

## Austin County Livestock Association Meeting

The 73rd Annual meeting of the Austin County Livestock Association will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2023, at the Cat Spring Agricultural Hall in Cat Spring, Texas.

The Association, along with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, is offering a CEU program with a presentation on Pesticide Laws & Regulations. Following that will be a presentation on the Asian Longhorn Tick and other External Parasites in Cattle. The presenters will be Cammie Johnson, Inspector, Texas Department of Agriculture, and Dr. Tom Hairgrove, DVM, Professor & Extension Veterinarian, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. Two CEU's will be offered for this program, 1 IPM and 1 L&R.



Registration for the CEU program will be from 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm for a fee of \$25.00 per person. This fee includes membership in the Austin County Livestock Association. The CEU program will be from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

The Annual meeting will follow with registration starting at 5:30 pm. A catered meal will be provided by Schovajsa Catering Inc. Following the meal there will be a guest speaker, a short business meeting, and door prizes. The guest speaker will be Dr. Pete Wunderlich, DVM of Washington Animal Clinic. The program will be on the new rules for antibiotics now requiring prescriptions and vaccines for livestock.

The Association has been committed to awarding scholarships to outstanding youth in Austin County who plan to enroll in college and major in agriculture. The Association also helps support other agricultural-related activities throughout the year.

The membership rate for 2023 is \$25.00 per person. Included in the payment of your dues is one meal at the Annual meeting and coverage for a \$500.00 reward for recovery of livestock stolen from you.

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### Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Events

- May 5th: Private Applicator Training — Austin County Extension Office, Bellville, 1:00 pm
- May 9th: Mill Creek Watershed Program — Austin County Extension Office, Bellville, 5:30pm; *See Flier on Page 6*
- May 16th: Lunch-n-Learn Series – Orchids — Austin County Extension Office, Bellville, 11:50 am
- May 19th: New Landowner – Forage & Livestock Production — Fayette County Fair Grounds, La Grange, 1:00 pm (2 CEUs)
- May 26th: Feathers, Furs, Farming – Prescribed Fire — Immaculate Conception German Catholic Church-Parish Hall, Industry, 1:00pm (2 CEUs)
- **May 29th: Austin County Extension Office — CLOSED for Memorial Day**
- June 1st: Austin County Livestock Association CEU Program — Cat Spring Ag Hall, Cat Spring, 2:30pm (2 CEUs)
- June 1st: Austin County Livestock Association Meeting — Cat Spring Ag Hall, Cat Spring, 5:30pm
- June 10th: Home Grown Vegetable Contest & Program — Linseisen's Feed & Supple, Bellville, 9:00 am
- **July 4th: Austin County Extension Office — CLOSED for Independence Day**
- August 4th: Private Applicator Training — Austin County Extension Office, Bellville, 1:00 pm
- August 18th: New Landowner – Bees & Trees — Austin County, 1:00 pm
- August 25th: Fall Horticulture Program — American Legion Post #442, Sealy, 12:30 pm
- September 15th: New Landowner – Horticulture — Fayette County, 1:00 pm
- October 6th: Fall Forage Program — American Legion Hall – Austin County Fair Grounds, Bellville, 8am
- **October 9th-16th: Austin County Extension Office — CLOSED for Austin County Fair-Our Staff will be at the Fair**

## 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. The remaining programs for 2023 are:

- **May 19th** – Forage & 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

### **May Program – Forage & Livestock Production – Fayette County Fair Grounds, La Grange**

Two CEUs (2 Gen) will be available for licensed pesticide applicators. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity!

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## 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 the bounty.

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## Feather, Furs, & Farming – Prescribed Burning

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services of Austin and Colorado Counties are partnering with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to host a Feathers, Furs, and Farming program on May 26, 2023. The focus of this program will be Prescribed Burning and Land Management. Topics covered will include prescribed burning equipment and prep before a burn, Grassland Restoration Incentive Program (G.R.I.P.), and managing brush mechanically on your property.

If you are seeking TDA hours, 2 General CEUs will be available to private pesticide applicators who attend. The event will be held at the Immaculate Conception German Catholic Church located at 1599 TX-159, Industry, Texas 78944. Registration will be from 1:00 -1:30 pm and the program from 1:30 - 5 pm. Cost of attendance is \$15 per person or \$20 per couple.

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# Species Profile: Redear Sunfish (*Lepomis microlophus*)

## Species Overview

The redear sunfish, commonly referred to as shellcracker, is a member of the Centrarchidae family just like bluegill, bass, and crappie. Redear are native to Texas and much of the southeast, with the northern portion of their range extending up to Indiana. Redear sunfish, like many other species of Centrarchid now occupy a much larger range through human introduction.



