

# Fall Forage Seminar & Austin County Hay Show



Austin County Fairgrounds Bellville, TX Friday, October 6, 2023



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Friday, October 6, 2023 Austin County Fair Grounds, Bellville Registration - 8:30 am – 9:00 am Program - 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

## **Speakers and Topics:**

9:00 am – 9:05 am Welcome and Introductions

Bradley Rinn

Chairman, Austin County Beef & Forage Committee

9:05 am – 10:00 am What Does The Terminology on The Label Mean

Greg Baker

Matagorda Ag & Natural Resources Agent, Texas A&M AgriLife

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10:00 am – 10:55am What is This & How Do I Get Rid of it?

Dr. Stacy Hines

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Assistant Professor and Extension

Rangeland Habitat Management Specialist

10:55 am -11:10 am Break

11:10 am – 12:00 am What to Feed Your Pasture and What Will it Cost?

Dr. Tony Provin

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Soil & Crop Sciences

12:00 pm Wrap Up and Evaluation

Bradley Rinn

Chairman, Austin County Beef & Forage Committee

12:10 pm Lunch and Hay Show Judging Results

Dr. Bobby Lane

Professor & Former Department Chair, Sam Houston State

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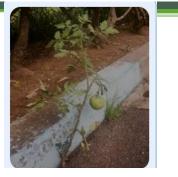
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# MOTHER NATURE FOR THE WIN EVERYTIME!!!!!

### Recent Issues/Conversations

- Next few slides will discuss topics of concern by the administration
- Every administration will have issues they want to focus on

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### **Endangered Species and EPA**

 When registering a pesticide or reassessing the potential ecological risks from use of a currently registered pesticide, EPA evaluates extensive environmental fate and toxicity data to determine how a pesticide will move through and break down in the environment and whether potential exposure to the pesticide will result in adverse effects to wildlife and vegetation.

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#### **Endangered Species and EPA**

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- The result of an assessment to determine potential effects of a pesticide's registration to a listed species will result in one of two determinations:
- The pesticide's registered use will have "no effect" on the species or designated critical habitat,
- The pesticide's registered use "may affect" the species or designated critical habitat.

#### **Endangered Species and EPA**

- If EPA determines the pesticide "may affect" the species it refines its assessment to determine whether the pesticide's use:
- "may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect" the species or designated critical habitat; or
- "may affect and is likely to adversely affect" the species or designated critical habitat.

## Endangered Species and EPA

- The list of endangered species is really being looked at when it comes to pesticides being used in those areas.
- Just a heads up for those applicators with land in Endangered Species areas.

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#### **Endangered Species Map**



#### **Endangered Species Map-All credit to Bayer Company** for information provided about ESA maps and counties

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Counties in Texas						
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Hays	Hidalgo	Jim Wells				
Medina	Mitchell	Nueces				
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#### **EPA Pollinator Protection**

- Importance of Pollinators
   Many types of plants, including fruit and vegetable crops, depend on animals for pollination. In addition to honey bees, many other types of animals pollinate crops and wildflowers, including:
   Wild bees.

  Apre
- Ants.
   Beetles.
- Wasps.Lizards.
- Birds.
- Bats.
   Butterflies.



#### EPA Pollinator Protection-Not this one !!!





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LESSER PRAIRIE CHICKEN **HABITAT** 



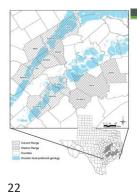
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Currently found in Leon, Robertson, Brazos, Milam, Lee, Bastrop, Austin, Colorado, Lavaca counties

Historic range- Fort Bend, Harris and Liberty Counties

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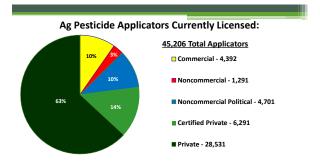
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#### Dicamba issues

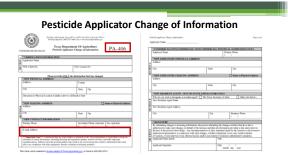
- 9 complaints of dicamba being sprayed on cotton and drifting
- Drift affected 5 properties (trees affected), 1 field of organic crops, 1 garden, 1 vineyard and 1 properties vegetation (non specific)=9 complaints
- 2021
  12 complaints of dicamba being sprayed on cotton and drifting
- Drift affected 7 vineyards, 2 gardens, 2 residential properties, 1 conventional cotton field=12 complaints
- 5 complaints of dicamba being sprayed on cotton and drifting
- 2 vineyards, 2 non-resistant cotton crops and 1 residential property=5 complaints

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# **Today's Topics** Continuing Licensing Recordkeeping Pesticide Waste Complaints Disposal Supervision



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Please submit any changes within 30 days

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Licensing

# **Ag Pest License Types** Private-\$100/5 years Commercial-\$200/Year Noncommercial-\$140/Year Noncommercial Political-\$75/Year

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License needed for buying and applying RUP, SLU
AND RH pesticides



STATE LIMITED USE PESTICIDES

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Herbicide

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a) State-Limited-Use Pesticides Defined by Actingredient.

(1) Except as provided by paragraphs (3) - (4) of this subsection and because of their high potential to cause adverse effects to non-target sites a pesticide product containing an active ingredient in the following list is classified as a state-limited-use pesticide and subject to the restrictions listed in paragraph (5) of this subsection, as well as all other provisions of law generally applicable

to state-limited-use pesticides.
(A) 2.4-Dichrophenowyacetic acid [2,4-D]; including acid, amine, choline, ester and salt formulations; (B) 2.4-Dichlorophenoxy butyric acid [2,4-DB]; (C) 2.4-Dichlorophenoxy projonic acid [2,4-DP]; (D) 2-Methyrl-4-Chlorophenoxyacetic acid [MCPA]; (E) 5,5-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid [MCPA];

(D) 2-Methyl-4-Chlorophenoxyacetic acid (MCPA); (E) 3,6-Dichloro-o-anisic acid (dicamba); including dimethylamine salt (DMA), sodium salt, diglycoamine salt (DGA), isopropylamine salts (IPA), N, N-Bis-(3aminopropyl) methylamine (BAPMA), and potassium salt:

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### STATE LIMITED USE PESTICIDES



- (F) 3,4-Dichloropropionanilide (propanil);
- (G) 5-bromo-3-sec-butyl-6-methyluracil (bromacil);
- (H) 2,4-bis(isopropylamino)-6-methoxy-s-triazine (prometon);
- (I) 3,7-dichloro-8-quinolinecarboxylic acid (quinclorac);
- (J) Sodium flouoroacetate (Compound 1080); and
- (K) Sodium cyanide (M44).

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#### **REGULATED HERBICIDES**

#### Regulated Herbicides (Regulated Counties 54 in Texas)

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(D) 3,7-dichloro-8-quinolinecarboxylic acid (quinclorac).

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The following counties shall be subject to the provisions of the Act, Subchapter G, unless specifically excepted by provisions of §7.53 of this title (relating to County Special Provisions): Aransas, Austin, Bailey, Baylor, Brazoria, Brazos, Briscoe, Burleson, Childress, Cochran, Collin, Collingsworth, Culberson, Dallas, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Delta, Dickens, Donley, El Paso, Falls, Foard, Fort Bend, Gaines, Galveston, Hall, Harris, Hardeman, Haskell, Hudspeth, Hunt, Jackson, King, Knox, Lamar, Lamb, Loving, McLennan, Martin, Matagorda, Midland, Milam, Moore, Motley, Parmer, Refugio, Robertson, Rockwall, Runnels, San Patricio, Waller, Ward, Wharton and Wilbarger.

