

Mill Creek Watershed Partnership

The Mill Creek Watershed Partnership supports approved implementation of the Watershed Protection Plan (WPP). The Partnership is a voluntary proactive organization of stakeholders working to improve surface water quality in and around Mill Creek. Stakeholders are those who live, work, or have an interest in the water quality in the Mill Creek Watershed. We encourage all those who wish to become involved or learn more to sign up to the list-serv and attend quarterly meetings.

Public input is critical to improving and protecting the quality of Texas' waters and is a key component of any effective Watershed Protection Plan (WPP). This watershed partnership will provide stakeholders a voice in the planning process and allow for the effective implementation of the actions agreed upon and laid out in the Mill Creek WPP.

To see if you live in the Mill Creek Watershed look at the map to the right. If you are in the light colored area, you live in the watershed.

For more information on the Mill Creek Watershed contact:
 millcreek@ag.tamu.edu or
 annalee.epps@ag.tamu.edu
 You can visit the website at:
<https://millcreek.tamu.edu/>.



Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Events

- February 1st-28th: Multi-County Urban Soil Campaign
- February 3rd: Gulf Coast Grape Growers Field Day — Cat Spring Ag Hall, Cat Spring, 8:00 am
- February 7th: Ft. Bend Vegetable Conference—Ft. Bend County Fairgrounds, Rosenberg, 8:00 am (5 CEUs pending TDA approval)
- February 10th: Private Applicator Training — Austin County Extension Office, Bellville, 1:00 pm
- February 17th: New Landowner Series – Ag/Wildlife Valuation — Washington County , 1:30 pm
- February 17th: PVAMU Meat Science Center Tour— Meat Science Center, Prairie View, 9:00 am
- **February 20th: Austin County Extension Office — CLOSED for Presidents' Day**
- February 21st: Lunch n Learn Series – Garden Stretches — Austin County Extension Office, Bellville, 11:50 am
- February 24th: Small Farms & Vegetable Conf. — American Legion, Sealy, 8:30 am (5 CEUs pending TDA approval)
- **March 2nd: Austin County Extension Office — CLOSED for Texas Independence Day**
- March 17th: New Landowner Series – Pond Management — Colorado County, 1:30 pm
- March 21st: Lunch n Learn Series– Composting — Austin County Extension Office, Bellville, 11:50 pm
- March 24th: Beef Cattle Seminar— Four County Auction Center, Industry, 1:00 pm (3 CEUs)
- **April 7th: Austin County Extension Office — CLOSED for Good Friday**
- April 8th: Bluebonnet Master Gardeners Annual Plant Sale — Sealy, 9 am

Multi-County New Landowners Series 2023

The Multi-County New Landowner Education program is a series of eight 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 various fields of agriculture concerning 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.

Programs will be held on the third Friday of the months of February through May and August through November. Each month's meeting will be held at a different location in one of the four participating counties. The meetings will begin at 1:30 p.m. with registration and last until 5p.m. The cost for the program series is \$125.00 per person, \$200.00 per couple for all eight meetings, or \$20.00 per person per meeting. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) 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 with handouts and reference material that will be useful as they move forward with improvements on their property.

- **February 17th** – Introduction and Program Overview – Ag & Wildlife Valuations
- **March 17th** – Pond Management – Construction, Aquatic Weed Control, and Stocking
- **April 21st** – Weed & Brush Control – Plant Identification, Control Recommendations for Common Weeds & Brush
- **May 19th** – Forage &/or Livestock Production – Options for Small Acreage Operations
- **August 18th** – Bees and Trees for Homeowners
- **September 15th** – Horticulture Production – Fruit Trees, Pecans, and Grapes for Landowners
- **October 20th** – Wildlife Management and Native Prairie Restoration
- **November 17th** – Emerging Issues

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/>

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VIRTUAL HOMEOWNER MAINTENANCE OF SEPTIC SYSTEMS COURSE

Need to become certified to maintain your septic system? Great news! You can complete the Homeowner Maintenance of Septic Systems course [online](#)! Upon completion, contact your TCEQ authorized agents to finalize the certification process.

