

Pecan Show Entries Due November 22nd



The Horticulture Committee of Austin County will host its Annual Pecan Show on Thursday, December 2, 2021, at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office located at 800 E Wendt St, Bellville, TX 77418. This year there will be a short educational program followed by an awards presentation.

Entries for this year's show must be delivered to the AgriLife Extension Office during normal business hours, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm (Noon) and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, beginning Monday, November 8th through Friday, November 19th. All entries must be submitted by 9:00 am on Monday, November 22nd to be entered in the show.

Each entry must be in a brown paper bag (provided at office) and entry card filled out. Individuals may make as many entries as they wish of different pecan varieties, and each entry must consist of 50 pecans of the same variety. There is no entry fee to enter.

Ten pecans will be randomly selected by the Committee for judging. Included in the judging will be kernel weight percent, color, fill, and blemishes. Top placing pecans from all entries that qualify will be forwarded on for judging at the regional pecan show and from there to the state contest. Pecans not being forwarded to the regional show may be picked up at the AgriLife Extension Office on Thursday, December 2nd after the awards presentation.

REGISTRATION FOR MASTER GARDENER TRAINING IS NOW OPEN

We are now taking applications for the 2022 Bluebonnet Master Gardener Intern Class, which will be held in Bellville. For anyone interested in participating in the Master Gardener training program, the deadline for signing up is Thursday, January 13th. There is a fee of \$175 per participant, which will cover the cost of materials, and defray speaker expenses. An application must be completed and turned in with the money in order to be considered registered. Class size is limited. The classes will be held on Thursday mornings beginning on January 13, 2022 and continuing through April 21, 2022. There are 2 classes which will be held on Wednesdays- February 16th, & April 6th.



The Master Gardener program is a unique opportunity for individuals who are interested in horticulture and serving their community. Master Gardeners are trained in all facets of horticulture such as plant & soil science, entomology, plant pathology, landscape design, vegetable gardening, and much more. Upon completion of their training, Master Gardeners will be required to give at least 50 hours of volunteer service time in their local community in order to receive the title of "Master Gardener". Those individuals that successfully receive the title of Master Gardener will have their state and local member dues paid for the first year of membership.

An open house will be held at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office in Bellville on Thursday, January 6, 2022, from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm (Noon). For more information on the Master Gardener program, contact the Extension office at (979) 865-2072 or visit the Bluebonnet Master Gardener Website at <https://txmg.org/bluebonnet/>. See flier on page 4.

Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Events

- November 1st-30th: Austin & Colorado County Soil Campaign
- November 9th: Lone Star Healthy Streams Workshop — Bleiberville VFD, Bleiberville 12:30 pm — 3 CEU's
- November 19th: New Landowners: Emerging Issues — Weimar Civic Center, Weimar 1:30 pm — 1 CEU
- November 22nd: Deadline to Submit Pecan Show Entries to the Austin County Extension Office at 9:00 am
- November 30th: Private Applicator Training — Austin County Extension Office, Bellville, 1:00 pm
- December 2nd: Pecan Program & Pecan Show Award — Austin County Extension Office, Bellville, 6:00 pm
- December 3rd: 5Hr CEU Conference — Four County Auction Center, Industry, 1:00pm — 5 CEU's
- December 8th: Texas Watershed Steward — Kenney Hall, Kenney, 1:00pm — 3 CEU's

LIVESTOCK BRAND REGISTRATIONS EXPIRED 8/31/2021, RENEWAL UNTIL 2/28/2022

Brand registration in Texas is required every 10 years. Brands (the actual brand and location), ear marks, and tattoos (if any are used for ownership) must be registered at the county clerk's office of each county in which a producer owns and runs livestock. Texas does not have a statewide brand registry database as do many western states, those are maintained by the county clerks in each county. Every 10 years, the state requires that brands be re-registered in the county or counties in which a livestock or beef cattle producer operates. All marks, brands, and tattoos that are currently registered with the county clerk indicate ownership (not individual identification) will expire after August 30, 2021. The renewal period runs from August 31, 2021 until February 28, 2022. Once registered (or re-registered) the brand, mark or tattoo will be good until August 30, 2031. Even if a brand or mark was recently registered, it must be registered again.



