

DECEMBER 2023 ANR NEWSLETTER

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension - Limestone County

Upcoming Events:

4-H Polo Shirts Available

- Orders Due November 27, 2023

Hill County 4-H Chill on the Hill Show on December 2-3, 2023

- Located at: Hill County Fairgrounds, 1180 S Waco St., Hillsboro, TX

4-H Sportfishing Project Leader Training on December 2-3, 2023

- Located at: Gus Engeling Wildlife Center in Palestine, TX

Kendall Christmas Classic on December 3, 2023

- Located at: Kendall County YAEC, 648 FM 289, Comfort, TX

RWFM Stewardship Webinar Series on December 7, 2023

- RSVP at: casey.matzke@ag.tamu.edu

Landowner Prescribed Fire Workshop on December 8, 2023

- Located at: Brokmeyer Ranch - Fairfield, TX
- Lunch is provided with registration.

Battleground To Breaking Ground Tuition

- Deadline to apply for a Tuition Waiver is December 8, 2023

Prospect Pig Show on December 10, 2023

- Located at: Guadalupe County Fairgrounds in Seguin, TX

Atascosa/Wilson Counties Preparing for the Spring Growing Season Workshop on December 12, 2023

- Located at: Atascosa County Extension Office, 25 East 5th Street, Leming, TX 78050

- Registration required.

8 Hour CEU Farm & Ranch Seminar on December 14, 2023

- Located at: Limestone County Extension Office, 200 W State St, Groesbeck, TX 76642
- Call the Extension Office at: (254) 729-5314 to Register.
- Lunch will be provided.

Udderly Awesome Dairy Show - Dairy Cattle & Dairy Goats on December 16, 2023

- Located at: CTYF Fairgrounds, 108 E. 7th St, Clifton, TX



\$50 each

Shipping not included

100% Polyester

Colors Available: Black, Charcoal Gray & Blue

Orders Due November 27, 2023

<https://nutthousedesigns.square.site/4h-order-page>

Nutthouse Designs: 806-402-2036



Hill County 4-H Chill on the Hill Show

**ENTRY FEE
\$30 /ANIMAL**

Entries postmarked by **NOVEMBER 1st**

**Saturday & Sunday
December 2 & 3, 2023**
Hill County Fairgrounds
1180 S Waco St.
Hillsboro, TX

DECEMBER 2, 2023
*LAMBS (Showmanship, Fw, FwX, SD, Dorper, MLW)
FOLLOWED BY
*GOATS (Showmanship, Classes)
*PIGS (LOPB, DOPB, Duroc, Hamp, York, Cross)

DECEMBER 3, 2023
*STEERS (Showmanship, American, British, Exotic)
FOLLOWED BY
*HEIFERS (Showmanship, American, British, Exotic)
Registration papers will be checked.
Cow/Calf Pairs Allowed.

For More Info. & Mail-In Contact:
Angie Nors - 4-H YD CEA, Hill County
254-582-4022
angie.nors@ag.tamu.edu
PO Box 318, Hillsboro, TX 76645

Each Day's Schedule
Barns Open 6:30 am
Weigh-In by 8:30 am
Showmanship starts 10:00 am
Shows follow Showmanship

receive a **FREE T-Shirt**
Cash or Check only

**BUCKLES TO OVERALL
GRAND/RESERVE
CHAMPIONS &
BREED CHAMPIONS**

**BANNERS TO RESERVE
BREED CHAMPIONS
AND MORE!!**

**"Pee-Wee Exhibitors
Allowed"**
Showmanship - \$5 @ Gate
(% CASH PAYOUT)
Pee-Wee - Ages 8 &
Under
Junior - Ages 9-13
Senior - 14 & UP
Show Supply Trailer
On Site

**\$35/ANIMAL On-Site
CASH ONLY T-Shirt
not included**

Judges:
Cattle: Kase LeRow
Lambs & Goats:
Clay Burson
Pigs: Taylor Chapa

"No Weigh Back"
"3 head make a division"
"One Ring Per Species"
**"SHOW FROM TRAILER
ENCOURAGED"**
(Limited Pen Space)
"No Hay/Bedding"
"Generators Encouraged"
"Blow & Go Show - No Fitting"
"Concessions Available"
**"Shirts Available for PRE-ORDER:
Limited shirts available for Purchase on
show day"**

