

Austin County Wildlife Management Association-Dues

Message from the ACWMA board...

Hello Fellow Austin County Wildlife Association members! Hopefully this dry weather isn't affecting you too severely and for those of you who hunt, here's wishing you a safe and productive season!

The ACWMA board is in the process of updating our membership database. Hopefully all of you who have paid the \$15 annual dues. If we have your current email address you should have received an email with an excel list to see if you have been marked "paid". If you did not receive this email please check your junk or spam folders or send an email to acwma_roster@yahoo.com with your name, address and phone number so we can contact you and update our information. A hearty THANK YOU for your continued patronage for those who have been paid.

These dues, among other things, allow the Association to have our annual meeting, offer signs at discounted prices and this year we purchased a thermal night vision scope for our game warden. This tool will undoubtedly allow him to better protect our wildlife from poachers and perhaps even contribute to other law enforcement activities in our county. The membership also ensures that you receive the quarterly Feathers, Furs and Farming flyers, MLD and other information from our county biologist and other announcements.

If you have not yet paid and want to remain a member, please send a check for \$15 made out to **ACWMA to P.O. Box 54, Bellville, TX 77418**. If you have moved, no longer own property in Austin County or simply no longer wish to be a member, ***please reply to that email and inform us of your intention!*** We will remove your name and email from the roster and not bother you with unwanted materials.

We sincerely hope you decide to stay with us! Looking forward to hearing from you! Thank you.

Tommy Monk, President and Rob Abbott, Secretary, ACWMA

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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Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Events

- October 7-16th: Austin County Fair
- **October 10-17th: Austin County Extension office will be closed and Staff will be working at Fair**
- 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 15th: Lunch n Learn Series— Citrus— Austin County Extension Office, Bellville, 11:55 am
- November 18th: New Landowners Series- Bees and Trees for Homeowners — Washington County, 1:30 pm
- December 1st: Austin County Pecan Program & Awards— Austin County Extension Office, Bellville, 6:00 pm
- December 2nd: Feather, Furs, and Farming—Austin County, 1:00pm
- December 9th: 5 HR CEU Conference—Four County Auction Center, Bellville, 1:00pm (5 CEUs pending approval)

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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South Central Texas Cow-Calf Clinic Raffle Tickets

The South Central Texas Cow-Calf Clinic Scholarship Committee is currently selling Scholarship Drawing tickets for Eighteen fantastic prizes totaling \$34,000. The Scholarship Drawing supports the scholarships and youth program held at the South Central Texas Cow-Calf Clinic each year.

The prizes will include:

- Hustler FasTrak SDX 54' Zero-Turn Mower
- Pen of 3 Bred Heifers-Black Baldies
- 24 Round Bales of Coastal Hay
- Pen of 2 Bred Heifers- Angus x Brahman
- Custom Side of Beef
- Quiet Cool 36" Portable Evaporative Cooler
- Custom Side of Beef
- \$500 Visa Gift Card
- 1-ton Pro-Grain Beef Pro Feed
- Custom Side of Beef
- \$500 Visa Gift Card
- STIHL Electric Chainsaw, Blower, and Trimmer
- Custom Side of Beef
- \$500 Visa Gift Card
- Custom Built Double Bench
- ½ ton of Schulte Cattle Feed
- American Ag Mineral Feeder
- \$250 Gift Certificate for Veterinary Services-Philips Veterinary Hospital

Tickets are \$100 each and only 500 are being sold through Friday, October 28th or until sold out. The drawing will be held live during the social following the Cow-Calf Clinic, so buy your tickets and come out to join us on Friday!

To-date there has been 8 youth from Austin County who have received a Scholarship from this Scholarship Fund.

Our three 2022 Graduating Seniors who received a scholarship were:

- Samantha Diezi
- Mackenzie Lee
- Emily Spiess

Tickets are available at the Austin County Extension office, 800 E Wendt St, Bellville, TX 77418. Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm (closed during 12-1pm), 979-865-2072.

We are closed during the week of the fair but if you find Stacie Villarreal, she will have tickets or one of the Austin County Beef & Forage Committee Members.

Tickets are also available at Four County Auction Center.

If you purchased a ticket last year, please reach out to who you purchased a ticket from, they will have tickets again! Or you can purchase them online: <https://washington.agrilife.org/ag/setcccdrawing/>

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Bluebonnet Master Gardener Lunch n Learn

The Bluebonnet Master Gardeners of Austin County are pleased to present the 2022 Fall “Lunch-N-Learn” series hosted on the third Tuesday of each month, September-November. The overall series will feature topics related to horticulture with homeowner and backyard gardeners in mind! Speakers are experts in their fields and practical gardeners with great tips and information for everyone.

Programs are held in-person at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office of Austin County located at 800 E. Wendt Street in Bellville. Program registration will begin at 11:50am with the program beginning at 12:00pm and concluding about 12:55pm. At the conclusion of each session the speaker and our Austin County Master Gardeners will be available to help answer gardening 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.

Our Fall Series dates and topics will be as follows:

- Tuesday, October 18, 2022; Texas Superstars by TBA
- Tuesday, November 15, 2022; Citrus by Mary Karish, Waller County Master Gardener

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

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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.

