

## Multi-County New Landowners Series 2022

The Multi-County New Landowner Education program is a series of seven informational meetings/seminars/field days designed to make new landowners in Austin, Colorado, Fayette & Washington Counties aware of what types of agricultural enterprises are best for their property. Participants in the program will hear from experts in certain fields of agriculture about the best management practices that they can implement on their own property. This innovative program assists new landowners in understanding the concepts of rural living. Participants in the program are given exposure to ideas on raising livestock and horses, plant identification, fence building, applying pesticides, soil testing, stock pond management, pond construction, fruit and nut production, and much more. The program also serves as a way for new residents of the four counties to network and meet new people in their communities, find out what can be done on their land, what operations can be profitable, and possibly what opportunities they have to serve the community. Program will be held on the third Friday's of the months of February, March, May, August, September, October, and November. Each month's meeting will be held at different locations in each county. The meetings begin at 1:30 p.m., with registration and last until 5pm. The cost for the program series is \$125.00 per person, \$200.00 per couple for all eight meetings, \$20.00 per person per meeting. Continuing Education Units (CEU's) for pesticide applicators will be offered as they are applicable. A great selection of refreshments will be provided at each session. Participants who sign up for the **entire series** will receive a notebook at the beginning of the series to fill as we progress through the program with handouts and reference material that will be useful as they move forward with improvements on their property.

- **February 18th** – Introduction and Program Overview – Ag & Wildlife Valuations
- **March 18th** – Weed & Brush Control – Plant Identification, Control Recommendations for Common Weeds and Brush
- **May 20th** – Pond Management – Construction, Aquatic Weed Control, and Stocking
- **August 19th** – Horticulture Production – Fruit Trees, Pecans, and Grapes for Landowners
- **September 16th** – Forage &/or Livestock Production – Options for Small Acreage Operations
- **October 21st** – Wildlife Management and Native Prairie Restoration
- **November 18th** – Bees and Trees for Homeowners

For more information on the program, contact Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Austin County at (979) 865-2072, or visit our website at <https://washington.agrilife.org/ag/nlo/>

### Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Events

- January 13th: Bluebonnet Master Gardener Intern Training Starts — American Legion Post #442, Sealy, 8:30 am
- January 28th: Brazos Valley CEU Conference — Burleson County Expo, Caldwell, 8:30 am (5 CEUs)
- February 4th: Private Applicator Training — Austin County Extension Office, Bellville, 1:00 pm
- February 4th: Colorado Co. 5Hr CEU Program — Colorado County Fairgrounds, Columbus, 8:00 am ( 5 CEUs)
- February 10th: Mill Creek Watershed Partnership Meeting — Austin County Extension Office, Bellville, 6:00 pm
- February 11th: 30th Annual Watson Gulf Coast Field Day — Cat Spring Ag Hall, Cat Spring, 7:30 am (3 CEU's)
- February 18th: New Landowners Series– Meet Your Resources — Cat Spring Ag Hall, Cat Spring, 1:00 pm
- February 25th: Small Farm & Vegetable Conference— American Legion Post #442, Sealy, 8:30 am (5 CEU's)
- March 18th: New Landowners Series — Weed & Brush Control, Fayette County, 1:00 pm (CEUs)
- May 6th: Private Applicator Training — Austin County Extension Office, Bellville, 1:00 pm

## 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.

## MILL CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP TO MEET

The Mill Creek Watershed Partnership will be hosting a Partnership Meeting on Thursday, February 10, from 6-7 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office in Austin County, located at 800 E. Wendt St., Bellville, TX 77418. In-person and virtual attendance options will be available.

This meeting will be open to the public, providing updates to the Mill Creek Watershed Protection Plan (WPP). Participants are invited to discuss local water quality issues and the implementation of the Mill Creek WPP. Dinner will be provided. If you plan to attend, please use this link to RSVP no later than February 8: <https://austin.agrilife.org/event-registrations/>

If you have any questions about the Partnership Meeting or would like to RSVP via phone, please contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent, Stacie Villarreal, at (979) 865-8072, or the Watershed Coordinator, Evgenia Spears, at (979) 845-2862.

Voluntary stakeholder engagement is imperative for the restoration and future protection of the Mill Creek watershed. To learn more about this project or how to get involved, please visit <https://millcreek.tamu.edu>, or contact the Watershed Coordinator at [millcreek@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:millcreek@ag.tamu.edu). Updates on events and programs supported by the Mill Creek WPP can also be found on the Partnership's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MillCreekWater>. See flier on page 3

## CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD) TESTING BY TPWD



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).