**Show Open to TEXAS
Exhibitors ONLY!**
Out of state animals/exhibitors will
unfortunately, be turned away!
(In accordance with TSMC regulations)

Texas A&M AgLife Extension provides equal opportunities in its programs and employment to all persons, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.
The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating

TX 4-H NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM

4-H SPORTFISHING PROJECT LEADER TRAINING

DECEMBER 2-3, 2023
PALESTINE, TX- GUS ENGELING WILDLIFE CENTER

REGISTRATION IS ON 4-H ONLINE
REGISTRATION OPEN: EXTENDED THROUGH NOV 19TH 2023
PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE TEXAS ANGLER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION

**Registration fee - \$75- includes
lunch on Saturday and educational
materials.**

**All registrants will receive more
details in an email.**

**Registration open to adult 4-H volunteers,
Senior division 4-H members, and County
Extension Agents/Program Assistants.**

**All registrations will remain in pending
status until registration period closes.**

Contact Larry Hysmith at lhysmith@tamu.edu with questions.
<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project-category/natural/>

Kendall Christmas Classic



Kendall County YAEC - 648 fm 289 - Comfort, TX

Grand & Reserve Grand Cash & Banner
Breed/Division Champion & Reserve Banner
\$10 showmanship Cash

Entry Fee: \$30 - Weigh & Class your own - all Species
Barns Open at 4 p.m. , Friday Dec. 1st - Weight Cards due 8 a.m., Sunday Dec 3rd

Heifer & Steer Show

Show Starts at 10 A.M
Heifers Followed by Steers
Mini - American - British - Exotic
Judge: Brian Rogers

Goat Show

Show Starts at 10 A.M
light div. - middle div. - heavy
div.

judge: todd swift

Swine Show

Show Starts at 10 A.M
gilts & Barrows Show together
duroc - york - white opb - dark opb - hamp -
Cross judge: zac blount

Lamb show

follows goat show
fine wool - fine wool cross - southdown
dorper - medium wool
judge: Todd swift

Contact Info:

Kendall County 4-H Livestock Judging
Team Brittini Cross - 830.739.2930



RWFM Stewardship Webinar Series

Minimizing Drift on Grazing Lands

December 7, 2023 | 12:00PM CST



with **Dr. Mark Matocha,**
*Associate Professor and Extension Specialist,
Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension Service*

Join us as we discuss:

- Particle drift and vapor drift
- Physical characteristics of spray solutions and factors that influence drift
- Applicator influence
- Strategies such as delayed applications, nozzle type and droplet size, boom height, and adjuvants

Cost: \$35

Contact: casey.matzke@ag.tamu.edu

**1 Drift CEU is
available from the
Texas Department of
Agriculture!**



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Rangeland, Wildlife
& Fisheries Management

TEXAS A&M
AGRI LIFE
EXTENSION

Landowner Prescribed Fire Workshop

December 8, 2023

8:30am to 4:00pm

Brokmeyer Ranch - Fairfield, TX

Topics of discussion:

- Why Prescribed Fire is a Valuable Management Tool
- Goals & Expectations
- Burn Planning: Site Prep, Burn Plan, Weather, Checklist,
- Notifications Burn Procedure
- Liability & Local Resources
- Equipment Demonstrations
- Ranch Tour

Lunch Provided | \$20 Fee | 1 Gen. CEU | Limited Spots

RSVP @ taylor.garrison@tpwd.texas.gov



BATTLEGROUND TO BREAKING GROUND



PROGRAM INFORMATION

The BattleGround to Breaking Ground Program is a 4 phase educational program available to veterans, active duty military, their families, and other beginning farmers and ranchers. The purpose of the BattleGround to Breaking Ground program is to enhance the sustainability and increase the number of farms and ranches in Texas & throughout the U.S., especially for military veterans.

LEARN MORE

txagrability.tamu.edu/bgbg-overview



APPLICATION INFORMATION

Tuition Waived Option

Through various USDA funded grants, the BGBG program is able to provide 15 tuition waived spots per cohort for veterans, active military, and a select number of other beginning farmers and ranchers. Applications for a tuition waiver are now open on a rolling basis.