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

Early entries-Shipping or Drop off

October 1st-7th

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

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

Day of October 16th

(10:00am-12:15pm)

- American Legion Hall
 - 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



For a set of complete rules and entry form visit: <https://austin.agrilife.org/wine/>

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

**September 20,
2022**

**Salvias for every
Garden**

**Phoebe Lake,
New Leaf Nursery**

**October 18,
2022**



**November 15,
2022**

Citrus

**Mary Karish
Waller County Master
Gardener**



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>



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.

Sponsored by Extension Beef and Forage Committees from Austin, Brazos, Burleson, Colorado, Fayette, Grimes, Lee, Waller & Washington Counties

2022 SCTCCC Scholarship Drawing

Hustler FasTrak SDX 54" Zero-Turn Mower

Partnership with Kawasaki of Caldwell

Pen of 3 Bred Heifers - Black Baldies

Partnership with Citizens State Bank

24 Round Bales of Coastal Hay

Donated by Triple H Farms

Pen of 2 Bred Heifers - Angus x Brahman

Partnership with Citizens State Bank

Custom Processed Side of Beef

*Donated by Brenham National Bank
Processing in Partnership with Burton Meat Processing*

Quiet Cool 36" Portable Evaporative Cooler

Donated by Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative

Custom Processed Side of Beef

*Donated by Brenham National Bank
Processing in Partnership with Burton Meat Processing*

\$500.00 Visa Gift Card

Donated by Washington County Beef & Forage Committee

1 Ton Pro-Gain Beef Pro Feed

Donated by Somerville Farm & Ranch and LaGrange Farm & Ranch

Custom Processed Side of Beef

Processing in Partnership with Burton Meat Processing

\$500.00 Visa Gift Card

Donated by Washington County Beef & Forage Committee

STIHL Electric Chainsaw, Blower, and Trimmer

Donated by Austin County Beef and Forage Committee

Custom Processed Side of Beef

Processing in Partnership with Burton Meat Processing

\$500.00 Visa Gift Card

Donated by Washington County Beef & Forage Committee

Custom Built Double Bench

Hand Crafted by Mr. Douglas Borchardt

1/2 Ton of Schulte Cattle Feed

Donated by Schulte Farm Services

American Ag Mineral Feeder

Donated by CRC Farm and Ranch Supply

\$250 Gift Certificate for Veterinary Services

Donated by Philips Veterinary Hospital

**\$100.00
per ticket**

**Need Not Be
Present To Win**

**\$34,000
in Prizes**

**Only 500 Tickets
Sold!**

**Buy your
tickets online!**



**Terms and Conditions Apply. Please visit
<https://washington.agrilife.org/SCTCCCDrawing>**

**Drawing at the 51st Annual South Central Texas Cow-Calf Clinic
October 28, 2022 in Brenham, TX!**

**All proceeds benefit scholarships for youth in all sponsoring counties and the
Cow-Calf Clinic Youth Program.**

Contact your local County Extension Office for more information!

Austin County Hay Show Results 2022

Grand Champion: *Matt Waak (Alicia)*

Reserve Champion: *Gordon Goebel
(Common Bermudagrass)*

Coastal Bermudagrass

1st: Matt Waak (*Alicia*)

2nd: Bo Brandt (*Coastal Bermudagrass*)

Other Bermudagrasses

1st: Gordon Goebel (*Common Bermudagrass*)

2nd: John Spiess (*Tifton 85*)

Warm Season Annual Grasses

1st: Nicholas Herr (*Sorghum Alum*)

2nd: Justin Hold (*Sorghum Sudan*)

Other Warm Season Perennial Grasses

1st: Gordon Goebel (*Eastern Gamagrass*)

2nd: Nicholas Herr (*Johnsongrass*)



**Congratulations to our
winners at this year's
Austin County Hay Show**

Private Applicator Licenses Trainings for 2022

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



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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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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AGRI LIFE
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 (austin.agrilife.org).*
- 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:

<https://austin.agrilife.org/agriculture/ac-pecan-show/> or contact the office, 979-865-2072

Pecan Program & Pecan Show Awards

Sponsored by: Horticulture Committee of Austin County

Thursday, December 1, 2022

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,
Dinner provided

Topics/Speakers:

- Low Maintenance Pecan Growing for Homeowners
 - *Stephen Brueggerhoff, Galveston County Extension Agent, Horticulture*
- Pecan Varieties & Sizes
 - *Stacie Villarreal, Austin County Extension Agent, Agriculture*
- Awards Program

Please RSVP by: November 29th

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





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.*

Thank you to our Hay Show Sponsors!

Austin County Farm Bureau
Austin County Farmers Mutual
Austin County Livestock Association
Austin County SWCD #347
Bellville Abstract
Bernardo Farm and Ranch Supply
Citizen's State Bank
Corteva Agriscience
First National Bank of Bellville
Four County Auction Center Inc.
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Giddings Livestock
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Linseisen's Feed and Supply
Mill Creek Land and Cattle
Postive Feed
San Bernard Electric Co-Op
Schrader Construction
Schubert Farm Services
Tegeler Chevrolet
Washington County Tractor

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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