## Description/Identification

Redear sunfish have a deep compressed body and small mouth, similar to that of a bluegill. Their body coloration ranges from yellow to a dark green with lighter colored sides that often have dark, camouflage-like spots. The belly is typically much lighter than the rest of the body, ranging from light yellow to almost white, with a yellow to orange breast. A redear's most distinguishing feature and the origin of their common name, is the orange-red margin present on their ear flap. In some scenarios this ear flap may be much darker and almost rusty brown in color (photo on the left). Redear sunfish are one of the largest species in the *Lepomis* genus with the ability to exceed 16 inches and 6lbs (Current Arizona unofficial record is 6lbs 3oz at 17inches). Fish of this size are uncommon but redear will frequently reach 12 inches and exceed 2 pounds.

## Biology and Life History

Redear sunfish are found near the bottom of ponds and lakes in areas of low current and abundant vegetation. Their diet consists primarily of snails and small mollusks, earning them the nickname "shellcracker." Like other sunfish redear will also feed opportunistically on insect larvae, large zooplankton, and the occasional small fish. Due to their benthic nature, these fish are less likely to consume floating fish food than other sunfish species. Redear spawn at cooler water temperatures than other sunfish species such as bluegill. Males will locate suitable spawning habitat (usually shallow sand or gravel) in water 3 feet or deeper and construct a circular nest. Like bluegill, redear are colonial spawners and nests are often located near one another in large groups. Redear will spawn once per year when water temperatures stabilize between 65-68 degrees.

## Importance in Ponds/Management

Redear sunfish have a unique role in pond ecosystems. While their low reproductive rates prevent them from being the sole forage base for largemouth bass, they are an excellent addition to largemouth bass-bluegill systems. Since their diet consists primarily of snails and mollusks redear do not actively compete with bluegill for food. This means that both fish can be abundant in the pond without limiting one another, leading to more forage production per acre. An increase in forage per acre means more food is available for bass to grow. The diet of redear also plays an important role in parasite control. Many parasites present in fish, especially the grubs found in fish fins and flesh, utilize snails as an intermediate host in their lifecycle. Controlling snail populations through the introduction of redear limits the ability for parasites to complete their lifecycle, lowering their numbers. Redear also have the ability to reach large sizes and can provide an additional angling opportunity for many pond owners. Adding structure such as brush piles and gravel spawning beds may help promote the survivability and reproduction of redear in ponds with high numbers of largemouth bass.



Redear are a common fish species in Texas that play an important role in bass production and parasite control in ponds. Management for these fish is often not necessary due to their low reproductive rates but in some situations supplemental stocking of adult redear may be beneficial to ponds with high levels of bass predation.

## Lunch-N-Learn Series 2023

Bluebonnet Master Gardeners of Austin County are pleased to present the 2023 “Lunch-N-Learn” series hosted on the third Tuesday of each month from January-May and September-October. The overall series features 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 remaining series dates and topics are as follows:

- Tuesday, May 16th - Orchids
- Tuesday, September 19th - Plumerias
- Tuesday, October 17th - Wonderful World of the Honeybee

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## AUSTIN COUNTY HAY SHOW RULES & GUIDELINES

Hay Show Rules and Guidelines have now been released! Visit <https://austin.agrilife.org/hay-show/> for a complete list of the Rules, Guidelines and Forms for 2023.

### Hay classes for this year's show will be:

- 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)
- 8) **\*New this year\* All Other Mixed Grasses** (e.g., Bermudagrass/Bahia, Bermudagrass/Johnsongrass)

## 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, 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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# Private Applicator Licenses 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/>



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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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## MILL CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP MEETING

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# BACTERIAL SOURCE TRACKING

**MAY 9, 2023 - 5:30 PM**

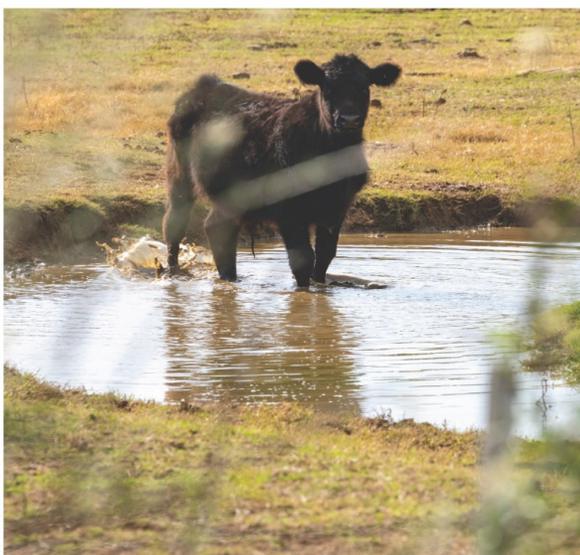
**AUSTIN COUNTY**

**EXTENSION OFFICE**

**800 E WENDT ST, BELLVILLE**



Join us for free dinner and an informational lecture by Dr. Terry Gentry on the purpose, application, and potential value of bacterial source tracking (BST) to the Mill Creek Watershed. BST is a tool that can be used to evaluate the origin of bacteria in bodies of water. A brief update on the Mill Creek Watershed Protection Plan will also be provided, including water quality monitoring data and an introduction to the new watershed coordinator.