- 15 spots per cohort
- Application Required
- Competitive process: Online application and 3 letters of support required
- In-person attendance to Basic Training & Graduation required; \$125 registration fee
- 100 hours of hands-on training required
- Only waives tuition for Phase 2; tuition waiver for Phase 3 based on performance in Phase 2

Tuition Paid Option

- 30 spots per cohort available
- Tuition is required; Phase 2 \$600 & Phase 3 \$900
- Available for veterans, active-duty military, and all other farmers/ranchers
- No application process
- In-person attendance at Basic Training & Graduation is optional

Core Program Outline

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
Online Course or In-Person Bootcamp includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Business Ideas • Business Planning Basics • Agriculture Resources • Funding Opportunities for Ag Operations 	Develop your ag business plan! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 weeks of business planning courses • Individual Education Plan • Community of Practice 	Production Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentorship • 100 Hours of Hands-On Training • Online Production Agriculture Classes 	Mentor Training Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For BGBG Phase 1-3 Graduates • Learn Mentorship Basics • Phase 4 graduates get paid to provide mentorship & training to Phase 3 participants

BGBG Skills Training Program
Registered DoD SkillBridge Program for Active Duty Military Members
120 day program includes Phase 1 Phase 2 & Phase 3.
Includes 500+ hours of hands-on training.



Important Dates to Remember

- Deadline to apply for a Tuition Waiver is December 8, 2023
- Deadline to Pay Tuition is January 5, 2024
- Deadline to register for Boot Camp is January 12, 2024
- Boot Camp runs January 22-26, 2024
- Cohort 15 Phase 2 runs January 22, 2024 – May 13, 2024
- Cohort 15 Phase 3 runs June 3, 2024 – December 16, 2024

PROSPECT PIG SHOW

SEGUIN, TEXAS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

SHOW TO BE HELD AT THE
GUADALUPE CO. FAIRGROUNDS

SEGUIN SWINE BREEDERS

18TH ANNUAL PROSPECT SHOW DEC. 10, 2023

- GRAND CHAMPION \$600.00 RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION \$400.00 !!!!
- Judge—Taylor Osbourn
- SHOW FORMAT: FOLLOWING SHOWMANSHIP—BERK, DUROC, HAMPSHIRE, YORKSHIRE, DARK OPB, LIGHT OPB, CROSS
- 9:00 AM WEIGHT CARDS DUE
- BUCKLES FOR ALL BREED CHAMPIONS. PLAQUES FOR RESERVE CHAMPIONS
- SHOWMANSHIP 9:00 AM—\$5/entry taken day of show PEE WEE ≥ 8, JUNIOR 9-13, SENIOR 14 & OVER

BARROWS & GILTS SHOW TOGETHER
NO BOARS OVER 125 lbs.

CONTACT: TRAVIS FRANKE
830-379-1972

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

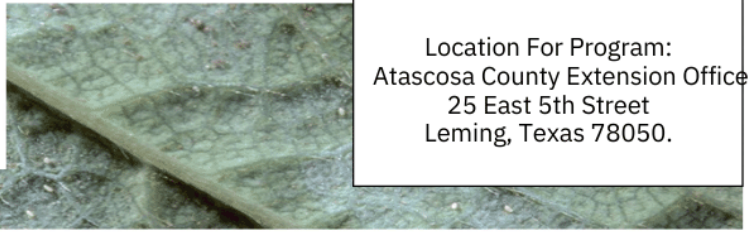
ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

NO. HEAD _____ ENTRY FEE \$25 PER HEAD _____

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 6, 2023

MAIL ENTRIES TO: SEGUIN SWINE BREEDERS
210 E. LIVE OAK, SEGUIN, TX 78155



Location For Program:
Atascosa County Extension Office
25 East 5th Street
Leming, Texas 78050.

Atascosa/ Wilson Counties Preparing for the Spring Growing Season Workshop

Sponsored by: Atascosa Cattlemen's Association, Atascosa County Extension Office, Wilson County Extension Office

6 CEU's to be offered for Private, Commercial and Non-Commercial Applicator's

(Including the Picolinic Acid Training if you attend (5 hours if you do not attend)

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Early Bird Program 7:45 a.m. the Lobby will open program start at 8:00 a.m. The Lobby will open at approximately 9:00 a.m. program will start at 9:15 a.m.