For Austin County residents
Erica Resendez at 979-865-5911 or
planning3@austincounty.com



SIGNS OF FAILING SEPTIC SYSTEMS

- Standing water around your septic tank
- Unpleasant smell
- Bright green lush grass around your septic tank
- Sewage backup
- Slowly draining bathtubs, showers, and sinks
- Noises in your plumbing system
- Excessive growth of algae in nearby ponds

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 - Steinhauer'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 the bounty.

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Regional Pecan Show Results

Austin County had five pecan entries move on from the county show to the East Regional Pecan Show for the 2022 crop year. There was a total of 93 entries from 12 different counties. Judging was held on Wednesday, January 11th in College Station. Judges for this event were: Warren Chatwin, Keith Kubenka, Braden Tondre, and Xinwang Wang, all from USDA-ARS Pecan Genetics, and Bill Ree, Extension Entomologist (retired). Special thanks to Boone Holaday, Fort Bend County Horticulture Agent, and Mr. Robert Luedeker, Austin County Pecan Grower for their assistance with processing.

The results are as follows:

- 2nd Place Choctaw– Linda Villarreal
- Reserve Champion Native - Luedeker Farms (JV Favorite)
- 2nd Place Natives- Luedeker Farms (JV Favorite)
- 3rd Place Natives- Annie Wittner

Lunch-N-Learn Series 2023

Bluebonnet Master Gardeners of Austin County are pleased to present the 2023 “Lunch-N-Learn” series which will be hosted on the third Tuesday of each month from January-May and September-October. 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 promptly at 12:00pm and concluding by 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. Registration is not required but is encouraged.

Our Series dates and topics will be as follows:

- Tuesday, February 21st - Garden Stretches: Stop the Ache Before You Rake
- Tuesday, March 21st - Composting by Mary Karish
- Tuesday, April 18th - Topic is pending
- Tuesday, May 16th - Orchids
- Tuesday, September 19th - Plumerias
- Tuesday, October 17th - Wonderful World of the Honeybee

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2023 CEU Applicator License Holders Allowances

Agricultural Applicators — Beginning in 2023, applicators must have all of the required CEUs to renew their private, commercial and noncommercial applicators licenses. Upon receipt of the 2023 renewal notice, submit the appropriate renewal fee(s).

Structural Applicators—MUST have obtained ALL of their required CEUs in the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which their license expires OR they may NOT renew. If you renew without CEUs, you are subject to a \$300 penalty and/or denial of license renewal. Live interactive (proctored by camera) webinars will be allowed in 2023.

MULTI-COUNTY URBAN & HOMEOWNER SOIL TESTING CAMPAIGN

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Austin County presents the Multi-County Urban & Homeowner Soil Testing Campaign in conjunction with Colorado, Fayette, and Washington Counties. This event will run from February 1-28, 2023, and is limited to soil samples for growing flowers, gardens, turfgrasses, trees, and woody ornamentals. This campaign is made possible through the support of the Multi-County Ag Committee and is in cooperation with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Soil, Water, and Forge Testing Lab in College Station.

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. You may pick up information, collection bags, and forms at one of the following locations around Austin County: Bellville - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Austin County (located at 800 E Wendt St), Bellville Farm & Ranch, and Linseisen’s Feed & Supply Inc; Sealy - Steinhäuser’s; Cat Spring - Bernardo Farm & Ranch Supply; and Industry - Lindemann’s Store. Soil samples, forms, and payment should also be returned to one of these locations. Please check with your local County Extension office for their locations.