Any previously recorded marks, brands, or tattoos which have not been re-registered by February 28, 2022 will be considered unclaimed and eligible for registration by a new owner. Some counties have online registration, most require the owner to send in the renewal form. In Texas, the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association works with the Texas county clerks to provide a brand registration site and they have an excellent website to answer questions about brand registration, design, and use at: <http://www.tscrabrand.com/>.

Brands are very useful to determine proof of ownership in case of theft or in case of a natural disaster where livestock might be lost or commingled. It is against the law to use a brand or earmark that is not registered. Selection of a brand site needs to include consideration of size of the brand and potential damage to the hide. Lower hips and shoulders are better sites than high on the hip and shoulder, never brand over the back or ribs. Both fire and freeze brands are acceptable. Freeze brands should be used on red or black coat colored cattle.

SOIL CAMPAIGN NOVEMBER 1ST-30TH

Growing better quality hay and pasture grass is a major goal of all hay and livestock producers. Starting with a soil test is the most important step to determining the amount of fertilizer needed each year. Producers should consider soil testing as an investment in this year's hay and pasture because the correct amounts and timing of fertilization can greatly enhance hay quality and growth.

November 1st thru November 30th has been set as the time for all Austin & Colorado County landowners to participate in the soil testing campaign for this year's hay meadows and pastureland. The Beef & Forage Committee of Austin County is sponsoring the soil test drive and encouraging producers to participate. Soil samples submitted during this time frame will be \$8.00 for a routine analysis and \$15.00 for a routine analysis including micro-nutrients. Samples along with payment may be turned in to one of the following locations around Austin County: Bellville - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Austin County (800 E. Wendt St), Harrison's Farm Service, and Linseisen's Feed & Supply Inc; Sealy - Steinhauser's; New Ulm - Dudensing Farm Service; and Industry - Lindemann's Store. Soil sample bags and information forms for sampling are available at each of these locations. *See flier on page 5.*



REGISTRATION FOR TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST TRAINING IS NOW OPEN



The Gideon Lincecum Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists is pleased to offer its TMN training class for 2022. Our training classes begin January 22nd, with sessions being generally held on Saturdays. Class size will be limited to 20 so apply now! Please note that payment of fees secures your place in the class. Please visit our Training website at <https://txmn.org/glc/becoming-a-master-naturalist/glc-master-naturalist-training-application/>.

The mission of the Texas Master Naturalist Program is to develop a corps of well-informed volunteers to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities for the State of Texas. Our Chapter includes Lee, Washington, Austin, Fayette, and Colorado Counties.

To learn more about the Texas Master Naturalist program and the Gideon Lincecum Chapter, please visit our website at <https://txmn.org/glc/>. If you have additional questions, please email Ken English at glctmnmkt@gmail.com.

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD) TESTING BY TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT



The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Wildlife Biologists are currently conducting samplings of hunter-harvested and road-kill deer that are seen in the county. If you have harvested or see road-kill, please call the Wildlife Biologist so he can collect samples on the lymph nodes to test for CWD. It is critical to have these voluntary samples done to ensure that there are not any positive cases here in the area. The New TPWD Wildlife Biologist for Austin/Ft. Bend Counties— Jon McLeod, 832-451-2104 (cell) or 832-595-8999 (office).

FEATHERS, FURS, & FARMING SURVEY

This year the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agents in Austin & Colorado Counties and Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Wildlife Biologist for Austin & Colorado Counties teamed up to provide 4 educational wildlife programs. These programs were called Feathers, Furs, & Farming. Each had a specific topic and rotated between the 2 counties. As this year is starting to come to an end, we are beginning to make plans for our 2022 series. We would like your help to let us know what topics you would like to hear about or are interested in! The short survey should take you less than 5 minutes to complete.

Kindly respond by **Monday, November 15th**; scan the QR code or use the link provided below:

https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9NwiW0LXP7mRLds



LONE STAR HEALTHY STREAMS PROGRAM — NOVEMBER 9TH

Bellville— A Lone Star Healthy Streams workshop is planned for November 9th at the Bleiberville VFD in Bellville, Texas.

The Lone Star Healthy Streams program aims to educate Texas livestock producers and landowners on how to best protect Texas waterways from bacterial contamination associated with livestock production and feral hogs, said Leanne Wiley, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Program Specialist, College Station.

The program will be from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. on November 9th, and is offered virtually or in person at the Bleiberville VFD located at 3912 FM 2505 RD Bellville, Texas.