#### **Pesticide Applicator Change of Classification**



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# CEU Exemptions AND 2021/2022 EXTENSION: COVID-19

#### **AGRICULTURE LICENSES ONLY!!**

- Applicators with licenses expiring through 12-31-2022 may renew their license before CEU requirements met
- > CEUs must be made up for each licensing period, not exempt
- For Licenses expiring in 2021 AND 2022, WE ARE EXTENDING THE EXEMPTION:
- Commercial, Noncommercial, & Noncommercial Political applicators may take online or correspondence courses for 2-3 years consecutively NOW DUE TO THE EXTENSION
- Private Applicators may take all their 15 CEUs thru online or correspondence courses

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There will be no extension into 2023 of the Covid policy

Business as usual, stay safe

If there is someone to speak with live, then it is a live meeting just like you were in person

Correspondence is when you watch a video and no one is there to speak with.

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**Record Keeping** 

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## **Record Keeping Requirements:**

- Commercial and noncommercial applicators must maintain records of <u>all</u> pesticide applications - this includes general use products
- Private applicators must maintain records of all regulated herbicides, statelimited-use pesticides, and restricted-use pesticide applications
- All records must be maintained for 2 years

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## **Record Keeping**

- Date of application
- · Time application was started
- · Name of person or entity for whom the application was made
- Name and license number of the applicator responsible for the application and, if different, the name of the person actually making the application
- Total acres or volume of area treated (e.g., acre, square feet, number of head, etc.)









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#### **Record Keeping**



Site treated (name of crop)

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### **Record Keeping**

- Location of land where application was made <u>stated</u> in a manner that that would <u>permit inspection</u> by an authorized party
- ➤ FSA #1234 plus map showing farm location
- ▶123 County Road, Anytown, TX 78123
- >At the SW corner of intersection FM 1604 and Milam Rd,Anytown, TX 78123

#### **Record Keeping**

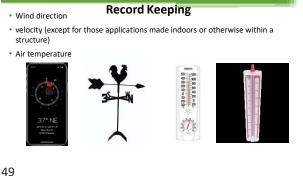
Application method or type of equipment used to make the application













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### **Record Keeping**

• The FAA "N" number for aerial application equipment

number



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#### **Record Keeping**

- The spray permit number for regulated herbicides applied in a regulated
- Documentation to verify training of persons working under the supervision of a licensed pesticide applicator



# **Record Keeping**

**Direct Supervision Training** 

Training for unlicensed pesticide applicators may be documented by one of the following:

- 1. Direct Supervision Affidavit
- 2. Signed and Dated label
- 3. Worker Protection Standard Handler Training

Maintain method of training for 2 years

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Find out who is in the area, ask questions, do I need to worry?

# **Complaints**

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#### **Pesticide Complaints in Texas**

- TDA's responsibility to investigate complaints of alleged pesticide
- Enforcement actions may include:
  - ➤ Warnings
  - > Fines
  - > Suspending or revoking applicator license
  - > Rereferral to other appropriate agency for further action
- Complainants do not receive compensation in TDA investigations



**Pesticide Complaints in Texas** 

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**Pesticide Complaints in Texas** 



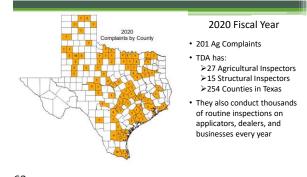
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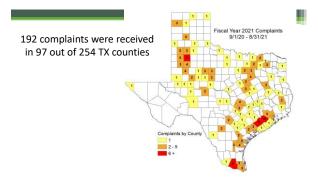
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**Pesticide Complaints in Texas** 

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FY 2022 Complaints

2022
135 complaints

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Reasons complaints were low-Drought has caused less spraying as crops fail and inputs have gotten more expensive

2022 AERIAL COMPLAINTS 14 OF 135 What's percentage?

1. Drift onto pecan trees

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- 2. HE turning over the home
- 3. Stopped at 2 FM roads
- 4. Saw planes now has drift damage

#### 2022 AERIAL COMPLAINTS

- 5. Drifted onto yard, land previously CRP now a crop
- 6. Defoliation, usually not close to home but this time flying over barn
- 7. Drift onto hay field, hay bales and cattle have loose movements
- 8. Defoliation, affected pear trees, tomatoes, mesquite, figs, olives and hackberry trees.

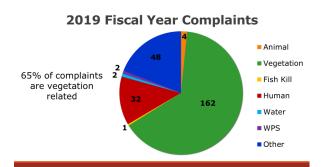
2022 AERIAL COMPLAINTS

- 9. Kid drifted on by gate leaving for school
- 10. Drift but got kids inside before exposed, livestock and vegetation exposed.
- 11. Plane flew over home but not exposed, but why did he need to fly over home?
- 12. Drift, heard application, went outside, felt droplets on face  $\,$
- 13. Drift damage to trees

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14. Drift vegetation damage

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2020 Complaints

68% of complaints are vegetation related

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Animal

Vegetation

Fish Kill

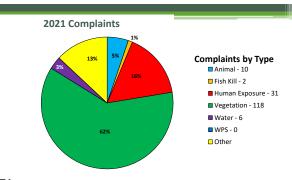
Human

Water

WPS

Other

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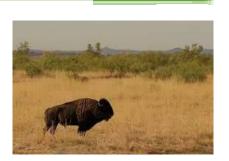
**CAMELS** 





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**BUFFALO** 



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Missing labels, no problem, that's the 2,4 D container right? Go ahead and use it, that's why the next slide is so important to us all!!

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THEN THIS IS AN ATHLETE

Golfers-do not lick your balls, the greens have been sprayed. -The management

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WHY STORAGE, PROPER ORDERING AND WASTE DISPOSAL EVENTS ARE IMPORTANT

# Pesticide Waste Disposal

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# Pesticide Waste Disposal TDA held first state-funded pesticide waste disposal event in ~ 8 years in November 2018 Free & anonymous Events have been held in: > Wharton > Gatesville > Weslaco > Lubbock > Athens > Added Victoria, Wichita Falls and Dumas DONE

Looking at Hondo area in spring

And El Paso in the early summer 2023

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A total of 531,740 lbs. of waste has been collected between the 4 events



Program has successfully held 4
Pesticide Collection Events in 2022.
Since TDA began hosting the events in 2018, we have collected approximately 900,000 lbs. of waste with 618 participants





- 331 participant trucks between the 4 events
- Average waste per truck: ~ 1,600 lbs.





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# **Questions?**

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What's this & How do I get Rid of it?