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Private Application Training for 2023

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 2023 at the Austin County Extension Office, 800 E Wendt St., Bellville. Books and study materials for the course may to 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. The training will begin at 1pm and conclude about 5pm, available on the following days:

- Friday, February 10, 2023
- Friday, May 5, 2023
- Friday, August 4, 2023
- Friday, November 3, 2023

The Texas Department of Agriculture, who oversees the testing and administration of Applicator Licensing, has contracted with PSI Services to administer the exam for agricultural 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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SMALL FARM & VEGETABLE CONFERENCE

The Horticulture Committee of Austin County, in partnership with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Austin County, will be hosting a Small Farms & Vegetable Conference with 5 CEUs on Friday, February 24, 2023, at the American Legion Post #442 located at 1630 Meyer St, Sealy. Program registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the first presentation beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Information to be covered includes Identification & Management of Diseases, Drought Stress & Recovering of Trees by David Appel, Professor and Extension Specialist-Plant Pathology and Microbiology, Cover Crops in Gardens & Residual Pesticides by Jodie McVane, Texas A&M University PhD Candidate, Fire Ants & Leaf Cutter Ants Control Methods by Dr. Robert Puckett, Associate Professor and Extension Specialist-Entomology, Update on Laws & Regulations by Dr. Don Renchie, Agrilife Extension, Agricultural & Environmental Safety, and Feral Hogs Control Methods by Dr. Aaron Sumrall, VP of Research & Outreach for Field Engine Wildlife Research and Management.

The program will cost \$35.00 per person or \$60.00 per couple and will include breakfast & lunch. Please RSVP to the Austin County Extension office or online at austin.agrilife.org to reserve your seat.

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Beef Cattle Management Seminar

The Beef & Forage Committee of Austin County in partnership with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Austin County will be hosting a Beef Cattle Management Seminar on Friday, March 24, 2023 at Four County Auction Center located at 15900 TX HWY 159, Industry. Program registration will begin at 12:30pm, with the first presentation beginning at 1:00pm. The program will conclude by approximately 4:30pm.

Information to be covered includes Carbon Capture in Grazing, Update on Laws & Regulation for TDA, and Upcoming Changes in OTC Antibiotics for Beef Cattle Producers-Implications and Management. Presenters include Dr. Jamie Foster and Dr. Don Renchie with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Dr. Steve Blezinger, Nutritional & Management Consultant for Reveille Livestock Concepts. There will be 3 CEU hours awarded (1 L&R & 2 GEN) at the program.

The program will cost \$30 per person. We ask that you please RSVP with the Austin County Extension office at 979-865-2072 or visit us online at <https://austin.agrilife.org/event-registrations/>.

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38th Annual Fort Bend Regional Vegetable Conference

February 7, 2023

See you there!

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<https://fortbend.agrilife.org>

Join us on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 for the 38th Annual Fort Bend Regional Vegetable Conference!

Location: Fort Bend County Fairgrounds, Buildings C&D
4310 Highway 36 South, Rosenberg, TX 77471

Time: 8:00 am - 3:30 pm (Lunch Included)

Registration: 7:30 - 8:15am

Early Registration: \$30.00 through January 20, 2023

After January 20, Registration: \$40.00

Register and pay online* at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/38th-annual-fort-bend-regional-vegetable-conference-tickets-503584904707>

OR Scan the QR code to the right to be taken to the site

*Note: additional fees will be applied if paying by credit card

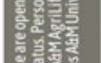
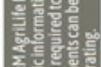
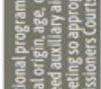
To register in person by check or cash, visit:
Texas A&M Agrilife Extension-Fort Bend County
1402 Band Road (Annex Bldg), Rosenberg, TX 77471

Register early for discounted pricing! (No refunds for any payment.)



The 38th Annual Fort Bend Regional Vegetable Conference is a celebration of vegetable production along the upper Gulf Coast region, Counties of Waller, Wharton, Harris, Galveston, Brazoria, Colorado, and Austin join with Fort Bend on this event focusing on teaching sustainable practices to help producers maximize efficiencies and profitability.

