

## Annual Austin County Pecan Show

The Horticulture Committee of Austin County will host its Annual Pecan Show on Thursday, November 30, 2023, 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, 8:00am to 12:00pm (Noon) and 1:00pm to 5:00pm, beginning Wednesday, November 1st through Monday, November 27th. All entries must be submitted by 4:00pm on Monday, November 27th to be entered in the show.

Each entry must be in a brown paper bag (provided at the office) with a completed entry card. 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 or age limit to enter. Entries will be accepted from residents of Austin County or 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 for judging at the regional pecan show and from there, to the state contest. Pecans not being forwarded to the regional show may be picked up at the AgriLife Extension Office on Thursday, November 30th after the awards presentation.



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### Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Events

- August 1st-31st: Collection of Hay Samples for Austin County Hay Show
- August 4th: Private Applicator Training — Austin County Extension Office, Bellville, 1:00 pm
- August 18th: New Landowner—Bees & Trees—Immaculate Conception German Catholic Church Parish Hall, Industry, 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
- September 19th: Lunch-n-Learn Series – Plumerias — Austin County Extension Office, Bellville, 11:50 am
- 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**
- October 15th: Wine Show — American Legion Hall – Austin County Fair Grounds, Bellville, 10 am
- October 17th: Lunch-n-Learn Series – Bees — Austin County Extension Office, Bellville, 11:50 am
- October 20th: New Landowner -Wildlife Management & Native Prairie Restoration — Colorado County, 1:00 pm
- November 1st –27th: Collection of Pecans for the Pecan Show
- November 1st-30th: Collection of Soil Samples for Pasture Soil Campaign
- November 3rd: Private Applicator Training — Austin County Extension Office, Bellville, 1:00 pm
- November 17th: New Landowner – Emerging Issues — Washington County, 1:00 pm

## Austin County Hay Show Rules & Guidelines

The Beef & Forage Committee of Austin County is encouraging beef cattle producers to turn in a sample of their hay for analysis at this year's Austin County Hay Show. In the coming months, hay samples will be accepted at different locations throughout Austin County. The analysis will be done by the Texas A&M Forage testing lab. Results will be available after the Annual Fall Forage Seminar at the Austin County Fairgrounds on October 6th or mailed directly to the producer following the program. Each location will have entry forms and directions for collecting samples. Collection boxes will be provided. In addition, the analysis is offered free of charge to anyone growing or feeding hay to livestock.

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 supplement may be needed during the winter. The test will show the crude protein level, total digestibility, and acid detergent fiber (ratio of leaf to stem). The testing campaign and Hay Show is open to any hay producer from Austin or surrounding counties.

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)

## AUSTIN COUNTY HOG BOUNTY

Austin County Feral Hog Bounty is still going on! The Bounty program is offered with the support of the Austin County Commissioners Court. 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 completed when dropping off the ears to collect the bounty.

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## FALL HORTICULTURE SEMINAR

The Horticulture Committee of Austin County and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office of Austin County will be hosting a Fall Horticulture Seminar on Friday, August 25, 2023, at American Legion Post #442 located at 1630 Meyer St, Sealy. Program Registration will begin at 12:30pm with the first presentation beginning at 1pm.

Information to be covered includes Berries: Blue, Black and Red; How Native Plants Can Increase Biodiversity in Your Landscape; and Native Pollinators. Presenters include Stephan Janak with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, John Williamson from the Bluebonnet Master Gardener Association and Master Naturalists from the Gideon Lincecum Chapter.

The program will cost \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. We ask that you please RSVP to the Austin County Extension office or online at <https://austin.agrilife.org/event-registrations/> to reserve your seat.

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## 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 remaining will be held on the third Friday of the months of 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 is \$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. The remaining programs for 2023 are:

- **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

### **August Program – Bees & Trees for Homeowners – Immaculate Conception Catholic Church-Parish Hall**

The August meeting for the 2023 series will take place on *Friday, August 18, 2023*, at the Immaculate Conception German Catholic Church-Parish Hall located at 15994 TX-159 in Industry. Beekeeping continues to be a hot topic, especially for medium to small acreage landowners. Before you jump in head-first and order the equipment and a hive of bees, come learn what to expect! We will hear from a local beekeeper about what it takes to raise honeybees in this area, some of the challenges they face, and what they've found to be good solutions. In addition to bees, we will take a portion of the afternoon to talk trees! In Texas, and especially in our part of Texas, trees are a valuable commodity that landowners care about and strive to keep healthy and vigorous. Come learn about tree biology, how to recognize common tree problems, and how to manage tree health. We will "leaf" no question unanswered, discussing planting, pruning, watering, fertilizer, and insect and disease control. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity! Two CEUs (1 General, 1 IPM) will be offered for all licensed pesticide applicators.

The 2023 Multi-County New Landowner series is generously supported by:

***Capital Farm Credit ----- WC Tractor!***

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## 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, September 19th - Plumerias
- Tuesday, October 17th - Wonderful World of the Honeybee

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# LONE STAR HEALTHY STREAMS

A WORKSHOP FOR:

## MILL CREEK WATERSHED

**JULY 7TH, 2023**

**8:00AM-12:00PM**

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 7:30AM

WASHINGTON COUNTY EXPO -  
EVENT CENTER

1305 E BLUE BELL RD BRENHAM

**Preregistration Required, Space is Limited**



### Topics Covered:

Grazing Livestock

Backyard Poultry

Equine Management

**2 AT Credits for  
Master Naturalist**

### FREE Workshop and Lunch

Lone Star Healthy Streams provides opportunities to learn about voluntary Best Management Practices that help protect Texas Waterways. Participants will also learn about resources for technical and financial assistance to help implement these practices.

