

# Austin County Ag Newsletter

September 2022

# Hay Show Samples Extended

Beef & Forage Committee of Austin County is encouraging beef cattle producers to turn in a sample of their hay for analysis at the Austin County Extension office. The deadline has passed but samples are being accepted until September 13th. The analysis will give producers very useful information about the quality of the hay they are feeding to their livestock, and the test will help them determine what additional level of supplements may be needed during the winter. Tests will show the crude protein level, total digestible, and acid detergent fiber (ratio of leaf to stem). Testing campaign and Hay Show is open to any hay producer from Austin or surrounding counties. Producers may submit as many samples as they wish for analysis in each of the following categories:

- 1) Improved (Hybrid) Bermudagrass (Except T-85) (e.g., Coastal, Jiggs, Alicia)
- 2) Other Bermudagrasses (e.g., Common Bermudagrass, Tifton 85)
- 3) Warm Season Annual Grasses (e.g., Rice Straw, Hay Grazer, Sudan Crosses, Sorghum Alum)
- 4) Other Warm Season Perennial Grasses (e.g., Eastern Gamagrass, Bluestem, Johnsongrass, Kleingrass, Bahiagrass)
- 5) Cool Season Grasses (e.g., Wheat, Oats, Cereal Rye, Ryegrass)
- 6) **Legumes** (e.g., Clover, Peanut, Cowpea)
- 7) Legume/Grass Mixtures (e.g., Rye/Clover, Oats/Vetch)

We use these samples to help put on the Youth Forage contest at the Austin County Fair. Sample(s) help us to put on a great contest for the youth. Please refer to the Austin County Hay Show Guidelines available online at <a href="https://austin.agrilife.org/hay-show/">https://austin.agrilife.org/hay-show/</a> and at each of the drop off locations.

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Beef & Forage Committee of Austin County would like to invite you to attend the Annual Austin County Hay Show & Fall Forage Seminar to be held on Friday, October 7, 2022, at the Austin County Fairgrounds. Registration for the program will be at 8:30 am with the program starting at 9:00 am.

This year's program will cover the following: Livestock Health Program, Sandbur Control Methods, and Controlling Invasive Grasses in Hay Pastures. Presenters include Dr. Tom Hairgrove, Dr. Josh McGinty, and Dr. Jamie Foster with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Three (3) Continuing Education Units (CEU's) will be provided to those with a TDA pesticide applicators license. Program is \$30 per person. After the program, there will be a presentation of awards for the Austin County Hay Show and lunch.

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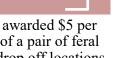
### Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Events

- September 5th: Extension Office will be closed for Labor Day
- September 9th: Austin County Wildlife Management Association, St. John Lutheran Church, Bellville, 6pm
- September 13th: Last Day to turn in Hay Samples
- September 16th: New Landowners Series- Forage &/or Livestock Production Colorado County, 1:30 pm
- September 20th: Lunch n Learn Series-Salvia Austin County Extension Office, Bellville, 11:55 am
- September 23rd: Feral Hog Seminar Cat Spring Ag Hall, Cat Spring, 2:30 pm (3 CEUs)
- October 7th: Fall Forage Program Austin County Fairgrounds, Bellville, 8:30 am (3 CEUs)
- October 16th: Austin County Wine Show— Austin County Fairgrounds, Bellville, 10-12:15 pm (turn in)
- October 18th: Lunch n Learn Series—Texas Super Stars—Austin County Extension Office, Bellville, 11:55 am
- October 21st: New Landowners Series- Wildlife Mgt. & Native Prairie Restoration Fayette County, 1:30 pm
- October 28th: South Central Texas Cow-Calf Clinic Washington County Fairgrounds, Brenham,
- November 1-28th: Austin County Pecan Show Entries may be dropped off at the Extension office
- November 3rd: Private Applicator Training Austin County Extension Office, Bellville, 1:00 pm
- November 4th: Feather, Furs, and Farming—Austin County, 1:00pm

# Texas Olive Update & Grower Seminar-September 30th

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension will host a Texas Olive Update & Grower's Seminar on September 30<sup>th</sup> in Uvalde, Texas. This half-day educational event will provide an update on the status of the Texas olive industry and research efforts regarding olive production in Texas. Lessons learned over the past 25 years of commercial olive production in Texas will be shared, setting the stage for what the future of the industry might look like. Challenges of olive production will be discussed in detail, along with findings and recommendations to mitigate these challenges. Attendees will also hear presentations on the results of research on olive cold-hardiness and disease resistance. Findings from 6 years of coordinated olive variety trials across Texas will be discussed, and there will be a tour of one of these trials on-site. The program will conclude with discussion on the best practices for olive and olive oil production in Texas. The event will be held at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension Center at Uvalde; doors will open at 8am and the program will conclude at 1pm. There is no charge to attend and registration is not required but RSVP is requested. The event is geared toward commercial production but is open to everyone. Online/virtual attendance will be offered. For more information, contact Stephen Janak: stephen.janak@ag.tamu.edu. RSVP at: tx.ag/TxOliveUpdate

# **AUSTIN COUNTY HOG BOUNTY**



Austin County Commissioners Court is offering a bounty on feral hogs. 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 filled out completely to collect money.