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# Partnership Meeting

## Everyone is invited to attend the Mill Creek Watershed Partnership Meeting

This meeting will provide the opportunity to gather public input on the implementation of the Mill Creek Watershed Protection Plan and identify the project's priorities for 2022.

**FEBRUARY 10, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

Austin County AgriLife Extension Office  
(800 E. Wendt St., Bellville, TX 77418)

RSVP is required:

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

**DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED**

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TEXAS STATE  
**Soil & Water**  
CONSERVATION BOARD

Funding for this effort is provided through a Clean Water Act §319(h) Nonpoint Source Grant administered by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.



# Small Farms & Vegetable Conference

February 25, 2022

**American Legion Post #442**

1630 Meyer St.  
Sealy, TX 77474

**Registration: 8:30am**

**Program: 9am-3pm**

\$35/person

includes lunch

## **Topics:**

- Alternative Pesticide Management for the Garden
- Recognizing & Managing Vegetables Diseases
- Spring Vegetables & Pest that Accompany Them
- Pesticides & Honeybees
- Laws & Regulations

**5 CEU's**

(2- Gen, 2-IPM, 1-L&R)

TDA Approved

## **Speakers:**

Stephen Brueggerhoff, Cary Sims, Dr. Kevin Ong, Dr. Don Renchie, and Boone Holladay

**RSVP by: February 22, 2022**

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



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.

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# 2022 Brazos Valley CEU Conference

Friday, January 28.  
2022

8:30am-2:30pm

\*registration begins at 7:30am

Burleson County Expo  
905 TX-36  
Caldwell, TX 77836

\$40 Pre-Registration (by  
January 21st) or \$60 at the  
door

\*Lunch Included

*Kolaches, Sodas, & Coffee  
Provided by:*

*Burleson County Soil & Water  
Conservation District #358*

**5 CEU's**

(1 Laws & Regs/ 1 IPM/ 1 Drift/ 1  
General)

For more information please call:  
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Ser-  
vice/ Burleson County  
100 West Buck Street, Suite 105  
Caldwell, Texas 77836  
(979) 567-2308 phone  
(979) 567-2370 fax

Register via QR Code or by calling the  
Burleson County Extension Office



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## Program Topics:

- ♦ **Drift Management & Sprayer Calibration**
  - ♦ **Invora Training** *(required for use)*
  - ♦ **Managing Forage Pest**
  - ♦ **TDA Laws and Regulations**
- ♦ **Herbicide Update for Weed Management in Pastures**

## Speakers:

**Dr. Mark Matocha**— Extension Pesticide Specialist, AgriLife Extension  
**Dr. Vanessa Olson** – Forage Extension Specialist, AgriLife Extension  
**Dr. Don Rennie**— Extension Program Leader, AgriLife Extension  
**Zachary Howard** – Extension Weed Specialist, AgriLife Extension

***This meeting will be offered in person and virtually through Microsoft Teams—to attend virtually, you must register through the QR Code. A link will be sent to all registered virtual attendees on January 27th.***

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Laramie Kettler- Colorado County Extension  
Agent  
Agriculture/ Natural Resources  
316 Spring St.  
Columbus, Texas 78934  
(979) 732-2082

# TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE EXTENSION

## 2022 Colorado County Beef and Forage Educational Program

Sponsored by the Beef and Forage Committee of Colorado County

**Friday, February 4th, 2022**  
**Colorado County Fairgrounds - Exhibit Hall**  
1146 Crossroads Boulevard, Columbus, TX 78934  
**(Pre-Register by February 2, 2022) CALL: 979-732-2082**



**Registration: 8:00 a.m. — 8:30 a.m.**

**Program: 8:30 a.m. — 3:00 p.m. LUNCH WILL BE CATERED**

**Fee: \$25.00 pre-registration  
\$30.00 at the door**

### **Topics Include:**

- \*Feral Hog Mitigation
- \*Sprayer Equipment and Calibration
- \*TDA Laws & Regulations
- \*Invasive Species Management & Product Control Update
- \*Annual Pasture & Hayfield Maintenance

**Private Pesticide Applicators  
will receive 5 continuing edu-  
cation units (CEUs): 3 General,  
1 IPM, 1 Laws and Regulations  
from TDA.  
No Structural Credits Offered.**

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# Private Applicator Licenses Trainings for 2022



## *Prices:*

*Training-\$10*

*Books-\$40*

*(2 manuals)*

**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, February 4, 2022

Friday, May 6, 2022

Friday, August 5, 2022

Thursday, November 3, 2022

*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

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 purchase the manuals.