This workshop will feature the Mill Creek watershed and local efforts to improve water quality.

RSVP by July 5:

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

For additional inquiries, call

Lone Star Healthy Streams at 979-240-8407

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# 2023 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
- Bernardo Farm & Ranch in Cat Spring
- 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 6, 2023

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](http://austin.agrilife.org) or contact the office at 979-865-2072

Scan for more  
information



# 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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# Bees & Trees for Homeowners

2023 Multi-County New Landowner Educational  
Series

**August 18, 2023**

## Immaculate Conception German Catholic Church-Parish Hall

15994 TX-159  
Industry, TX

Registration 1:00-1:30 pm  
Program 1:30-5:00 pm  
\$20/Person/Session

To register online visit:

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

*Topics to be covered:*  
*Bee Keeping Basics*  
*Trees for Texas Landowners*



For more information please contact:

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Austin.AgrLife.org

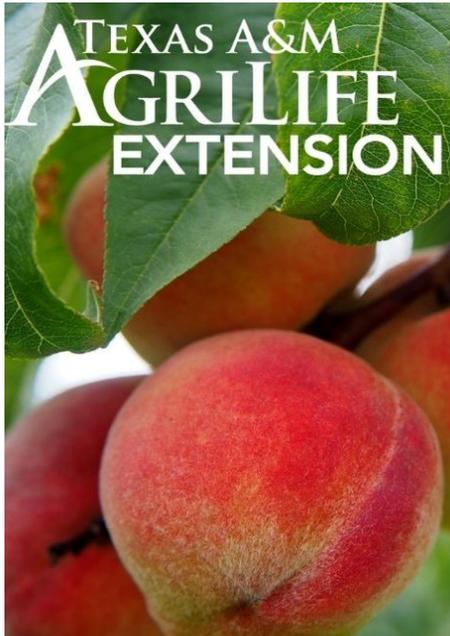
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# Fall Horticulture Seminar

August 25, 2023

American Legion Post #442  
1630 Meyer St., Sealy, TX 77474

Registration: 12:30pm

Program: 1:00pm-4:30pm

\$20/person or \$35/couples

## Topics:

- Berries: Blue, Black, and Red
- Native Pollinators
- How Native Plants Can Increase Biodiversity in Your Landscape

## Speakers:

- *Stephan Janak, Extension Program Specialist*
- *Master Naturalists from Gideon Lincecum Chapter*
- *John Williamson, Bluebonnet Master Gardener*

**RSVP by: August 23, 2023**

Please call Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Austin County at 979-865-2072



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# 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



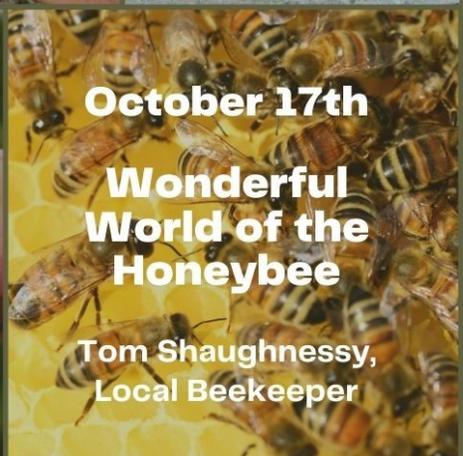
**April 18th**  
**Gopher & Moles**  
Mole  
B.R. Koehler,  
Bluebonnet Master  
Gardener  
Gopher



**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)



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

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# Austin County Pecan Show

*Sponsored by: The Horticulture Committee of Austin County*

**Entry Deadline: Monday, November 27, 2023, 4pm**

**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 4pm on Monday, November 27th.  
**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 and bags can be picked up at the Extension office or forms printed off website ([austin.agrilife.org](http://austin.agrilife.org)).*
- Entries are limited to one entry of each named variety per person
- Pecans must be from 2023 Crop
- No entry fee, Open to all Ages
  - \**All entries become property of the Austin County Horticulture Committee\**

**Results will be available at the Pecan Program on 11/30/2023**

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



# 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.*

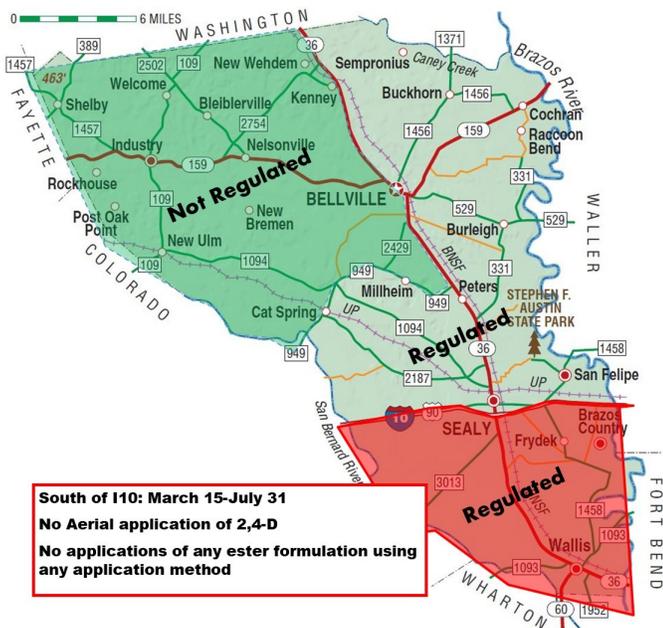


# SPRAY PERMITS REQUIRED FOR A PORTION OF AUSTIN COUNTY

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



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

Sincerely,

**Stacie M. Villarreal**

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