**Please register at 979.845.2862  
or [millcreek@tamu.edu](mailto:millcreek@tamu.edu)**



# 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



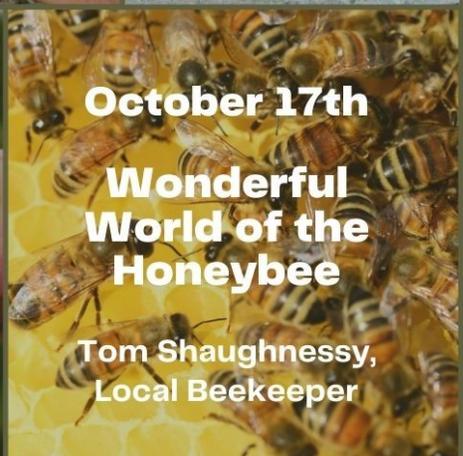
**April 18th**  
**Gopher & Moles**  
Mole  
B.R. Koehler,  
Bluebonnet Master  
Gardener  
Gopher



**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://AUSTIN.AGRILIFE.ORG](http://austin.agrilife.org)



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**2**  
**CEU**  
**(2 GEN)**

# Forage & Livestock Production

2023 Multi-County New Landowner Educational Series

**May 19, 2023**



## Fayette Co. Fair Grounds

400 W. Fair Grounds  
La Grange, TX 78945

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>



For more information please contact:

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This Month:  
All About  
Prescribed Burning

# FEATHERS, FURS, AND FARMING

**May 26, 2023**

Registration 1:00pm-  
1:30pm  
Program 1:30-5:00pm

**\$15/Person**  
**\$20/Couple**

**Immaculate Conception  
German Catholic Church**

15994 TX-159  
Industry, TX 78944

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**Jon McLeod**  
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Austin/Ft. Bend County

## TOPICS

**2 CEU's - General**

Prescribed burning equipment and prep

GRIP - Grassland Restoration  
Incentive Program

Managing Brush Mechanically



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# Austin County Livestock Association Annual Meeting

June 1, 2023

Cat Spring Agricultural Hall  
13035 Hall Rd., Cat Spring, TX 78933



**CEU Registration: 2:30-3pm**

**CEU Program: 3-5pm**

**\$25/person-**

*includes Meal & Membership Dues*

**CEU Speakers & Topics: (2 CEU's)**

- **Pesticide Laws & Regulations, (1 L&R)**

*Cammie Johnson, TDA Inspector*

- **Asian Longhorn Tick & Other  
External Parasites in Cattle, (1 IPM)**

*Dr. Tom Hairgrove, Texas A&M AgriLife  
Extension, Professor & Extension, Veterinarian*



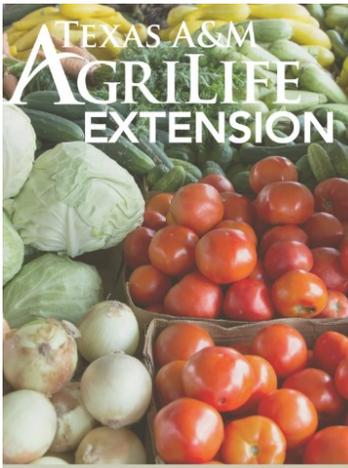
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**Meeting Registration: 5:30-6:30pm**

**Meal: 6:30pm**

*Followed by Annual Meeting & Speaker*

**Rx Antibiotics & Vaccines for  
Livestock, Dr. Peter Wunderlich,  
Washington Animal Clinic**



# 2023 AUSTIN COUNTY HOME-GROWN VEGETABLE CONTEST

SPONSORED BY:  
 AUSTIN COUNTY HORTICULTURE COMMITTEE  
 LINSEISEN'S FEED & SUPPLY  
 NELSON'S PLANT FOOD

**Saturday, June 10, 2023**

Vegetable Check In-9AM-10AM  
 Speaker-10AM  
 Awards-11AM (no earlier)