\$40.00 Registration Fee

Please RSVP by December 8, 2023

Time	Topics	Presenter
7:45 a.m.	Early Bird Registration Begins	
8:00 a.m.	Early Bird Session Picolinic Acid Chemistry Training (Required Training to use Bayer Invora, 1 hr Laws and Regulations)	Dr. Megan Clayton, Professor & Extension Range Specialist
9:00 a.m.	Normal Registration Begins	
9:15 a.m.	Top Weed and Brush Control Tools to increase control of weed and prush species for the most/ best effective applications.	Dr. Megan Clayton, Professor & Extension Range Specialist
10:15 a.m.	Understanding the Dessert Termite and management options in pastures/ updates on other pasture and row crop pest.	Dr. Dalton Ludwick, Assistant Professor & Extension Entomologist
11:15 a.m.	Managing Weeds in Pastures and Managing problems weeds in crops	Dr. Josh McGinty, Associate Professor & Extension Agronomist
12:15 p.m.	Lunch	
1:15 p.m.	Pesticide Laws & Regulations	Dale Rankin County Extension Agent Ag/Nr
2:15 p.m.	Break	
2:20 p.m.	Vegetable Varieites for our area and best practices for pest/ disease management	Dr. Larry Stein, Professor & Extension Horticulturist

Individuals with disabilities, who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in any of the mentioned activities, are encouraged to contact the County Extension Office at 830-569-0034 at least 12 days before all programs for assistance.

DISTRICT 8 VIRTUAL FARM & RANCH SEMINAR

TEXAS A&M
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Date: Thursday, December 14th

Time: Registration -7:00am

Program begins @ 7:30 am Concludes @ 4:00 pm

8 hrs of Pesticide CEU's Offered

A multi-county Farm and Ranch Seminar for farmers and ranchers conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in District 8 is scheduled December 14, 2023. The District 8 Farm and Ranch Seminar will be offered at numerous locations across Central Texas.

Private Applicators License holders must obtain 15 hours of CEUs every five years to renew/recertify their license; including two hours of Laws and Regulations, two hours of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), and any mix of these and General hours to equal the required 15 hours of CEUs. Licensed commercial and non-commercial applicators are required to recertify every year by obtaining five continuing education credits with one credit each from two of the following categories: laws and regulations, integrated pest management or drift minimization.

The December 14th seminar will provide participants with the opportunity to receive up to eight (8) CEUs. Of the eight (8) hours, four (4) hours will be in General, two (2) hours in IPM, and two (2) hours in Laws and Regulations.

Licensed commercial and non-commercial applicators will be able to obtain their required five hours within the first five hours of the program.

Program registration cost is \$60.00,

Persons interested in attending the virtual program on December 14th can register online at the link provided on the next page.

If you would like to attend in person, contact the Extension office of the location you plan to attend. Phone numbers listed on next page.

To Register for Virtual Attendance visit the following link:



