2024. The focus of this program will center around Invasive Species. Issues covered will include Feral Hog Control methods, Update on the Kaput Hog Bait, Fire Ant & Leaf Cutter Ant Control, and Invasive Plants. Three TDA CEUs (2 IPM, 1 General) will be offered for TDA Pesticide Applicators.

The event will be held at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church located at 15994 TX-159, Industry, Texas 78944. Registration will be from 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. with the program beginning at 1:30 p.m. and concluding at 5 p.m. Cost of attendance is \$15 per person or \$20 per couple.

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## 2024 BMGA LUNCH N LEARNS

The Bluebonnet Master Gardeners of Austin County are pleased to present the 2024 “Lunch-N-Learn” series hosted on the third Tuesday of each month from January through May. Overall, the series features topics related to horticulture with homeowners and backyard gardeners in mind! The speakers are experts in their fields and practical gardeners with great tips and information for everyone.

Programs will be held at the Austin County Courthouse in the Basement Meeting Room located at 1 E. Main Street in Bellville. Doors will open for registration at 11:50 a.m. with the program beginning promptly at 12:00 p.m. and concluding by 12:55 p.m. At the end of each session the speaker and our Austin County Master Gardeners will be available to help answer gardening questions.

Master Gardener Lunch-N-Learn programs are FREE & OPEN to the public, and you are welcome to bring your own lunch and drink. We will have a few refreshments available as well. Registration is not required but is encouraged. Our final presentation for the spring will be:

- **Tuesday, May 21st: Snakes in the Garden: Good vs Bad by Jon McLeod, Wildlife Biologist for Austin & Fort Bend Counties - Texas Parks and Wildlife Department**

For more information regarding Bluebonnet Master Gardener Association please visit <https://txmg.org/bluebonnet/>.

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## Private Applicator Training– Updated schedule

If you plan on using a state limited use or state restricted use pesticide, such as Grazon P+D, 2 4-D, Weedmaster, etc., and need a license, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Austin County will be hosting several Private Applicator Training classes during 2024 at the Austin County Extension Office, 800 E Wendt St, Bellville. Books and study materials for the course may be purchased ahead of time at the Extension Office for \$50.00. A registration fee of \$10.00 will be charged for the training. The registration fee will include the training and additional study materials. Payments need to be made by check or cash (exact change please). The training will begin at 1 p.m. and conclude about 5 p.m., available on the following days:

- Friday, May 17, 2024 (updated)
- Friday, August 2, 2024
- Friday, November 1, 2024

The Texas Department of Agriculture, who oversees the testing and administration of Applicator Licensing, has contracted with PSI Services to administer the exam for agriculture pesticide applicator licensing. Applicants will coordinate testing with PSI at one of their 22 locations around Texas. Details on the process, locations, cost, and other pertinent information will be provided at the training to help applicants complete the licensing process. Once applicants have completed the training and passed the exam with a score of 70 or above, they will be eligible to apply for the Private Applicator License, allowing for the purchase of all state limited use and restricted use pesticides used in agriculture.

Important: If an applicant has any questions about licensing or exam categories, please contact TDA at 800-835-5832 or 512-463-7622 or Texas Department of Agriculture – Agriculture Pesticide Program, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, TX 78711.

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## 2024 BMGA LUNCH N LEARN-BONUS JUNE

The Bluebonnet Master Gardeners of Austin County are pleased to present a Bonus “Lunch-N-Learn” edition to the Spring series to be hosted on the third Tuesday in June. This presentation is dedicated to Disaster Prevention & Resilience. The speaker will cover what to do before, during, and after a disaster. Learn what types of disasters might happen in our area, how to prepare for each, and how to protect your family when a disaster occurs. Attendees will be provided with go/stay checklists to help them assemble an emergency kit. Our presenter will be Stephen Burnett, Texas A&M AgriLife DAR Agent.

This program will be held on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office located at 800 E Wendt St, Bellville. Doors will open with program registration beginning at 11:50am with the program beginning promptly at 12:00pm and concluding by 12:55pm. At the end of the session, the speaker and our Austin County Master Gardeners will be available to help answer questions.

All Master Gardener Lunch-N-Learn programs are FREE and OPEN to the public and you are welcome to bring your own lunch and drink. We will have a few refreshments available as well. Registration is not required but is encouraged.