Herbicide
Brush & Weed
Control in TX

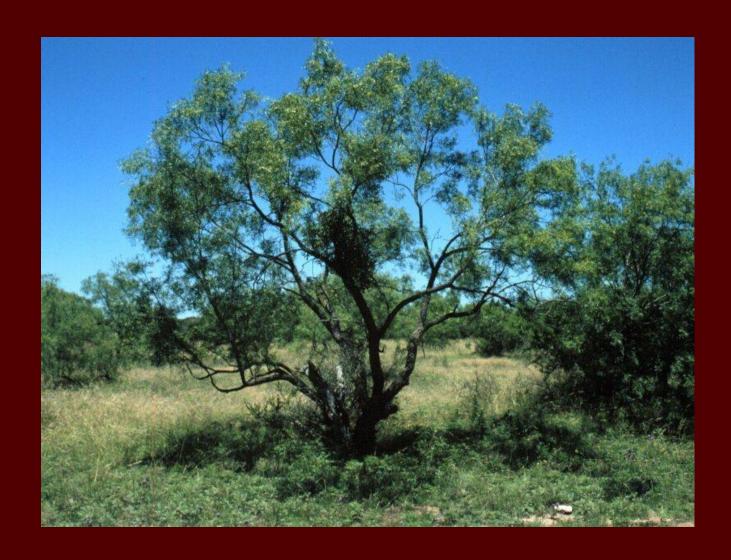


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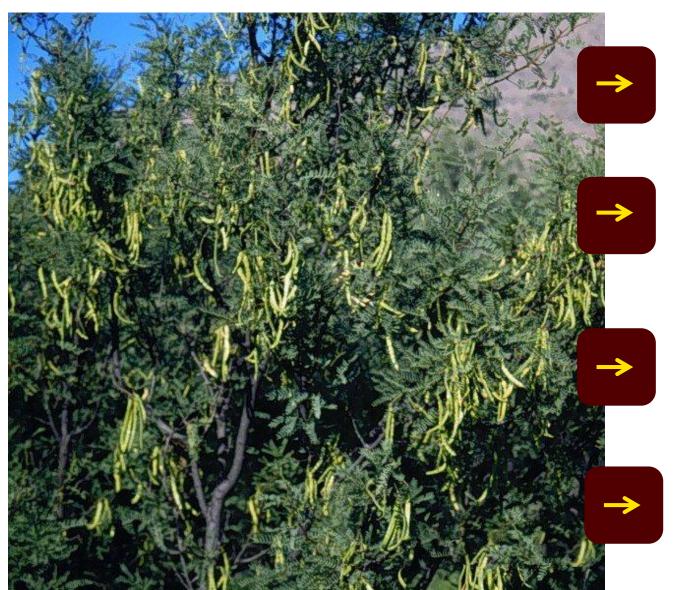


# Question Session Time

# 1. What causes brush & weed encroachment?



# The Causes Behind Brush & Weed Encroachment



# **Disturbed Sites**

- Overgrazing
- Mechanical Disturbance

# **Drought**

- Viable seeds produced during drought
  - Increase in brush & weeds the year following drought

# **Seeds Spread by Animals**

BRUSH: Source of Food

# **Improved Pastures (Bermudagrass)**

• Low Fertility Conditions

# **Factors Causing Encroachment**



# **Prevent Controllable Factors that Cause Encroachment**

- Proper Stocking Rate
- Soil Nutrient Testing

# **During Drought**

- Reserve Pastures
- Supplemental Feeding
- Destocking
- Keeping Livestock out of Overgrazed Pastures with Brush Seed Pods

Keep
Good
Records
for Your
Property
&
Pastures.



October 2008, 4460 lb/ac



October 2011, 1764 lb/ac



October 2009, 2646 lb/ac



October 2012, 988 lb/ac

# Critical Times in south TX to Adjust Stocking Rate

Jan May	June	August – Sept.	October
Winter/spring Rainfall	Target date for cattle stocking rate adjustment based on spring rainfall.	Summer/fall Rainfall	Target date for cattle stocking rate adjustment based on summer/fall rainfall.

# **Guidelines to Adjust Stocking Rate**

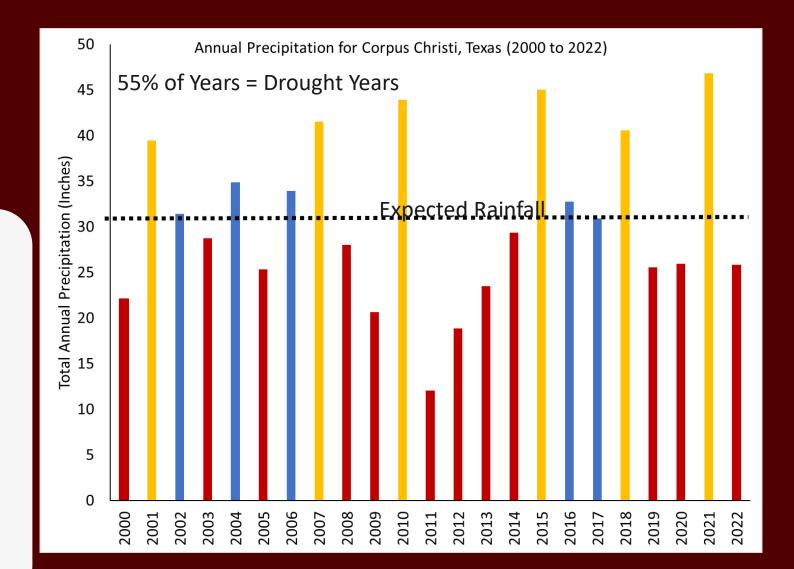
	% Median Rainfall*	Cut SR by %
Moderate Drought	55-86	25
Severe Drought	39-55	50
Extreme Drought	< 39	100