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# Austin County Pecan Show Entries Due 11/28

Annual Pecan Show will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2022, at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office located at 800 E Wendt St, Bellville, TX 77418. 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 Tuesday, November 1st through Monday, November 28th. All entries must be submitted by 5:00 pm on Monday, November 28th to be entered in the show.

Each entry must be in a brown paper bag (provided at the office) and an 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 fee to enter. Anyone from Austin County may enter or anyone from a surrounding county that does not have a county pecan show.

Ten (10) 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.

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# Texas Fruit Conference



2022 Texas Fruit Conference is a two-day hybrid educational program in New Braunfels, TX, September 26 & 27th. A half-day "Intro to Fruit Growing" workshop will teach new and inexperienced fruit growers how to start an orchard successfully. A main educational conference offers current and advanced topics aimed at improving/enhancing economic sustainability through orchard management, innovation, and diversity. A "Taste of Texas Fruit" networking reception will feature Texas-grown fruit and prepared fruit-themed snacks and beverages. Texas Pesticide License CEU's offered (3.0 to 5.0 TBD), by Texas Department of Agriculture. Audience is prospective and established growers of perennial fruit crops (peaches, blackberries, figs, etc.) who have commercial, serious recreational, or public service interest in growing fruit in Texas (master gardeners, community/school gardeners, etc.). To register visit https://tamu.estore.flywire.com/products/texas-fruit-conference

# Multi-County New Landowners Series 2022

The Multi-County New Landowner Education program is a series of 7 informational meetings, seminars, and field days designed to help new landowners in Austin, Colorado, Fayette, & Washington Counties become aware of what types of agricultural enterprises are possible for their property. Participants in the program will hear from experts in a variety of fields in agriculture about best management practices that can be implemented in the area. 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, rainwater harvesting, turf management, 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 successful, and possibly what opportunities they have to serve the community.

The programs will be held on the *third Friday of the months of August through November*. Each month's meeting will be held at different locations in one of the four counties. The meetings begin at 1:30 pm and will last between 4 and 5 hours depending on the topic and possible tour stops. The cost for the program series is \$125.00 per person, \$200.00 per couple for all seven meetings, or \$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** at the beginning will receive a notebook to fill out as they progress through the program. It will include handouts and reference material that will be useful as they move forward with improvements on their property. The remaining topics to be covered for this year are:

- September 16<sup>th</sup> Forage and/or Livestock Production Options for Small Acreage Operations
- October 21<sup>st</sup> Wildlife Management and Native Prairie Restoration
- November 18<sup>th</sup> Bees and Trees for Homeowners

Registration materials and more information can also be found on the website, https://washington.agrilife.org/nlo

# RENEWAL UPDATE FOR 2022 APPLICATOR LICENSE HOLDERS

In response to the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic, the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) is extending the exemption of agriculture Continuing Education Unit (CEU) requirements. To address the CEU's and licensure requirements for Ag Pesticide applicators, the TDA will work with the ag pesticide applicators and CEU course providers of Texas during this critical time. Licensed applicators with expiring licenses or needing CEU's will be allowed to renew their license even if they have not met their CEU requirement for their current licensing period through December 31, 2022. Due to the uncertainty of the length and severity of the Covid 19 pandemic, many CEU events have been canceled. The TDA will work to insure all the state's pesticide applicators are able to acquire their licenses and required continuing education courses in a safe and effective manner during this time frame. Once CEU courses resume as normal, applicators will be required to obtain their required CEUs for their respective license classification for each licensing period. By allowing a CEU exemption, the applicators maintain their ability to perform pesticide applications for pests, weeds, insects etc., without disrupting daily business functions. Applicators are encouraged to complete online courses even if online courses were completed the previous licensing period.

COMMERCIAL, NON-COMMERCIAL AND NON-COMMERCIAL POLITICAL APPLICATORS For licenses expiring in 2022 ONLY: TDA will exempt commercial, non-commercial and non-commercial political applicators who have taken online or correspondence courses within the last year. The TDA Rule 7.24 (t) (2) does not allow for online or correspondence courses to be taken 2 years consecutively. However, in light of the unusual circumstances due to Covid 19 (coronavirus), the TDA will allow online or correspondence courses to be taken in consecutive years. This exemption will be for the current 2022 licensing period. Commercial, non-commercial and non-commercial political pesticide applicators are required to obtain 5 CEUs per licensing period.

PRIVATE APPLICATORS For licenses expiring in 2022 ONLY: The TDA will also exempt private applicators from the TDA Rule 7.24 (v) (5). This rule does not allow a private applicator to acquire more than 10 CEUs through correspondence courses. During this quarantine time frame, private applicators will be allowed to acquire ALL of their CEUs through correspondence courses (online). Private applicators are required to obtain 15 CEUs per 5- year licensing period.