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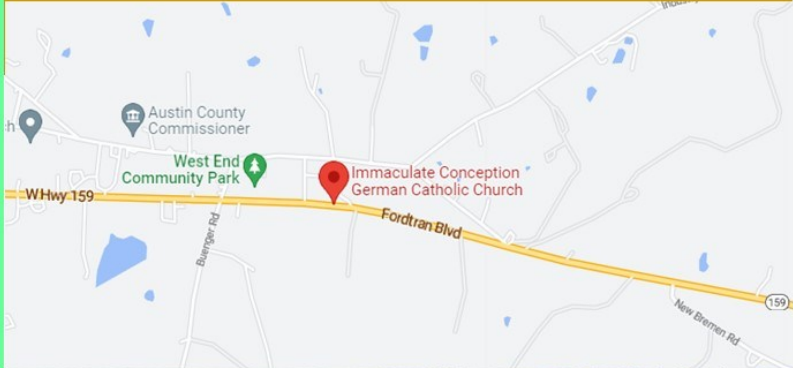


# FEATHERS, FURS, AND FARMING

A series of educational events designed to help all landowners diversify their operations and save more money and time by becoming better stewards of the land.

**May 3, 2024**  
**Registration 1:00pm-1:30pm**  
**Program 1:30-5:00pm**  
**\$15/Person**  
**\$20/Couple**  
**Immaculate Conception Catholic Church**  
15994 TX-159  
Industry, TX 78944  
**Laramie Kettler**  
979-732-2082  
Colorado County  
**Stacie Villarreal**  
979-865-2072  
Austin County  
**Mark Lange**  
979-732-3458  
Colorado County  
**Jon McLeod**  
832-595-8999  
Austin/Ft. Bend County

**Invasive Species Control**  
**TOPICS**  
**3CEU - IPM**  
**Feral Hog Control**  
**Update on Kaput**  
**Fire Ant & Leaf Cutter Ant Control**  
**Invasive Plants**



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The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.*

# Private Applicator Licenses Trainings for 2024



## *Prices:*

*Training-\$10*

*Books-\$50*

*(2 manuals)*

**Cash or Check only!**

**Please bring exact change**

**Checks payable to:**

**Extension Program Council  
(EPC)**

***Nonrefundable***

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

<http://austin.agrilife.org/event-registrations/>



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Friday, May 17th

Friday, August 2nd

Friday, November 1st

*Training is from 1pm to 5pm*

*Check in/Registration starts 15 mins prior,  
Please do not arrive more than 15 mins before the class.*

*\*Date & Time are subject to change\**

*You may bring your own refreshments*

Training will be conducted at

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of

Austin County located at

800 E Wendt St., Bellville, TX 77418

The purpose of this training is to obtain a Private Applicator License from Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). 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 Training and need a different date, please contact the Austin County Extension office at (979) 865-2072 to purchase the manuals.

TEXAS A&M  
**AGRI LIFE**  
EXTENSION



# 2024 AUSTIN COUNTY **TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION** LUNCH N LEARN SERIES-SPRING

HOSTED BY: BLUEBONNET MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
(BASEMENT MEETING ROOM)  
1 E MAIN ST.  
BELLVILLE, TX 77418

FREE/OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH  
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

REGISTRATION: 11:50AM - 12PM  
PROGRAM: 12PM -12:55PM



## January 16th Firewise Landscaping

Carol Daniels,  
Bluebonnet Master Gardener



## February 20th

### Herbs

Bob Haeuser , Bluebonnet Master  
Gardener



## March 19th

### Mason Bees

Tom Shaughnessy,  
Local Beekeeper



## April 16th

### Hugelkultur "Hill Culture" Composting

Mary Karish , Waller County Master  
Gardener



## May 21st

### Snakes in the Garden

Jon McLeod, TPWD Wildlife  
Biologist

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TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION  
SERVICE OF AUSTIN COUNTY AT  
979-865-2072

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WHO REQUIRE AN AUXILIARY AID, SERVICE OR ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS ACTIVITY ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT THE EXTENSION OFFICE IN AUSTIN COUNTY AT LEAST EIGHT DAYS PRIOR TO THE PROGRAM FOR ASSISTANCE.  
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.



# Austin County Livestock Association Annual Meeting

June 6, 2024

Cat Spring Agricultural Hall  
13035 Hall Rd., Cat Spring, TX 78933

CEU Registration: 1-1:30pm

CEU Program: 1:30-5pm

\$25/person-

*includes Meal & Membership Dues*

## CEU Speakers & Topics: (3 CEU's )

- **Pesticide Laws & Regulations, (1 L&R)**

*Cammie Johnson, TDA Inspector*

- **Feral Hog Control, (1 IPM)**

*Jay Long, Project Coordinator with Texas A&M  
Natural Resources Institute*

- **Drift Minimization/Control, (1 General)**

*Bryce Macdonald, Range & Pasture  
Specialist with Corteva*

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**Meeting Registration: 5:30-6:30pm**