<sup>\* %</sup> median rainfall from January to May and August and September



# When You've Done Everything Right ...

# Managing Brush & Weed Encroachment





ID Species to Apply Right Treatment

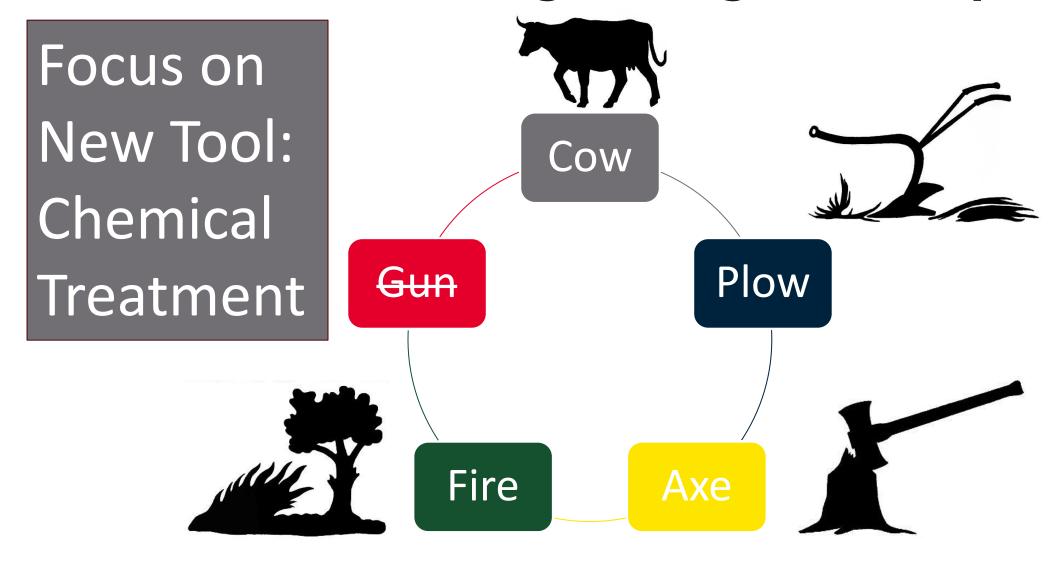
# **Plant Phenology**

Correct Time to Apply Treatment

# **Management Options**

Know all Options & Pros & Cons of Each

# Fourth Mistake to Avoid: Not Understanding Management Options



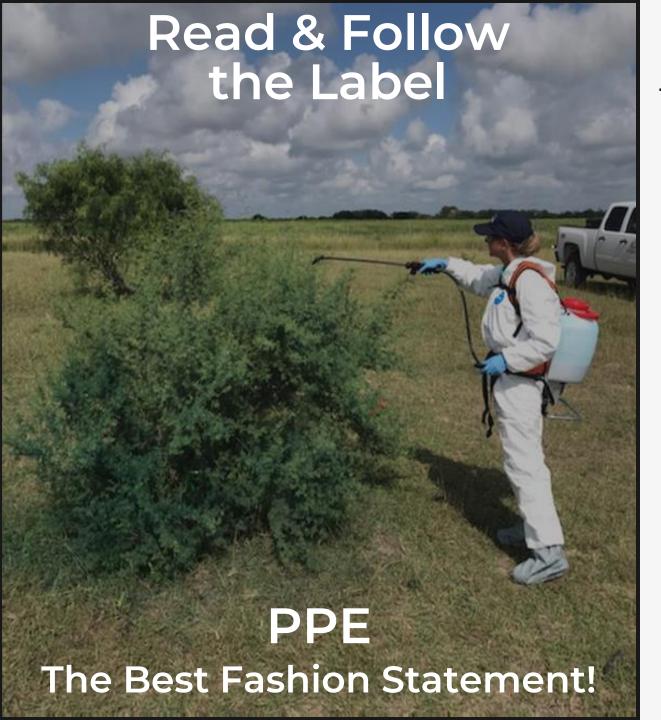
# **Chemical Treatments**

# PROS ...

- Flexibility
  - Can do leaf, stem, or cut stump treatments
  - Indiv. Plants or Broadcast
- Fairly economical
- Great as a retreatment/ follow up
- Can use in combination with fire, grazing, or mechanical treatments

# CONS ...

- Some chemicals require special license to purchase or apply
- Leaf sprays need to be timely
- Aversion to the use of chemicals



# Label is the Law

# Read it, Follow it ...

- "It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling."
- (i) proper rate and timing
- (ii) list of susceptible species
- (iii) clean up and disposal after use
- (iv) much, much more
- \*Label recommendations result of many field trials
- \*Even used herbicide for many years, re-read label as information/directions may change

# **Common South Texas Brush & Weeds**



Huisache



Annual Broadleaf Weed Control

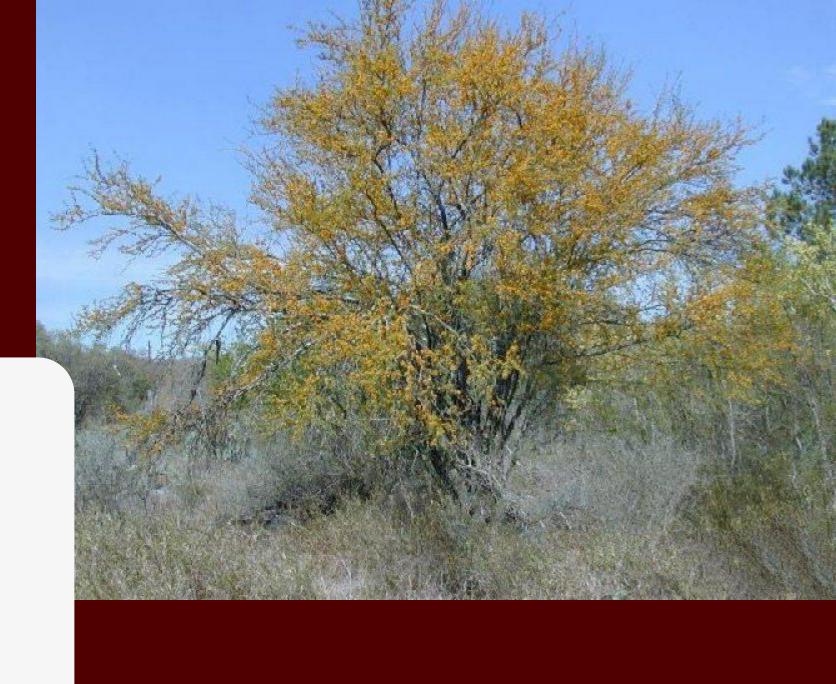


Perennial Broadleaf Weed Control

Plant Identification, Plant Phenology, Chemical Control Methods

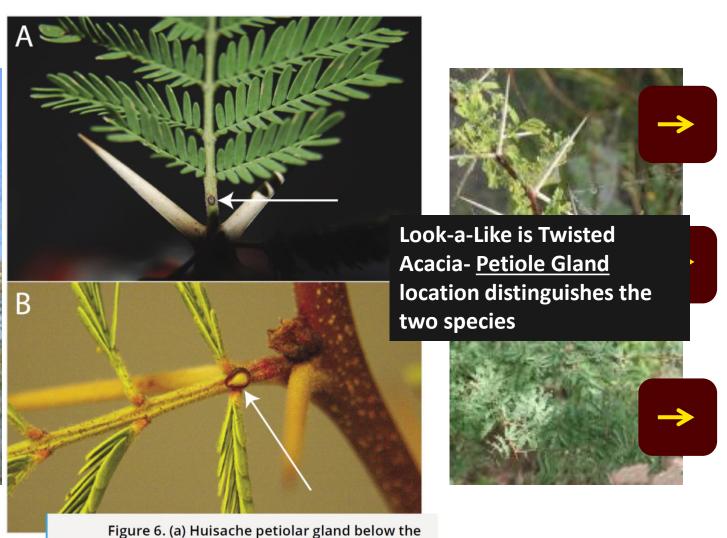


# Huisache (Vachellia farnesiana)



# HUISACHE

# Plant Identification



bottom pair of leaflets and (b) twisted acacia petiolar

gland between the bottom pair of leaflets.

# Shrub

- Multi-woody stems
- Paired, pin-like spines

# Leaves

- Compound, many divisions
- Leaflets: 10-20 pairs, small & fern-like
- Gland is absent or centrally located on leaf stem (petiole)

# **Flowers & Fruits**

- Flowers: Fragrant, yellow-orange fluff ball
- Fruits: 1.5-3" long, bean pods

## HUISACHE **Plant Phenology**



## Underground BudsRe-sprout with top removal

- Alternative to Herbicides:
  - Mechanically uproot

## Flower/Fruit

- After Rain
- **Spring** 
  - Fall, Winter

## Leaves

- New growth- light green
- Mature dark green (Fall)

## HUISACHE

# Chemical Treatment 76-100% Kill Rate

## **LEAF Spray Method ...**

- Many stems
- Less than 6 feet tall
- Good canopy of Mature leaves
- September-November
  - Stop when soil temperature drops below 75°F (1-foot deep)

### STEM Spray Method ...

- 3 or fewer stems
- Young seedlings or Older, undisturbed trees
- Apply anytime, best results during growing season

## **HUISACHE: Leaf Spray Method**



Conejet 5500 X-6 or X-8 Nozzle

Sendero- No Grazing/Hay Restrictions Invora- No Hay, No Way!