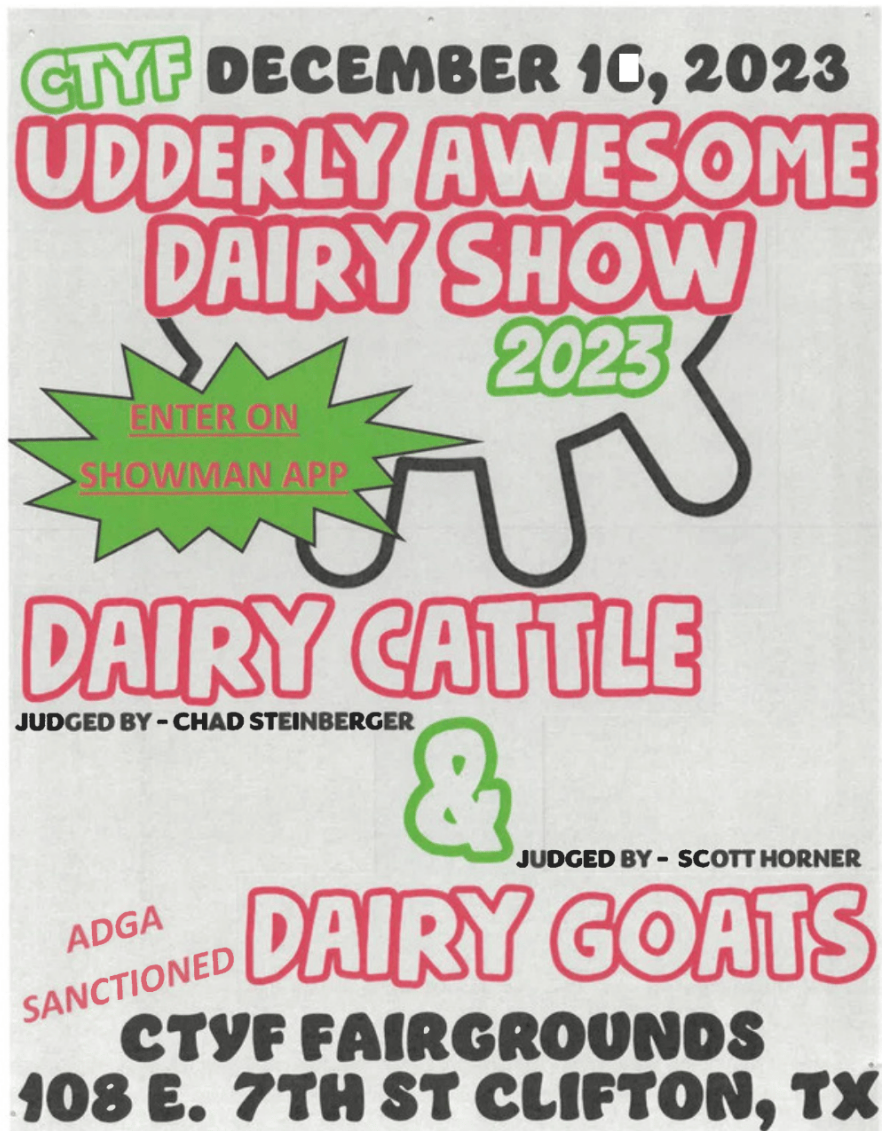
<https://virtual-district-8-farm-and-ranch-seminar.eventbrite.com>

Or call the Extension Office of the location you will be attending.

Participating Counties	Location	RSVP Phone Number
Bell	Summers Mill Retreat & Conference Center, 7441 FM 1123, Belton, 76513	254-933-5305
Bosque	Meridian Civic Center, 309 W River St, Meridian, 76665	254-435-2331
Comanche	DeLeon City Hall, 125 S Texas St, DeLeon, 76444	325-356-2539
Coryell	801 East Leon St, Gatesville, 76528	254-865-2414
Ellis	701 South I35 E, Waxahachie, 75165	972-825-5175
Erath	222 East College St, Annex 3, Stephenville	254-965-1460
Freestone	Round Prairie Baptist church, 932 Main St, Fairfield, 75840	903-389-3436
Hill	Hill County Fairgrounds, Exhibit Building, 205 Stadium Dr, Hillsboro, 76645	254-582-4022
Johnson	109 W Chambers St, Cleburne, 76033	817-556-6370
Limestone	200 West State St. Groesbeck 76642	254-729-5314
McLennan	McLennan Community College, Emergency Services Education Center, 7061 Steinbeck Bend Dr, Waco 76708	254-757-5180
Navarro	4021 W Hwy 22, Corsicana, 75110	903-654-3075
Robertson	Pridgeon Community Center, 351 Cooks Ln, Franklin 77856	979-828-4270
Williamson	Williamson County Annex, 100 Wilco Way, Suite HR-108, Georgetown	512-943-3300

Individuals with disabilities requiring an auxiliary aid or special accommodations in order to participate in this program are asked to contact the location you will be attending to determine how reasonable accommodations may be met.

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The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.*



PESTICIDE APPLICATOR LICENSE TRAINING IS STILL AVAILABLE WITH SARAH PETERS IN THE LIMESTONE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE. YOU CAN CALL (254) 729-5314 TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.