We have something for every producer, and as always, we will offer 5 continuing education credits for TDA license holders. Sponsors and vendors will be available with valuable information on-site as well. We hope to see you there!



Educational programs of the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or veteran status. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aid or services are required to contact Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service at 281-342-2024 five working days prior to the meeting so appropriate arrangements can be made. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas cooperating.



Livestock Management Programs

Beef Cattle Production & Management & Increasing Small Ruminant Production

PVAMU Meat Science Center Tour

1485 Kika De La Garza
Prairie View, TX 77446

Please join us for an interactive tour and meat-cutting demonstration at Prairie View A&M University's Meat Science Center!

Speakers:

- Dr. Lea Ann Kinman, PVAMU Research Associate Professor
- Braxton Mitchell, Wharton/Austin County Extension Agent

FREE ADMISSION

Space is limited, so registration is encouraged.

Long pants & closed toed shoes are required.



Scan the QR Code OR [CLICK HERE](#) to register

Friday
February 17, 2023

Sign-in: 9:00 a.m.

For additional information, contact: Braxton Mitchell, Wharton/Austin County Extension Agent
(979)532-3310 • bjmitchell@pvamu.edu

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Multi-County Urban & Homeowner Soil Testing Campaign February 1-28, 2023

This campaign is limited to homeowners for flowers, gardens, turf grasses, trees, and woody ornamentals.

Soil bags, campaign forms, and directions can be picked up at the Austin, Colorado, Fayette, and Washington County Extension Office.

All bags, forms, and payment must be received by Tuesday, February 28th at one of the locations.

Please make checks payable to:

MCAF

Pick up & Drop off Locations in Austin County

- Austin County Extension Office
- Bellville Farm & Ranch
- Linseisen's Feed & Supply Inc
- Steinhauser's
- Bernardo Farm & Ranch Supply
- Lindemann's Store

Prices:

Routine Analysis: \$8

Routine + Micro-nutrients: \$15

Please contact your County Extension office for details on pick up and drop off of forms and samples.



Private Applicator Trainings for 2023

Friday, February 10, 2023

Friday, May 5, 2023

Friday, August 4, 2023

Friday, November 3, 2023

Training is from 1pm to 5pm

Check in/Registration starts 15 mins prior

Date & Time are subject to change

Prices:

Training-\$10

*Books-\$50
(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/>

Scan to Register



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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.

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(1 GEN)

Introduction Ag/Wildlife Valuations

2023 Multi-County New Landowner Educational Series

February 17, 2023

Washington County Expo Sales Facility

1305 East Blue Bell Rd.
Brenham, Texas 77833

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:

Overview of Program Series

Local Resources

County Appraisal Districts



For more information please contact:

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Washington County
(979) 277-6212 ext. 2
Washington.AgrLife.org



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2023 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

February 17 Washington County	Introduction Ag/Wildlife Valuations
March 17 Colorado County	Pond Management
April 21 Austin County	Weed & Brush Management
May 19 Fayette County	Forage Production Livestock Production
August 18 Austin County	Bees and Trees for Homeowners
September 15 Fayette County	Horticulture
October 20 Colorado County	Wildlife Management Native Grass Restoration
November 17 Washington County	Emerging Issues

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 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 production, advance health practices, protect the environment, strengthen our communities, and enrich youth.

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.



2023 AUSTIN COUNTY

LUNCH N LEARN SERIES

HOSTED BY: 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



January 17th
Roses
Elisabeth Eickhoff,
Master Rosarian

February 21st
Garden Stretches: Stop the Ache before you rake
Michelle Wright,
Austin County CEA

March 21st
Composting
Mary Karish,
Waller County
Master Gardener

April 18th
TBA
TBD

May 16th
Orchids
TBD

September 19th
Plumerias
Faye Beery,
Bluebonnet Master
Gardener

October 17th
Wonderful World of the Honeybee
Tom Shaughnessy,
Local Beekeeper

REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED BUT IS ENCOURAGED. TO REGISTER CALL THE OFFICE OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [HTTP://AUSTINN.LEARNSERIES.ORG](http://austinn.learnseries.org)



SCAN TO REGISTER

QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL: 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.