#### Keep These Points in Mind:

- ► Follow herbicide label directions.
- ► For best results, do not spray when:
  - Rains have stimulated new growth at the end of the stems
  - Leaves are wet from rain or dew
  - Foliage shows damage from hail, insects, or disease
- Working upwind of desirable trees, shrubs, or crops
- ► The cost of treatment rises rapidly as the brush becomes bigger and denser. Download the Brush Busters Cost Calculator app to easily estimate treatment costs.
- ► Controlling huisache is not a one-time job. You will need to monitor your land every year to check for new plants.

RECOMMENDED LEAF SPRAY HERBICIDE MIX OPTIONS*									
	Tank Size  Concentration in								
	Ingredient	Spray Solution	1 gal	3 gal	14 gal	25 gal			
Option A	Grazon P+D, Gunslinger, Picloram+D, or Sendero	1%	1.28 oz	3.84 oz	18 oz	32 oz			
Option B**	Invora**	1.5%	1.92 oz	5.76 oz	27 oz	48 oz			
Option C	Graslan L	0.63%	0.8 oz	2.4 oz	11 oz	20 oz			
Add to option A, B, and C	Non-ionic surfactant	0.25%	0.32 oz	1 oz	3 oz	8 oz			
	Hi-Light™ blue dye	0.25 to 0.5%	0.32-0.64 oz	1-2 oz	3-6 oz	8–16 oz			

<sup>\*</sup>All leaf spray solutions are mixed in water.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Invora is labeled for privately owned rangelands only (excludes hayfields) and requires Picolinic Acid Chemistry Training for all applicators.

**HUISACHE: Stem Spray Method** 



#### Conejet 5500 X-1 or X-2 Nozzle

Huisache Type and Stem Diameter	% Triclopyr	Herbicide/ Gallon	Herbicide Carrier/Gallon
Smooth bark, stems up to 4 inches in diameter	25%	32 oz	96 oz diesel or basal bark oil
Add Hi-Light™ blue dye (d	optional)	0.32-0.64 oz	

Trade Names for Triclopyr Ester: Remedy Ultra, Pathfinder II, Triclopyr 4E

**Grazing Restriction: Lactating Dairy Animals Only- Next season** 

**Hay Harvest Restriction: 14-days** 

Rainfast Interval: 6-hours: No Pesticide Applicators License Required



- ► Follow the herbicide label directions.
- ➤ The cost of treatment escalates rapidly as brush becomes denser or the number of basal stems per plant increases. Download the Brush Busters Cost Calculator app to easily estimate treatment costs.
- ► Multi-stemmed or rough-barked plants are more difficult to control with this method.
- ▶ Do not spray when the basal stems are wet.
- ► After mixing the herbicide with diesel, shake or agitate the solution vigorously.
- ► This method is more difficult to apply if there is dense grass around the basal stems.

## **HUISACHE: Cut Stump Method**



Conejet 5500 X-1 or X-2 Nozzle

## RECOMMENDED CUT STUMP SPRAY MIX FOR HARDWOODS HERBICIDE MIX OPTION (IN DIESEL OR BASAL OIL)

	Concentration in	Tank Size			
Ingredient	Spray Solution	1 gal	5 gal	10 gal	
Triclopyr ester herbicide	15%	19 oz	96 oz	1.5 gal	
Hi-Light™ blue dye	1 oz/gal	1 oz	5 oz	10 oz	

Trade Names for Triclopyr Ester: Remedy Ultra, Pathfinder II, Triclopyr 4E

#### Keep These Points in Mind:

- ► Follow herbicide label directions.
- ► This method is best for plants with a single stem or a few stems growing from the base (redberry juniper never has single basal stems).
- ▶ Do not spray when basal stems are wet.
- After mixing the herbicide into the carrier (diesel or water), shake or agitate the solution vigorously.
- Cost of treatment rises rapidly as the number of woody plants and stems per acre increases. Download the Brush Busters Cost Calculator app to easily estimate treatment costs.

## A. Spray Mix with Triclopry Ester for Hardwoods

Works well on: Algerita (agarito), baccharis, blackbrush, bois d'arc, bumelia, catclaw acacia, catclaw mimosa, Chinese tallow tree, elm, hackberry, huisache, lotebush (bluethorn), mesquite, all oaks, pricklyash (Hercules' club), saltcedar, Texas persimmon, winged elm, and yaupon.

# HUISACHE SUMMARY Herbicide Application Mistakes to Avoid



## In General

- Plant parts are dry before spray
- Following recommendations
  - includes surfactant & blue dye (good coverage)
- Larger, multi-stemmed trees, may need to start with mechanical and then follow-up with herbicide
- Waiting two-years between herbicide treatments
  - Leaving plant alone for two-years after spray
- Never one and done- monitor & follow-up



Leaf & Stem Spray: Leave brush alone, let stand, for 2 years!



## **Leaf Spray**

- Between 3-6' tall
- Healthy leaves, no new growth & not flowering



## **Cut Stump**

- Remove vegetation around stem
- Straight cut, close enough to mow over the stem
- Cover immediately- cut edge & all around outside stem to ground level



## **Stem Spray**

- 3 or fewer Stems
- Remove vegetation around stem



## Annual Broadleaf Weed Control



Annual Crotons (aka: Dove Weed & Goatweed), Annual Broomweed, Bitter Sneezeweed, Marshelder

Annual Crotons (Dove Weed or Goatweed)

Plant Identification



## 20 Croton Species in TX

9 are annuals

## **Common Annuals**

- One-Seed Croton
- Woolly Croton
- Texas Croton

## **Commonalities**

- Star-shaped Hairs on Plant (leaves or stem)
- Annuals- complete life cycle in growing season

# Annual Broadleaf Weeds Plant Phenology (Timing)



# Annual Broadleaf Weeds (annual crotons, bitter sneezeweed, sunflower, etc.)

### **Individual Plant Treatment...**

Herbicide	Notes	Herbicide Quantity (Active Ingredient)			
2,4-D	<ul> <li>25" or more annual rainfalluse amine formulation</li> <li>Drier areas- use ester formulation</li> </ul>	1% Mix (4 lb/gal product)			
Picloram: 2,4-D (1:4)	Example Trade Name: Grazon P+D	0.63% Mix (3.8 lb/gal product)			
Picloram: Fluroxypyr (1:1)	Example Trade Name: Surmount	1% Mix (1.34 lb/gal)			

## Chemical Treatment 76-100% Kill Rate

#### **Broadcast Treatment...**

Herbicide	Notes	Herbicide Quantity (Active Ingredient)		
Dicamba: 2,4-D (1:3)	Example Trade Name: Outlaw	1-2 pints per acre (0.5-1 lb)		
Aminopyralid: 2,4-D (1:8)	Example Trade Name: Grazon Next HL	24 oz per acre (0.7 lb)		
Aminopyralid: Metsulfuron Methyl (1:6.2)	Example Trade Name: Chaparral • Not recommended on Bahiagrass Pastures	2-3.3 oz per acre (0.078-0.127 lb)		

## Annual Broadleaf Weeds SUMMARY Herbicide Application Mistakes to Avoid

**Other Common Annuals** 



Also recommended treatment for perennial-**Western Ragweed** 





- Plant parts are dry before spray
- Following recommendations
  - includes surfactant & blue dye (good coverage)
- Good leaf condition
- Good Soil Moisture

## Spray Early

- Between 4-6" tall
- While they are growing

Before produce flowers or seeds







# Annual Sandbur Control

Grassburs- indicate weak stand of forage More tolerant of acidic, low fertility soils than many warm season forages.