**Meal: 6:30pm**

*Followed by Annual Meeting & Speaker*

**General Pasture Management, Bryce  
Macdonald, Range & Pasture Specialist  
with Corteva**



# 2024 AUSTIN COUNTY HOME-GROWN VEGETABLE CONTEST

SPONSORED BY:  
AUSTIN COUNTY HORTICULTURE COMMITTEE  
LINSEISEN'S FEED & SUPPLY  
NELSON'S PLANT FOOD

**Saturday, June 8th**

Vegetable Check In-9AM-10AM  
Speaker-10AM  
Awards-11AM (no earlier)

Awards for the  
Top 3 Best in  
Show

**Open to All Ages and FREE to the Public**

Vegetable Drop off/Check in at:  
Linseisen's Feed & Supply; 551 W. Main, Bellville, TX

Educational Program & Awards at:  
Bellville VFD Meeting Room; 511 W. Main, Bellville, TX

Speaker: Robert Luedeker, Austin County Horticulture Committee  
Topic-How to Make Homemade Sauerkraut

All Entries MUST be picked up by the closed of Business day for Linseisen's



Vegetable	Category	Requirements
Tomato	Best	Group of Three-Must be ripe
Tomato	Biggest (By Weight)	Single - Must be ripe
Vegetable or Fruit	Unique	Single Vegetable or Fruit
Bell Pepper	Best	Group of Three (3)
All Other Peppers	Best	Group of Three (3)
Cucumber	Best	Group of Three (3)
Squash	Best	Group of Three (3)
Beans/Peas	Best	Group of Twelve (12)
Onion	Best	Group of Three (3)
Potato	Best	Group of Three (3)
Corn	Best	Group of Three (3)
Fruit/Berries	Best	Fruit (Group of Three) or Berries (Mini. 1/2 Pint)
All Others	Best	Vegetables/Melons
Best of Show	Best	All Entries Above

All entries MUST be grown by the exhibitor. All entries MUST be healthy and edible. One entry per exhibitor per category except on "All Others", "All Other Peppers", and "Fruits/Berries". Must still be different types of vegetables/Melons or Fruits/Berries. Judges may add extra categories based on entry numbers

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AT 979-865-2072 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [HTTP://AUSTIN.AGRILIFE.ORG](http://austin.agrilife.org)

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# Bluebonnet Master Gardener Association

TEXAS A&M  
AGRI LIFE  
EXTENSION

## 2024 Kids Kamp

Space is limited!

Washington County  
June 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>

Washington County  
AgriLife Extension  
Washington Co. Expo  
Event Center  
1305 E. Blue Bell Rd.  
Brenham, Texas 77833  
Registration Deadline:  
5/28/2024

Colorado County  
June 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>

Colorado County AgriLife  
Extension  
Weimar Civic Center  
1754 IH-10  
Weimar, Texas 78962  
Registration Deadline:  
6/4/2024

Fayette County  
June 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>

Fayette County AgriLife  
Extension  
Fayette Co. Extension  
Ag Building  
255 Svoboda Lane  
La Grange, Texas 78945  
Registration Deadline:  
6/11/2024

Austin County  
June 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>

Austin County  
AgriLife Extension  
Immaculate Conception  
Catholic Church Parish Hall  
15994 HWY 159 West  
Industry, Texas 78944  
Registration Deadline:  
6/18/2024

**Topics Include:**  
.Plant Propagation  
.Herbs  
.Garden Visitors



To Register and Pay Online visit:  
<https://txmg.org/bluebonnet/kidskamp/>

For more information contact your local County Extension Agent:

Austin County	Stacie Villarreal	979-865-2072
Colorado County	Laraine Kettler	979-732-2082
Fayette County	Scott Willey	979-988-5831
Washington County	Kara Mathoney	979-277-6212 ext. 2

8:00 a.m.  
to  
12:00 p.m.

Open to  
kids ages  
10 - 13!

\$35.00  
Per Child

Take  
Home  
Activities

Hands  
on  
Learning

Healthy  
Snacks

Purple Martins  
Moles, Gophers,  
Armadillos  
& Snakes

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# 2024 AUSTIN COUNTY LUNCH N LEARN SERIES

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BLUEBONNET MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN COUNTY ANNEX  
800 E WENDT ST  
ROOM #4  
BELLVILLE, TX 77418

FREE/OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH  
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