Small Farms & Vegetable Conference

February 24, 2023

American Legion Post #442 Registration: 8:30am
1630 Meyer St. Program: 9am-3:30pm
Sealy, TX 77474 \$35/person or \$60/couple
includes lunch

Topics:

- Identification & Management of Diseases, drought stress and recovering of trees
- Cover Crops in your Garden & Residual Pesticides
- Fire Ants & Leaf Cutter Ants Control
- Feral Hog Control
- Laws & Regulations

Speakers:

Dr. Don Renchie, Dr. Aaron Sumrall, Dr. Robert Puckett,
Dr. David Appel, and Jodie McVane

5 CEU's

Pending TDA Approval

RSVP by: February 21, 2023

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



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Beef Cattle Management Seminar

3 CEU'S
(2-GEN & 1-L&R)

March 24, 2023



Registration: 12:30pm Four County Auction Center
Program: 1pm-4:30pm 15900 TX HWY 159
 \$30/person Industry, TX 78944

Topics:

- Carbon Capture in Grazinglands
- Update on Laws & Regulation for TDA
- Upcoming Changes in OTC Antibiotics for Beef Cattle Producers – Implications and Management

Speakers:

Dr. Jamie Foster, Dr. Don Renchie, and Dr. Steve Blezinger

RSVP by: March 21st
 Please call Austin County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service at 979-865-2072 to register or at <https://austin.agrilife.org/event-registrations/>



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SAVE THE DATE



BLUEBONNET MASTER GARDENER ANNUAL PLANT SALE

PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS SUPPORT THE FOUR COUNTIES (AUSTIN, COLORADO, FAYETTE, AND WASHINGTON) WITH GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS EACH YEAR, COMMUNITY GARDENS, FREE-TO-THE-PUBLIC "LUNCH & LEARNS", AND OTHER LOCAL ACTIVITIES.



SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023 SALE STARTS AT 9AM ENDS AT 5PM OR SOLD OUT
 SEALY HISTORICAL PARK, 211 EAST MAIN STREET, SEALY. QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL: 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 ACTIVITY. 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, AND GENDER IDENTITY AND WILL STRIVE TO ACHIEVE FULL AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY THROUGHOUT TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services and
Texas Parks and Wildlife Departments of
Austin, Colorado, Fayette and Washington Counties
present

FIELD TO FORK

a series on how to harvest, process, and prepare your wild game
for the table

FISH & WILD HOG

April 21, 2023
Fayette County
Fayette County Ag Building
La Grange, TX
5pm - 8pm



WATERFOWL & WHITE-TAILED

October 20, 2023
Austin County
Methodist Activity Center
Bellville, TX
5pm to 8pm

Each session will include processing demonstrations, food demonstrations and tastings, a meal, door prizes and more!

REGISTRATION

\$40 per session
\$70 for the series

Registration Deadline Monday before each session

SERIES MASTER OF CEREMONY

Mr. Larry Weishuhn
Wildlife Biologist, Outdoor Writer



Register today by going to
<https://forms.office.com/r/5ubTaQGLxS>

or by calling the Fayette
County Extension Office
(979) 968 - 5831



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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

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.



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FEB 3 2023

**31st ANNUAL WATSON GULF COAST
WINEGROWER FIELD DAY**

Cat Spring Ag Hall in Cat Spring

\$60 or \$50 GCWA member discount
grower/winemaker research updates, tastings, lunch, wine social

For more information:

GCWA – gulfcoastwinegrowers@gmail.com

To Sponsor – Paul Darst, paul@darstranchvineyards.com

Texas A&M AgriLife, Fran Pontasch – fmPontasch@tamu.edu

REGISTERING FOR A COUNTY PROGRAM?

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

Sincerely,



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