One of the best cultural control measures is to maintain a healthy stand of forage with proper management.

## Grassbur (Cenchrus species)



"burned" off by freezing temperatures in the fall or winter, sometimes these plants may survive and come back from the roots the following spring. These plants might be more diffi-





## **Early recognition: Key to Management**

Unsure- pull up- see the bur



## Bermudagrass- winter & dormant

- Pre-emergent (winter & dormant)
  - Prowl H2O
- Post emergent- Pastora



## **Bermudagrass & Bahiagrass**

- Pre-emergent
- Rezilon

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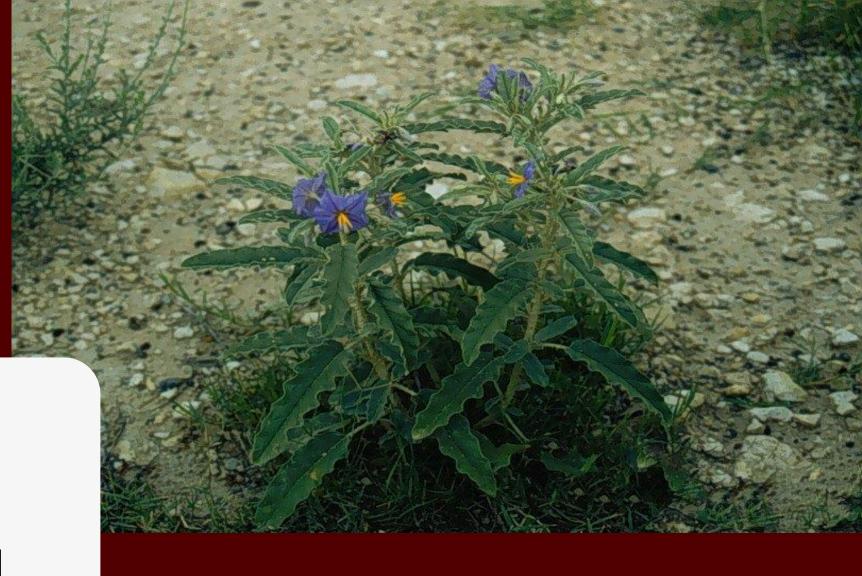
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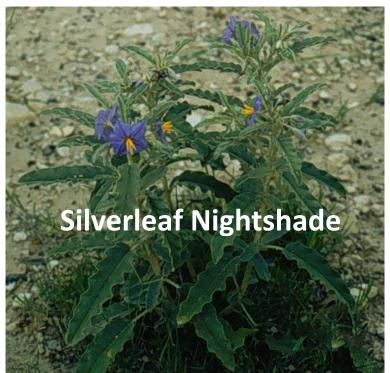


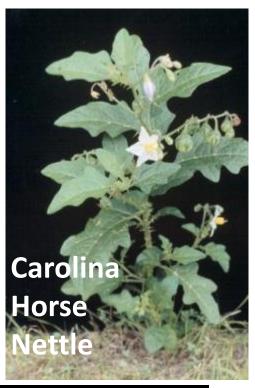
## Perennial Broadleaf Weed Control



**Silverleaf Nightshade,** Carolina Horse Nettle, Bullnettle, Western Horse Nettle

## COMMON PERENNIALS Plant Identification







## Silverleaf Nightshade

- Elongated, wavy margin leaves
- Purple star flower with yellow center (sometimes flowers are white)
- Usually prickly (spines)



## **Carolina Horse Nettle**

- Broad, lobed leaves
- Spines on stem/leaves
- White star flower with yellow center



## **Western Horse Nettle**

- Broad, oak-like leaves (spines on stem and leaves)
- Star flower (mostly light purpleblue, rarely white)
- Short plant (most often less than 2' tall, some grow up to 3' tall)



## Perennial Broadleaf Weeds (silverleaf nightshade, bull- & horse nettles)

### **Individual Plant Treatment...**

Herbicide	Notes	Herbicide Quantity (Active Ingredient)
Picloram: 2,4-D (1:4)	Example Trade Name: Grazon P+D	0.63% Mix (3.8 lb/gal product)
Picloram: Fluroxypyr (1:1)	Example Trade Name: Surmount	1% Mix (1.34 lb/gal)

\*Same Recommendation as Annual Weeds Discussed Previously

\*Timing of Application – May be Different

## Chemical Treatment 76-100% Kill Rate

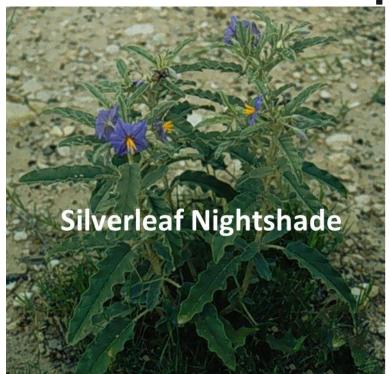
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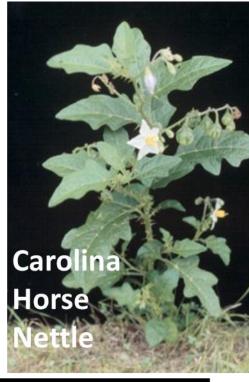
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Aminopyralid: Metsulfuron Methyl (1:6.2)	Example Trade Name: Chaparral • Not recommended on Bahiagrass Pastures	2-3.3 oz per acre (0.078-0.127 lb)		

<sup>\*</sup> Outlaw- upper end of recommendation made for annuals discussed previously

<sup>\*</sup>Chaparral- same recommendation as annual weeds discussed previously

## Perennial Broadleaf Weeds SUMMARY Herbicide Application Mistakes to Avoid





Western Horse Nettle



## In General

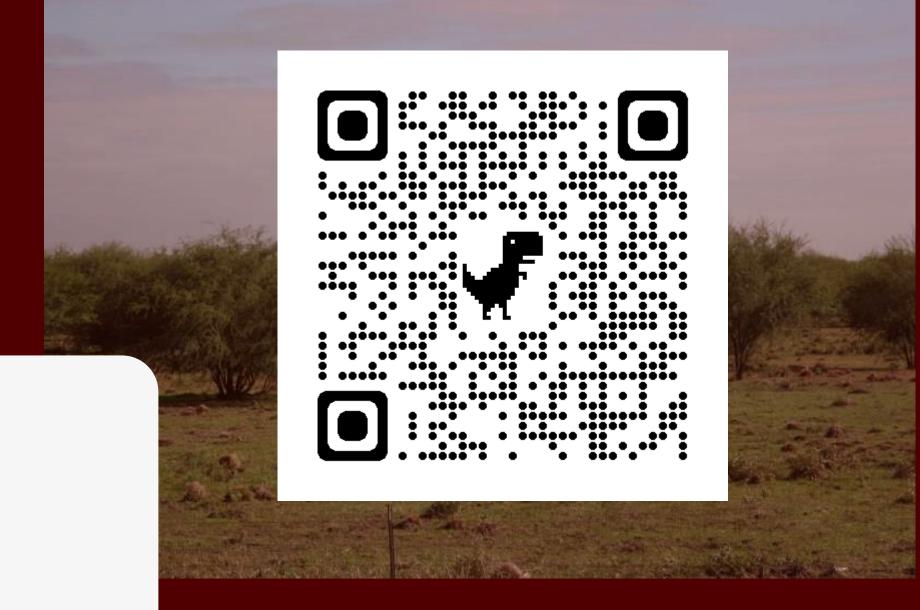
- Plant parts are dry before spray
- Following recommendations
  - includes surfactant & blue dye (good coverage)
- Good leaf condition
- Good Soil Moisture