Pre-register for the workshop at austin.agrilife.org/event-registrations/ or call the Austin County Extension office at 979-865-2072.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture general Continuing Education Credits will be provided for certified pesticide applicators.

Funding for this project is provided through a Clean Water Act Section 319 Nonpoint Source Grant from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the U.S Environmental Protection Agency.

“Bacteria are the leading cause of water pollution in the state of Texas,” said Dr. Larry Redmon, Professor and Associate Department Head of Soil and Crop Science. “When found in rivers, streams, lakes, ponds and other water bodies, fecal bacteria serve as indicator species for the presence of pathogenic bacteria, viruses or parasites, which can cause waterborne illnesses, including typhoid fever, dysentery and cholera.”

Currently, about 300 Texas water bodies do not comply with state water quality standards established for E. coli bacteria, Wiley said. By participating in this workshop, livestock producers and landowners will learn specific conservation practices that can be implemented to help minimize bacterial contamination in Texas water bodies.

For more information on the Lone Star Healthy Streams program, please visit lshs.tamu.edu/

The workshop will focus specifically on issues within the Mill Creek watershed. A watershed protection plan is a coordinated framework for implementing prioritized and integrated water quality protection and restoration strategies driven by environmental objectives.

For more information on the Mill Creek Watershed and its Watershed Protection Plan, please visit Mill Creek Watershed Partnership. *See flier on page 6.*



Bluebonnet Master Gardener Association 2022 Training Class

Training Classes every Thursday January 13th - April 21st*

2 classes will be held on Wednesday

(Feb. 16 & Apr. 6)

Graduation on Tuesday, April 26th during the BMGA meeting

8:30am -12:30pm

**Austin County Extension Office
800 E Wendt St., Bellville**

\$175 per person: includes over 50 hours of gardening education!

The Master Gardener program is a unique opportunity for individuals who are interested in horticulture and serving their community. Master Gardeners are trained in all facets of horticulture such as plant & soil science, entomology, plant pathology, landscape design, vegetable gardening, and much more. Upon completion of at least 50 hours of class time to receive the title of "Master Gardener", trainees are required to complete 50 hours of volunteer service in their local community.

For more information on the Master Gardeners program, contact the Extension office at 979-865-8072 or visit the Bluebonnet Master Gardener Website at <https://txmg.org/bluebonnet/apply>

Course Outline

- Welcome, Master Gardeners
- Soil Characteristics
- Soil Improvement
- Plant Development
- Plant Propagation
- Water
- Irrigation
- Earth-Kind Landscaping
- Freeze Preparation
- Plant Pathology
- Insects
- Integrated Pest Management
- Viticulture
- Ornamentals Plants
- Lawns/weeds
- Vegetables & Herbs
- Berries
- Pecans
- Landscape Design
- Field Trip



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Austin & Colorado County Soil Testing Campaign

November 1-30, 2021

This campaign is open to all Livestock, Forage, and Row Crop Producers. Soil bags, campaign forms, and directions can be picked up at the Austin or Colorado County Extension Office and select feed stores in each county.

All bags, forms, and payment must be received by November 30th

Please make checks payable to:

Austin County:

Austin County Beef & Forage Committee

Colorado County:

Texas AgriLife Extension



Prices:

Routine Analysis: \$8

Routine + Micro-nutrients: \$15

Please contact your County Extension office for details on picking up and dropping off forms and samples.

Austin County Office- 979-865-2072

800 E Wendt St., Bellville

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Austin County Locations:

- Extension office
- Harrison's Farm Service
- Linseisen's Feed & Supply Inc
- Steinhauer's
- Dudensing Farm Service;
- Lindemann's Store

Other Locations in Colorado County

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LONE STAR HEALTHY STREAMS

<http://lsbs.tamu.edu>



The goal of the Lone Star Healthy Streams (LSHS) program is the protection of Texas waterways from bacterial contamination originating from livestock operations and feral hogs that may pose a serious health risk to Texas citizens.

