

May 1, 2013

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| 5/10 Tri Co Field Day | Papalote | \$15 |
| 5/9 LSRA Watershed Field Day | Runge | FREE |
| 5/30 Grassfed Beef Conference | College Station | \$250 |
| 8/5 Beef Cattle Short Course | College Station | \$160 |

TRI CO FIELD DAY—May 10

7:30 am @ Andrews Ranch

3 CEU(s)

\$15

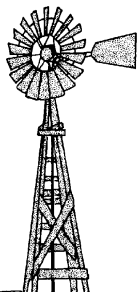


Area livestock and forage producers are invited to this year’s Tri-County Field Day on Friday, May 10, 2013 at Papalote Ranch located at the end of county road 351 outside Papalote, Texas. Registration and a cowboy breakfast will begin at 7:00 a.m.

The program will start with “Water, a Ranch’s #1 Resource” with Dr. Diane Boellstorff. Dr. Megan Clayton, Extension Range Specialist will discuss in the field “Effective Brush Control Techniques” followed by “Cattle Identification and Texas Animal Health Commission’s (TAHC) Marketability Program Demonstration” provided by Dr. T.R. Landsford, Texas Animal Health Commission Veterinarian and Mr. Brandon Manning from Allflex Tags. TAHC will demonstrate the proper insertion of new metal marketability tags. These programs will be followed

by a ranch tour which will include viewing of exotic wildlife, cattle operations, hay & crop production, and more. The event will adjourn at approximately 12:30pm. Papalote Ranch is a very diverse agricultural operation that will be of interest to anyone.

3 CEU(s) will be provided for Private Pesticide Recertification. The cost for this year’s field day will be \$15. This Tri-County event is conducted annually through the planning efforts of the Livestock and Forage Committees and is sponsored this year by the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service, Allflex and Davy Ranch Supply. For more information contact the Extension Offices of Bee County, Matt Bochat, County Extension Agent, 361-362-3280; Goliad County, Brian Yanta, County Extension Agent, 361-645-8204; and Refugio County, Michael Donalson, County Extension Agent, 361-526-2825. Please RSVP to Extension offices by May 7th.



Goliad County Agricultural Newsletter

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LSAR FIELD DAY

May 9 — 8:30 am @
Runge VFW

CEU(s) will be offered



Landowners in the Lower San Antonio River Watershed are invited to attend a field day that highlights how Water Quality Management Plans are helping to implement the LSAR Total Maximum Daily Load Project and the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service Gulf of Mexico Initiative by improving water quality in the watershed.

The field day should conclude about 1 pm with lunch being provided by the San Antonio River Authority.

Field day speakers will cover different management practices that promote a healthy watershed.

RSVP to Harvey Kahlden with the Karnes County SWCD at 830-583-3224 ext 3 as soon as you receive this newsletter.

GRASSFED BEEF CONF.

May 30-31 — College Station

\$250 early registration 5/15



A conference that will address the growing trend of grass-fed beef production. This conference will cover a broad range of important topics pertaining to grass-fed-beef production and is open to both beef producers and consumers. Topics include defining natural, grass-fed and organic production systems, understanding forage quantity and quality, cattle suited for grass-fed beef systems and preventative herd health management. The economics of grass-fed beef systems and marketing aspects will also be covered. A low-stress cattle handling demonstration and a Taste of Texas Beef event will conclude Wednesday's activities. You can register online by May 15, enter the keyword "grassfed" [http:// agrilifeevents.tamu.edu](http://agrilifeevents.tamu.edu)

BCSC

Aug 5-7

College Station

\$160

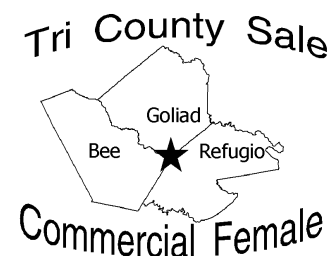


This 2 ½ day educational event is known for being one of the most comprehensive beef cattle adult educational programs available. Over 50+ hours of training are offered from 17 sessions including live animal demonstrations. The most popular part of the Short Course each year is the Cattlemen's College. This format allows participants to choose the specific workshops that they are interested in. The Beef Cattle Short Course trade show is also a popular part of the conference with more than 100+ different exhibitors on hand to discuss their products and services.