# CRILIFE EXTENSION 2022 Austin County Hay Show Fall Forage Seminar

Hay Sample entry forms & boxes available at:

- Austin County Extension Office, Bellville Farm & Ranch, and Linseisen's Feed & Supply Inc in Bellville
- Steinhauser's in Sealy
- Dudensing Farm Service in New Ulm
- Lindemann Store in Industry

Hay Samples collected August 1st-31st

Results will be available after Fall Forage Seminar

# **Fall Forage Seminar**

# **Austin County Fairgrounds**

Friday, October 7, 2022

Registration: 8:30am - 9:00am

Program: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Cost: \$30 per person (lunch included)



# **RSVP** by October 3rd

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

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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/eventregistrations/



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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# Forage & Livestock Production

2022 Multi-County New Landowner Educational Series



# Columbus Livestock Auction

2000 Reese Lane Columbus, TX 78934

Registration 1:00-1:30 pm Program 1:30-5:00 pm \$20/Person/Session \$125/Person/Series - \$200/Couple/Series

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

# Topics to be covered:

Livestock for Small Acreage Land Owners Managing Central Texas Pastures



# For more information please contact:

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# 2022 AUSTIN COUNTY LUNCH N LEARN SERIES

## BLUEBONNET MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

FREE to the Public

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

> Bring your own lunch Light Refreshments provided

Registration: 11:50am - 12pm

Program: 12pm -1pm





QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL: TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE OF AUSTIN COUNTY AT 979-865-2072



Registration is not required but is encouraged. To register call the office or visit our website at http://austin.agrilife.org



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# AUSTIN COUNTY FERAL HOG SEMINAR



3 CEUs

(2 GEN, 1 IPM)

Registration is FREE

To register, call the Austin County Extension Office at (979) 865-2072 or visit

https://austin.agrilife.org/event-registrations

### For more information, contact:

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Braxton Mitchell Wharton/Austin County Extension Agent (979) 532-3310 bjmitchell@pvamu.edu







Join us as we discuss Feral Hog

Friday, September 23, 2022 Cat Spring Ag Hall 13035 Hall Road

Cat Spring, TX

Registration: 2:30 pm Program: 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

# Topics include:

- Drought Effects on Feral Hogs
- Feral Hog Market & Population Outlook
- Trapping Methods & Removal Options
- PVAMU Trap Lease Program
- Austin County Feral Hog Bounty Program

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3 CEU's (3- Gen) TDA

# 2022 Austin County Fall Forage Seminar & Hay Show

Sponsored by: The Austin County Beef & Forage Committee

# Austin County Fairgrounds Friday, October 7, 2022

Registration: 8:30am

Program: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Cost: \$30 per person (lunch included)

# Topics/Speaker's

- Livestock Health program- Tom Hairgrove, PhD
- Sandbur Control Methods- Josh McGinty, PhD
- Controlling Invasive Grasses in Hay Pastures-Jamie Foster, PhD

Hay Show results will be available after Seminar

# Please RSVP by October 3rd

For more information please visit the Austin County Extension Office website: <a href="mailto:austin.agrilife.org">austin.agrilife.org</a> or contact the office, 979-865-2072

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# Austin County Fair Texas Non-Commercial Wine Show

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022
AUSTIN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
(AMERICAN LEGION HALL, 988 E. MAIN, BELLVILLE TX )

Produced & Coordinated by the Gulf Coast Winegrowers Association

### DROP OFF LOCATIONS

<u>Early entries-Shipping or Drop off</u>
October 1st-7th

(9am-12pm & 1pm-4pm)

- Austin County AgriLife Extension Office
  - o 800 E. Wendt St., Bellville, TX 77418
- Darst Ranch Vineyard
  - o 981 Travis Rd., Bellville, TX 77418

Day of October 16th (10:00am-12:15pm)

- American Legion Hall
  - o 988 E Main, Bellville, TX 77418

Entry is minimum of 2 (750 mL bottles), extras may be brought for tasting

Public tasting & awards, no earlier than 3:30pm.

\$10/Entry
Unlimited Number
of entries per
category

2022 and earlier vintages are eligible (before 2022) MAY NOT be repeat entries from previous years

### WINE CLASSIFICATIONS

- Red Wine-Dry
- Red Wine-Sweet
- White Wine-Dry
- White Wine-Sweet
- Fruit/Berry
- Dessert/Port/Sherry Style
- Native/Mustang/Muscadine Grape
- Blush/Rose



# AGRILIFE EXTENSION

# Austin County Pecan Show

Sponsored by: The Horticulture Committee of Austin County

Entry Deadline: Monday, November 28, 2022, 5pm

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) starting November 1st
- All entries must be submitted by 5pm on Monday, November 28th.
   No Late Entries Accepted!
- Each entry should have 50 uncracked pecans of the same variety, from the same tree
- 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 (<u>austin.agrilife.org</u>)
- Entries are limited to one entry of each named variety per person
- Pecans must be from 2022 Crop
- No entry fee

\*All entries become property of the Austin County Horticulture Committee\*

Results will be available at the Pecan Program on 12/1/2022

For more information please visit the Austin County Extension Office website: <a href="https://austin.agrilife.org/agriculture/ac-pecan-show/">https://austin.agrilife.org/agriculture/ac-pecan-show/</a> or contact the office, 979-865-2072

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# 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



- 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.

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

Sincerely,

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