November 9th, 2021

12:30pm Registration

1:00pm-5:00pm

Bleiberville VFD
3912 FM 2505 RD
Bellville, TX 77418

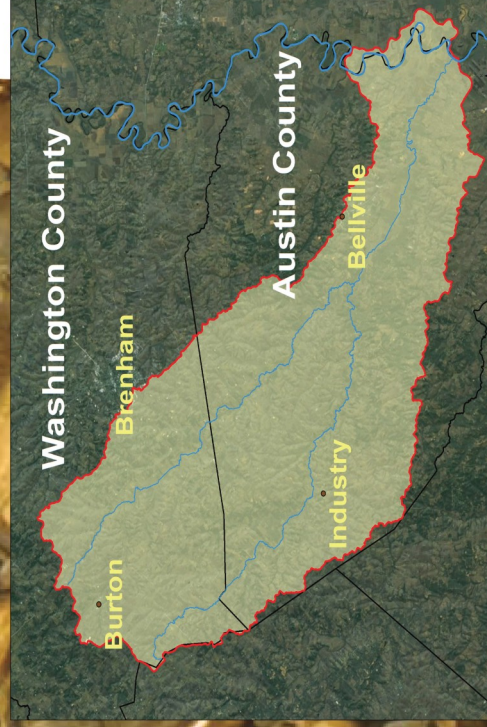
**** 3 General CEUs available ****

This free workshop will focus on the Mill Creek Watershed, basic watershed function, water quality, and specific best management practices that can be implemented to help minimize bacterial contamination originating from beef cattle, horses, and feral hogs.

"Funding for this project is provided through a Clean Water Act Section 319 Nonpoint Source Grant from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the U.S Environmental Protection Agency."

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RSVP AT: <https://austin.agrilife.org/event-registrations/>



BEEF CATTLE



FERAL HOGS



HORSES

Emerging Issues

2021 Multi-County New Landowner Educational Series



*November 19,
2021*

Weimar Civic Center
1754 IH-10
Weimar, Texas 78962

Registration 1:00-1:30 pm
Program 1:30-5:00 pm
\$20 / person

To register online visit:
<https://washington.agrilife.org/nlo>

1 CEU
(1 Gen)

**For More
Information
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Austin County Pecan Show

Sponsored by: The Horticulture Committee of Austin County

Entry Deadline: Monday, November 22, 2021, 9am

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Austin County
800 E Wendt St., Bellville, TX**

Guidelines:

- Entries must be delivered to the Extension Office during normal business hours (8am-12pm & 1pm-5pm) beginning Monday, November 15th to Friday, November, 19th
- All entries must be submitted by 9am on Monday, November 22nd.
No Late Entries Accepted!
- Each entry should have 50 uncracked pecans of the same variety
- Each entry **MUST** be in a brown paper bag labeled with entrant's name and entry form
 - *Entry forms can be picked up at the Extension office or printed off the website (austin.agrilife.org)*
- Entries are limited to one entry of each named variety per person
- Pecans must be from 2021 Crop
- No entry fee

All entries become property of the Austin County Horticulture Committee

Results will be available at the Pecan Program on 12/2/21

For more information please visit the Austin County Extension Office website:
austin.agrilife.org or contact the office, 979-865-2072

Private Applicator Licenses Trainings for 2021

Friday, April 30, 2021

Friday, July 30, 2021

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

Training is from 1pm to 5pm

Check in/Registration starts 15 mins prior

Date & Time are subject to change

Trainings will be conducted at

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of
Austin County located at 800 E Wendt St.,
Bellville, TX 77418

Prices:

Training-\$10

Books-\$40

(2 manuals)

**Checks payable to:
Extension Program
Council (EPC)**

Nonrefundable

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

Phone: 979-865-2072

<http://austin.agrilife.org>

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, please contact the Austin County Extension office at (979) 865-2072 to RSVP and to purchase the manuals. You can also RSVP on <https://austin.agrilife.org/event-registrations/>

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Pecan Program & Pecan Show Awards

Sponsored by: The Horticulture Committee of Austin County

Thursday, December 2, 2021

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Austin County
800 E Wendt St., Bellville, TX

Registration: 5:30pm

Program: 6pm-8pm

Awards: Following Program

FREE TO THE PUBLIC

Topics/Speakers:

- How Pecans Are Judged & Placed
 - *Dr. Philip Shackelford, AgriLife Extension Regional Program Leader, Southeast Region*
- What to Look For When Selecting Pecans For Judging
 - *Robert Luedeker, Austin County Horticulture Committee Member*
- Selecting Graft Wood
 - *Mary Rinn, Special Guest Speaker*
- The Pecan Calendar
 - *Stacie Villarreal, Austin County Extension Agent, Agriculture*