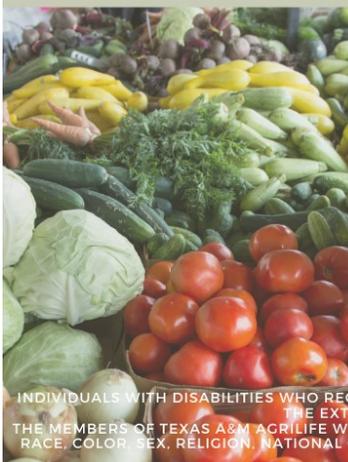
**Open to All Ages and FREE to the Public**

Vegetable Drop off/Check in at:  
 Linseisen's Feed & Supply; 551 W. Main, Bellville, TX

Educational Program & Awards at:  
 Bellville VFD Meeting Room; 511 W. Main, Bellville, TX

Speaker: Shelby Dovzak, Nelson's Plant Food  
Topic: Different Types of Fertilizers & When to Fertilize What

*All Entries MUST be picked up by the closed of Business day for Linseisen's*



Vegetable	Category	Requirements
Tomato	Best	Group of Three-Must be ripe
Tomato	Biggest (By Weight)	Single - Must be ripe
Vegetable or Fruit	Unique	Single Tomato
Bell Pepper	Best	Group of Three (3)
All Other Peppers	Best	Group of Three (3)
Cucumber	Best	Group of Three (3)
Squash	Best	Group of Three (3)
Beans/Peas	Best	Group of Twelve (12)
Onion	Best	Group of Three (3)
Potato	Best	Group of Three (3)
Corn	Best	Group of Three (3)
Fruit/Berries	Best	Fruit (Group of Three) or Berries (Mini. 1/2 Pint)
All Others	Best	Vegetables/Melons
Best of Show	Best	All Entries Above

*All entries MUST be grown by the exhibitor. All entries MUST be healthy and edible. One entry per exhibitor per category except on "All Others", "All Other Peppers", and "Fruits/Berries". Must still be different types of vegetables/Melons or Fruits/Berries.*

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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.*

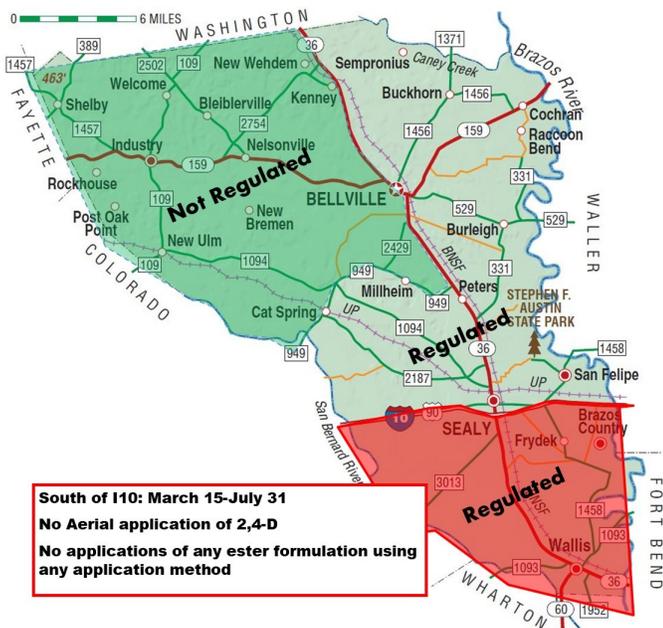


# SPRAY PERMITS REQUIRED FOR A PORTION OF AUSTIN COUNTY

As a reminder to anyone that will be using state limited use or state restricted use herbicides in Austin County, a permit to apply these herbicides must be obtained through the Texas Department of Agriculture if you plan on spraying in certain portions of the county. The following areas of Austin County must acquire a permit as is specified in the Texas Agricultural code, chapter 75,

- 1) Only that portion of Austin County lying east and south of the line beginning at the point where State Highway 36 crosses the north county line, thence southerly along Highway 36 to FM 949; thence westwardly along FM 949 to the San Bernard River is regulated by the Act, Subchapter G and regulations adopted thereunder.
- 2) Between March 15 and July 31, in that portion of Austin County lying south of Interstate Highway 10, the following restrictions on the use of 2,4-D formulations shall apply:
  - (A) the application by aircraft is prohibited
  - (B) the use of all ester formulations by any method is prohibited.

Permits may be obtained from the Texas AgriLife Extension Service of Austin County at (979) 865-2072. Forms can also be



REGISTERING FOR A COUNTY PROGRAM?

[CLICK HERE](#)

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

Sincerely,

**Stacie M. Villarreal**

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

County Extension Agent- Agriculture & Natural Resources - Austin County

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