You can register starting May 1 online or by mail. Monday night includes the famous Aggie Prime Rib Dinner. Email subscribers can click on the BCBS logo above for more info.

9th ANNUAL TCCFS THANK YOU

The Tri County Commercial Female Sale grossed almost a half a million dollars with 371 head being sold from Bee, Goliad, and Refugio counties with averages: \$1520—Pairs; \$1220—Breds; \$940— Open/Exposed.



Thanks to our buyers, who bid on the cattle, particularly Clay Nohavitzka, El Campo, Leo Casas, III, Beeville, and Lew Thompson, Pearsall. We would also like to thank our auctioneer David Richards.

Our committeemen should also be recognized who covered all the ground work: Jim Bluntzer, Matt Bochat, Rodney Butler, Pat Calhoun, Leo Casas, Michael Donalson, Bob Gayle, Clay Neel, and Brian Yanta.

SUMMER GARDEN CHECKLIST



- Take a critical look at your landscape at the height of summer development. Make notes of any plants that need replacement, overgrown plants that need to be removed, better arrangements for your landscape, and possible activity areas that can be enjoyed by family members. These are good projects for next winter.
- Check for insects and diseases. Spider mites can be especially troublesome at this time. Insecticidal soaps or labeled miticides can be helpful in their control.
- The best way to conserve garden moisture is mulching. A good mulch not only retains valuable moisture needed for plant growth, but also improves overall gardening success.
- Hand pull or hoe weeds before they mature and produce seed.
- Mulches are usually applied 2- to 6-inches deep, depending on the material used. In general, the coarser the material, the deeper the mulch. For example, a 2-inch layer of cotton seed hulls will have about the same mulching effect as 6 inches of oat straw or 4 inches of coastal bermuda hay.
- Removing faded flowers from the plant before it sets seed will keep plants growing and producing more flowers. A light application of fertilizer every four to six weeks will also be helpful.
- Houseplants can be moved outside this month. Sink the pots in a cool, shaded garden bed to prevent them from drying out too quickly. Water pots, container plants and hanging baskets often. Monthly feeding with a household fertilizer encourages continued growth.
- Fertilize rose beds every four to six weeks. Apply small amounts of fertilizer high in nitrogen immediately after a flush of bloom or every four to six weeks.
- There is still time to plant some of the heat-tolerant summer annuals. Be sure to water transplants adequately until roots become established.



HOGOUT 2012

Goliad County

places 5th = \$5000

Goliad County placed 5th turning in 1100 hogs and scored \$5000 in the third annual Texas Department of Agriculture Hog Out Challenge.

With nearly 2.6 million feral hogs causing an estimated \$500 million in damage in rural and urban Texas each year, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples today announced Sutton County as the winner of the 2012 statewide Hog Out Challenge. The challenge, which runs each year from October to December, awards grants to Texas counties for removing the most feral hogs and recording the highest participation in feral hog abatement programs.

Texas is home to the largest feral hog population in the United States and the numbers continue to increase due to their high reproductive potential and lack of natural predators. Feral hogs wreak havoc on property, livestock, crops and pastures across the state.

In an effort to curb this destruction, Commissioner Staples began the Hog Out Challenge in 2010 as an effort to encourage locally-initiated feral hog abatement activities in communities across Texas in a coordinated and concentrated attack on feral hogs during the fall of each year. Communities compete for funding on the basis of several performance metrics, including the number of hogs removed and number of community residents participating. To date, the challenge has resulted in the removal of 27,934 feral hogs.

Throughout the year, TDA works with the Wildlife Services branch of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, which removes thousands of hogs annually through various feral hog abatement strategies. The effort results in an estimated savings of more than \$4 million to Texas landowners.

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AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES INFORMATION

If you need any special accommodation, please contact Brian Yanta at 361-645-8204 10 days prior so we can consider your request.

If you have any special dietary needs, please contact Brian Yanta at 361-645-8204 10 days prior to the event.

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I hope you find this information useful. If I can assist you in any way please contact me!



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian D. Yanta".