Please RSVP by: November 30th

For more information please visit the Austin County Extension

Office website: austin.agrilife.org or

contact the office: 979-865-2072



Austin County 5 Hr CEU Conference

5 CEU's
TDA approved

Friday, December 3, 2021

Registration: 12:30pm

Program: 1pm-6:30pm

\$20 per person

Four County Auction Center

15900 TX HWY 159

Industry, TX 778944

Topics:

- Brush Control & Herbicide Updates
- Pesticide Laws and Regulations Update
- Fly Control Methods for Cattle
- Minimizing Environmental & Animal Risk to Pesticide Contamination Using Best Management Practices
- Feral Hog Control Methods

Speakers:

Dr. Megan Clayton, Gregory Baker, Doug Pierce, Dr. Joe Paschal, and Dr. Aaron Sumrall

RSVP by: December 1st

**Please call Austin County Texas A&M AgriLife
Extension Service at 979-865-2072 to register
or visit our website at <http://austin.agrilife.org>**



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TEXAS Watershed Steward



The Texas Watershed Steward program is a free, educational workshop designed to help watershed residents improve and protect their water resources by getting involved in local watershed protection and management activities.

**December 8, 2021:
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

Kenney Agricultural Society Hall
444 Hall Rd

Bellville, TX 77418

In-Person & Virtual Attendance Options Available
Preregistration Required

The workshop will provide an overview of water quality and watershed management in Texas, including a discussion on the Mill Creek watershed. Efforts by the Mill Creek Watershed Partnership, and best management practices local stakeholders may use to help improve and protect their water quality, will be highlighted. Free continuing education credits/CEUs offered for a wide variety of professional disciplines. For a complete list of continuing education offered, or to register, visit our website or call the number below.

Pre-register for the workshop by going to:

<https://tws.tamu.edu/workshops/registration>

or call 979.862.4457

or Austin County Extension office at: 979.865.2072

Bellville, TX

Workshop provided through Clean Water Act §319 nonpoint source grant funding from the TSSWCB and U.S. EPA

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

Austin County Hay Show Results

Grand Champion: Matt Waak (Johnson grass)

Reserve Champion: Glenn Brandt (Coastal Bermudagrass)

Coastal Bermudagrass

1st: Glenn Brandt (Coastal Bermudagrass)

2nd: Roger Krueger (Coastal Bermudagrass)

Other Warm Season Perennial Grasses

1st: Matt Waak (Johnson grass)

2nd: Gordon Goebel (Eastern Gama grass)

Warm Season Annual Grasses

1st: Nicholas Herr (Sudan Sorghum)

2nd: Nicholas Herr (Sorghum Alum)

Cool Season Grasses

1st: Matt Waak (Gulf Jumbo)

Other Bermudagrasses (eg. Jiggs, Alicia, Tifton 85, etc)

1st: Matt Waak (Alicia)

2nd: John Spiess (Tifton 85)



2021

For pictures of the winners, visit our
Facebook page;
@AustinCountyAgriLife

Austin County Wine Show Results 2021

Austin County Overall Grand Champion: Ruth Brooks

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Overall Reserve Grand Champion: Henry Divin

Red Wine-Dry

Gold- (Tie) David Quinters & Jim Brooks

Silver- Don & Katina Greenlee

Bronze- Jill Lawton

White Wine- Dry

Gold- Paul Darst

Silver- David Fleming

Bronze- Paul Darst

Fruit/Berry

Gold-Henry Divin

Silver- Ron Tielke

Bronze- Ron Tielke

Kit Wine-Non Texas Grapes-Sweet

Bronze-Chris Cox

Blush

Gold-Michael Goode

Silver- Paul Darst

Bronze-David Fleming

Red Wine-Sweet

Gold- Archie Davis

Silver- Ron Tielke

Bronze- Don & Katina Greenlee

White Wine- Sweet

Gold- Ruth Brooks

Silver- Paul Darst

Bronze- Paul Darst

Dessert/Port/Sherry Style

Gold-Jim Brooks

Silver- Michael Goode

Bronze- Paul Darst

Native Grapes/Mustang

Gold-Ron Tielke

Silver-Robert Benson

Bronze- Patrick Klecka

Kit Wine-Non Texas Grapes-Dry

Gold-Chris Cox

Silver-Chris Cox



REGISTERING FOR A COUNTY PROGRAM?

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

Sincerely,

Stacie M. Villarreal

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