REGISTRATION: 11:50 AM - 12:00 PM  
PROGRAM: 12 PM - 12:55 PM

JUNE 18, 2024

## Disaster Prevention and Resilience

Stephen Burnett,  
Disaster Assessment Recovery

### *Common Natural Disasters*



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TEXAS  
PARKS &  
WILDLIFE

# Harmony on the Range

INTEGRATING GRAZING AND  
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

**WHEN:** FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2024 @ 9:00AM - 4:30PM

**WHERE:** LONG ACRES RANCH, 2335 RICHMOND PKWY,  
RICHMOND, TX 77469

**COST:** \$20(CHECK OR CASH UPON ARRIVAL)

PLEASE RSVP BY EMAILING JON MCLEOD AT  
JON.MCLEOD@TPWD.TEXAS.GOV OR FOLLOW QR CODE

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

**PRESENTATION TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:**

- SUSTAINABLE GRAZING FOR WILDLIFE AND CATTLE
- GAME BIRD MANAGEMENT ON WORKING LANDS
- PREDATOR CONTROL
- PATCH BURNING AND GRAZING
- DEER MANAGEMENT ON WORKING LANDS
- COST-SHARE PROGRAMS FOR CATTLE AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT



IN COLLABORATION WITH



SPECIAL THANKS TO  
AUSTIN COUNTY  
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT  
ASSOCIATION



# Austin County Feral Hog Bounty Program

*Sponsored by: Austin County Commissioners Court*

## Austin County Bounty Program:

Subject to fund availability, participants will be awarded \$5 per feral hog harvested in Austin County. Biological evidence **MUST** be provided of harvest in form of a pair of feral hog ears. Each pair must be placed in an individually sealed bag and dropped off to 1 of the 3 drop off locations.



*Only 20 pairs  
per household  
per month*

**\$5/pair  
of ears**

## Drop Off Locations:

- ***Steinhauser's (Sealy location ONLY)***
- ***Linseisen's Feed & Supply (Bellville)***
- ***Lindemann Store (Industry)***

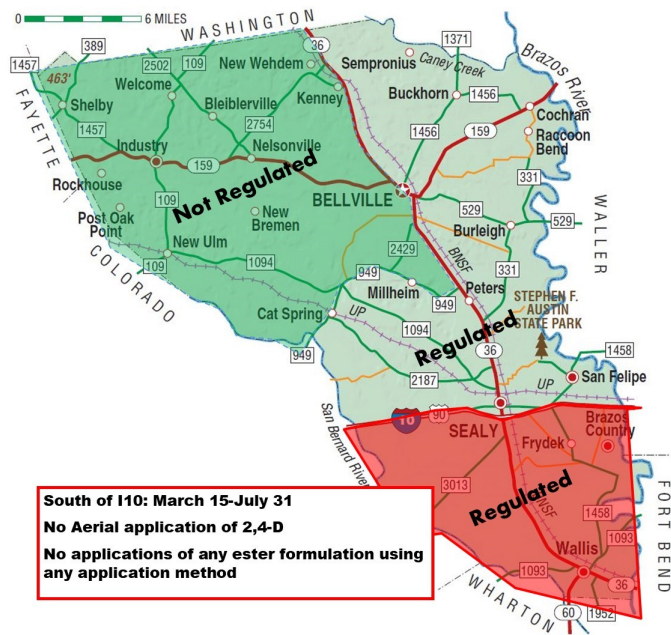
*Feral hogs can be harvested until funds are depleted. All feral hog **MUST** be harvested in Austin County.*



# SPRAY PERMITS REQUIRED FOR A PORTION OF AUSTIN COUNTY

As a reminder to anyone that will be using state limited use or state restricted use herbicides in Austin County, a permit to apply these herbicides must be obtained through the Texas Department of Agriculture if you plan on spraying in certain portions of the county. The following areas of Austin County must acquire a permit as is specified in the Texas Agricultural code, chapter 75,

1) Only that portion of Austin County lying east and south of the line beginning at the point where State Highway 36 crosses the north county line, thence southerly along Highway 36 to FM 949; thence westwardly along FM 949 to the San Bernard River is regulated by the Act, Subchapter G and regulations adopted thereunder.



**South of I10: March 15-July 31**  
**No Aerial application of 2,4-D**  
**No applications of any ester formulation using any application method**

2) Between March 15 and July 31, in that portion of Austin County lying south of Interstate Highway 10, the following restrictions on the use of 2,4-D formulations shall apply:

(A) the application by aircraft is prohibited

(B) the use of all ester formulations by any method is prohibited.

Permits may be obtained from the Texas AgriLife Extension Service of Austin County at (979) 865-2072. Forms can also be obtained by contacting the Texas Department of Agriculture Gulf Coast Regional Office in Houston at (713) 921-8200.

REGISTERING FOR A COUNTY PROGRAM?  
[CLICK HERE](#)

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

**Stacie M. Villarreal**

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

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