## These Perennials

- Spray in Spring
- When Plants are FLOWERING





Resources

**Brush Busters: AgriLife Learn** 





YouTube @stacyhines-qy2fp



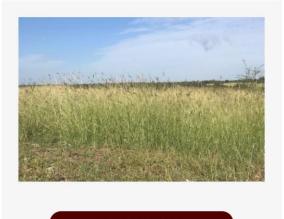
How to Use ERM-1466: Chemical Weed & Brush Control for Rangelands

#### **Rangeland Management Decision Tool**

#### What Rangeland management solution are you looking for?

To get started, click on the button below the image that best aligns with the condition of your rangeland.

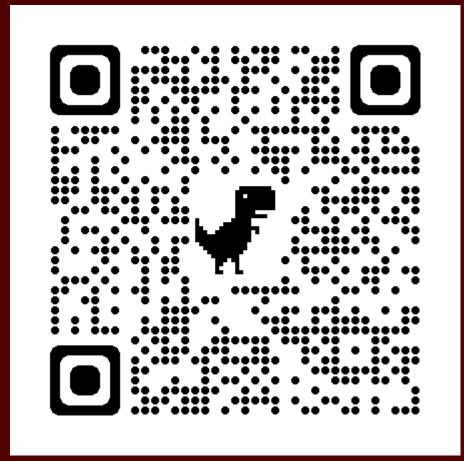




Brush Encroachment

Invasive Grasses

## AND ... More Resources



My Website:
https://ccag.tamu.edu/extension
/rangeland-habitat-





## **Contact Me**

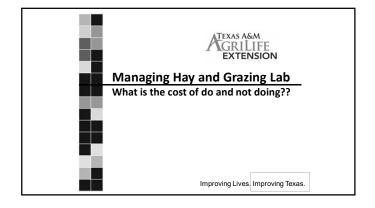
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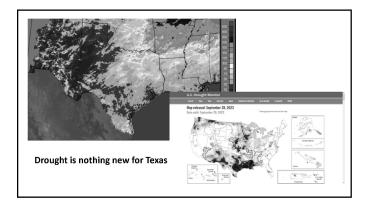
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# Recovery from Drought is Variable • Preparation before drought • Actions during the drought

## Factors effecting recovery are based on prior management.

#### Considerations

- -Fertility
- -Weed control
- -Haying heights/grazing heights
- -Forage canopy



#### What are weeds?

• An undesired plant amongst a desired plant(s).



Symphony.	

What weeds are present?	V	۷ł	าล	t	W	e	<b>ec</b>	S	aı	re	p	r	es	e	n	t	?
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- · Important to know.
  - Provides valuable info for control
  - Insight into possible issues.



#### **Traits of Weeds**

- Faster growing than desired plants
- Lower nutrient requirements than desired plants
- Shorter growing season???
- Capacity to tolerate lower pH soil
- Capacity to handle compaction and limited rooting
- Capacity to handle limited oxygen in rooting zone.

## Weed Control with Soil Management Questions to ask...

- What weeds are present?
- Why are pests present?/What is the cause and effect?
- What management can be altered to reduce the "expression" of weeds?

#### **What Weeds are Present**



Before attaching the pasture or hay field with the entire Army.....

#### **Deploy the Scouts**

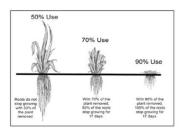


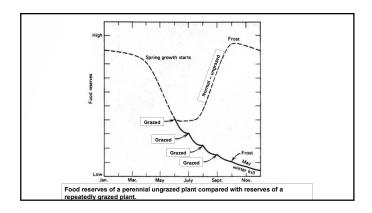
#### **Field Scouting**

- Map of field
- Document time and type of weeds
- Condition of forage
- Open ground
- Season long activity
- Historic perspective



#### Impact of forage/removal height on rooting





	Left. A properly stocked pasture on the Texas Range Station near Barnhart in good condition, Feb 1951. In 1955 this area had made a remarkable recovery from the drought.
Right. A heavily stocked adjacent pasture after two years of drought. In 1955 this pasture, stocked at a rate common to the general region of the Edwards Plateau, had only partially recovered from drought.  Young, Vermon A. 1956. The effect of the 1949-1954 Drought on the Ranges of Texas. JRM. pp. 139-142.	

An now, the	biggest
<b>Environmental</b>	Challenge

Likely 75% of what you learn in soil testing.

Hint: It's not lab data

#### 75 Percent?



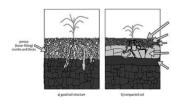
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Soil testing reports are often just an indication of historic	
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– Pests	
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#### What Factors Influence Tilth?

- Plant rooting density (often #1)
- Soil Density
  - Compaction and root development
  - Aggregate Stability
- Organic Carbon
  - Root development
- Micro to Macro Pore ratio
  - Compaction

#### **Tilth Comparison**



#### **Soil Compaction**

 In moist and wet soil, water effectively lubricates the individual soil peds and under even modest weight, the particles are pushed together.

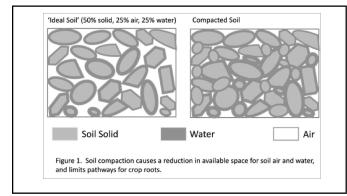






#### Impacts of soil compaction

- Influences water holding capacity
- Water infiltration
- Nutrient Availability
- Rooting depth



#### **Soil Compaction**

 In moist and wet soil, water effectively lubricates the individual soil peds and under even modest weight, the particles are pushed together.







#### **Excessive traffic can cause compaction**

- Wet clay soils compact quickly.
- Results in loss of macro-pores and water holding capacity





#### But these are sandy soils, they don't compact.



Sandy Loam soils are often more compactable due to high macro-pore volumes yet very weak soil structure.

#### **Environmental Conditions**

- Soil tilth (compaction, rooting, workability, and etc.)
- · Water and air infiltration
- Nutrient Availability
- Shading/open canopy (result of above and other factors)

#### Compaction

 Many weeds have shallow rooting systems, thus can survive/dominate in irrigated/higher rainfall areas



#### Compaction

- Weak canopy from pasture/hay species
  - Light penetration to soil surface
    - Weed seed germination caused by "right" wavelength of light
  - Moisture available



#### Compaction

- Many weeds have a very short life cycle.
  - Rapid growth and seed development



**Other Environmental Challenges** 

## **Roots**

# Rooting and Compaction To a State University Education

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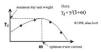
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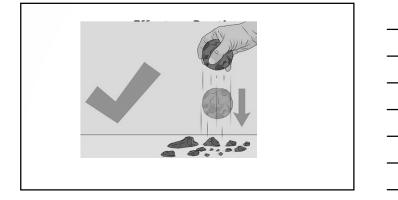
- · How to address?
- In a wet clayey soil????????