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## Testimonials

"After purchasing land for our retirement we had so much we needed to learn, and the AgriLife New Landowner series delivered. The expertise of the Agents who run the program, and the speakers they bring to the seminars was outstanding. Whether you have specific questions, or just want to expand your knowledge of land owner issues and solutions, this is your #1 source."

~ **Eric and Andie Wolfer**  
2020 New Landowner Graduates

"Informative, educational, useful: three words that describe our experience at the Multi-County New Landowner Series.

We enjoyed attending the seminars which provided a basic understanding of relevant topics, presented by knowledgeable speakers, plus numerous resources and web links supplying additional information.

After our initial investment in land ownership, we invested our time attending the seminars. We highly recommend you do the same!"

~ **Vincent and Jeanette Shepherd**  
2019 New Landowner Graduates

"We found the Multi-County New Landowner program to be well worth our time. Not only did we learn a great deal about managing ponds, hay fields and trees, but we also were able to develop a personal relationship with our Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent. This ongoing relationship has been very helpful as we encounter new situations and have questions. We highly recommend the program."

~ **Dave and Patricia Penner**  
2018 New Landowner Graduates

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who to  
Contact



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*Washington County*



## 2022 Schedule

### 3rd Friday of the Month

#### All Programs Begin with:

Registration: 1:00-1:30PM

Educational Program: 1:30-5:00PM

#### Great Door Prizes at Each Program

<b>February 18</b> Austin County	Introduction Ag/Wildlife Valuations
<b>March 18</b> Fayette County	Weed & Brush Control
<b>April 15</b> Good Friday	NO CLASS
<b>May 20</b> Washington County	Pond Management
<b>August 19</b> Austin County	Fruit Trees, Pecans, Grapes for Small Acreage
<b>September 16</b> Colorado County	Forage Production Livestock Production
<b>October 21</b> Fayette County	Wildlife Management Native Grass Restoration
<b>November 18</b> Washington County	Bees and Trees for Homeowners

#### Maps and Directions

Provided prior to each monthly meeting

Visit our New Landowner Website for additional information or to preregister for the series.

Online Credit Card Payment Option for Series Pre-Registration

<https://washington.agrilife.org/nlo/>

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## What is it?

The Multi-County New Landowner Program is a series of meetings, seminars, and field days designed to provide information and resources related to agriculture, natural resources, wildlife, and land stewardship for new landowners in Austin, Colorado, Fayette, and Washington counties. Participants in the program will hear from Extension experts in various fields about best management practices they can implement on their own property.

## What does the program cost?

If attending **all sessions**

\$125.00 per person or \$200.00 per couple

*\$15.00 savings per person for entire series  
or \$80.00 savings per couple for entire series*

If attending **select sessions**

\$20.00 per person for each session

Payable at the door or in advance.

## What do you receive with your full enrollment?

- ♦ 24+ hours of instruction, training from experts
- ♦ Notebook **FULL** of publications and resources
- ♦ Opportunity for one-on-one discussion with experts, County Extension Agents, and others
- ♦ Opportunity to visit local farms/ranches
- ♦ Opportunity to network with other landowners
- ♦ Get your agriculture and natural resource questions answered and dispel internet myths

## What is AgriLife?

Extension is a public agency based within the land grant university, Texas A&M University.

We have agents in each Texas county that act as an Extension of the University knowledge and research. We provide research-based information to help Texans better their lives.

## What do we do?

We provide programs, tools, and resources - on a local and statewide level - that teach people how to improve agriculture and food protection, advance health practices, protect the environment, strengthen our communities, and enrich youth.

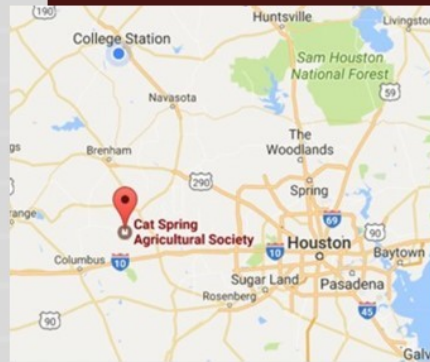
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FRIDAY

30TH ANNUAL  
WATSON  
GULF COAST  
FIELD DAY



CAT SPRING AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY HALL  
13035 HALL ROAD, CAT SPRING, TX 79833

CONTACT:  
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3 CEUS (1 LAWS & REGS, 2 IPM)



REGISTERING FOR A COUNTY PROGRAM?

[CLICK HERE](#)

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

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Stacie M. Villarreal in blue ink.

**Stacie M. Villarreal**

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

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