#### How wet is too wet?

Proctor test







#### How does soil tilth influence weed pressure?

- Weed competition
  - Rooting
  - Canopy density
  - Nutrient requirements
  - Annual, short reproductive timeframe

#### **Reducing Macro-compaction**



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# Biological compaction control Winter legumes Limit grazing-maintain canopy Remove cattle prior to rainfall

## What part of the environment can we manage for the reduction in weed pressure?

- Manage for canopy cover
- Manage for intended crop growth rates
- Manage for soil tilth



All start with collecting soil samples.

#### **Evaluate Soil Test Report**

- Considerations
  - Historical analyses
  - Time since last testing
  - Changes in parameters
  - Recommendations for same yield goal/crops
  - Differences in recommendations

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Review on Sampling
<ul> <li>One composite sample for every 10-40 acres</li> <li>10-15 subsamples mixed to form one composite sample</li> </ul>
Sampling depth of 0-6 inches
Avoid small ditches, gullies and anomalies
Make map of sampling areas/zones.
Ship as soon as possible
Common Issues with Differences
Different sampling depths
Sampled different areas
Pickup incubated samples
Limited subsamples

#### **Information During Sampling**

- Information collected during sampling is often more important than that obtained from the sample analyses
- No level of fertilization can offset the effects:
  - $\, Compaction \,$
  - Overgrazing
  - Weeds

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#### **Soil Test Report**

The graphic interpretation is placed across a range of ratings (ExLow-Excess). The ranking are based on probability of response to additional nutrients.

Exceptionally low 95+% probability 90% probability Very low 75-90% probability Low 15-75% probability Medium 1-15% probability High

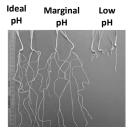
Very high

<1% probability Likely to result in detrimental response Excessive

pH 4.0 4.5 5.0 5.5	60 65 70 75 80 85	pH 5.8-6.5 generally considered
	PHOSPHORUS	ideal for most
	POTASSIUM	crops.
	SULFUR	
	CALCIUM	
	MAGNESIUM	
	IRON	
	MANGANESE	
	BORON	
	COPPER	
	ZINC	

## Other Environmental Challenges Rooting limitations

- Soil pH
- Aluminum Toxicity
- Weed tolerances??
- · Loss of rooting
- Loss of nutrient uptake
- Reduced canopy
- Weed pressures
- Everything......



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#### **Crop Tolerance/Yields**

Most crops do best with a pH range of 6.0-7.0





## What about soil pH's influence on pesticides?

- Most pesticides are formulated to dissociate at a desired range of solution or soil pH levels. Typically, this range is 5.5-8.0.
- Allowing soil pH to drop into the low pH 5's or pH 4 range may reduce the effectiveness of pre-emergence herbicides or soil applied insecticides.
- Additionally, some herbicide labels will limit or alter application rates based on soil pH levels.

<b>Correcting Acidity</b>
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- Monitor through annual soil testing
- Apply only the best quality limestone
- Long-term management
- Only grow hay on best land, reserve poorer land for grazing (lower N requirement)

#### **Limestone Quality**

- CCE=% calcium carbonate equivalent
- ECCE = % purity x fineness of grind
- Not a Craig List testimonial......



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#### The fineness (ECCE)

- >0.093" (0% reactive) (8mesh)
- 0.093"-0.0335" (20% reactive) (8-20 mesh)
- 0.0335"-0.0098" (60% reactive) (20-60 mesh)
- <0.0098" (100% reactive)</li>



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#### **Phosphorus Issues**

- Texas forage production acreage is often very low or low in available soil phosphorus.
- Low soil phosphorus results in reduced root development, stand loss and low nitrogen, potassium and other plant nutrient uptake.

## Influence of Phosphorus Fertility in Low Testing Soils

Rate of P	Yield	Response over Control
0 lbs P2O5	6950 lbs DM	
30 lbs P2O5	7990 lbs DM	1040 lbs DM
60 lbs P2O5	9910 lbs DM	2960 lbs DM
90 lbs P2O5	11100 lbs DM	4150 lbs DM
120 lbs P2O5	12900 lbs DM	5950 lbs DM
240 lbs P2O5	15600 lbs DM	8650 lbs DM
500 lbs P2O5	17900 lbs DM	10950 lbs DM

DeLeon,TX, 2000 Coastal Bemudagrass Hay 4 cuttings, STP=5-8 ppm

#### **Potassium Fertilization**

- Recommend against applying greater than 75 lbs K2O/acre/application.
- Single applications often result in luxury consumption and late season deficiencies.
- Fall applications, prior to dormancy, are very efficient and often result in greater yields the following year (for v.low and low testing soils).

#### **Sulfur Deficiencies**





Reduced emissions (fossil fuels), less ammonium sulfate applications and low organic matter are leading to increasing sulfur deficiencies across Texas. Symptoms are opposite of nitrogen, with yellowing on new growth, as sulfur is not translocated within the plant. Estimated \$132 million economic loss to Texas ag in 2021.

soiltesting.tamu.edu/webpages/calculator.html
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Fertilizer Calculators
The fieldow calculators provide the user the ability to enter a soil testing recommendation for nitrogen (N), phosphate (P206) and potash (K20) and enter one or more fieldow grades to determine:
() Is the selected fortilizer appropriate for the soil test determined nutrient needs?
<ol> <li>to additional furtilizer or nutrient sources need to be added to exect soil test determined nutrient needs?</li> <li>that application rates of IA, 2005 and IOO are terror applicabl?</li> </ol>
<ul> <li>ii) What application rate of fertilizer(x) is required to most the soil test determined nutrient needs?</li> </ul>
The fertilizer grade, commonly softward to as the fertilizer analysis, a registerated by the firem numbers with deather between the numbers, complete, commonly included on the first of a fertilizer bag. A more detailed description will be presented on the fertilizer being of the highest fertilizer. He for numbers registered the first offered registered and produced for the grade fertilizer of the first offered registered and first offered and first offered registered registered and first offered registered registered registered and first offered registered registered registered registered registered registered registered registered and first offered registered
Vrban Fertilizer Calculator - Basic edition, Single Fertilizer Entry
The urban calculator allows for quick evaluation of a retail bagged fertilizer and its fulfilling the soil test recommendations for your lawn, garden or other small area.
Wrban Fertilizer Calculator - Commonly Available Fertilizer List and Single Fertilizer Entry
This calculator includes a user selectable list of commonly available fieldings found in home and garden centers in addition to the functions of the calculator above.
Agricultural Fertilizer Calculator
The agricultural firtilizer calculator allows for the input of up to three different day fertilizers and calculates the indivoid rates of agglication and total combined fertilizer rates.
Obtain new recommendations for other crops or yield goals
This interface will quickly calculate new N, P, and K requirements for other crops, yield goals or land uses based on your existing retrate N, phosphorus and potassium soil text data. This will be expanded in the Nutrat to provide other nutrients.
Nitrogen Cost Calculator
Calcustate the cost per pound of nitrogen for up to 4 different nitrogen fertilizers at a time.
Nitrogen Cost in Blended Fertilizer Calculator
Calculate the cost per pound of nitrogen for up to 4 different nitrogen fertilizers for blanded fertilizers containing phosphorus and potassium.
Limestone Cost Calculator

