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### Colorado County Ag Newsletter E-Newsletter

The Colorado County Extension Office is actively seeking email addresses to use in distributing the Colorado County Ag News. If you would like to receive regular updates from our office please provide your contact information and email address to us at [kjmatheney@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kjmatheney@ag.tamu.edu).

Hardcopy newsletters haven't, and won't be, sent out on a regular basis, so for the latest information on Ag Issues and Upcoming Educational Events please plan to join or electronic mailing list. We also send weekly updates to area newspapers so be sure to watch for information there.



### Colorado County Extension Website

In a continued effort to provide information in a timely manner the Colorado County Extension Website is updated daily with events, publications, news releases, and much more! In addition to posting events in Colorado County, events happening in neighboring counties are also listed on the website. Be sure to stop by the website and check it out.

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## **Texas Animal Health Commission Announces Details of New Cattle Traceability Rule**

A requirement for adult cattle in Texas to have an approved form of permanent identification in place at change of ownership will go into effect January 1, 2013 according to the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC). The Commission amended its rules in June of this year to enhance the effective traceability of beef cattle movements in Texas, which is the cornerstone of disease control activities. Implementation of the changes was delayed by the Commission to ensure cattle producers understand the requirements and can prepare for the changes.

The amended rule permanently cancels the brucellosis test requirement for adult cattle at change of ownership, which was unofficially suspended in the summer of 2011. Although testing of adult cattle is no longer required with the rule change, all sexually intact cattle, parturient or post parturient, or 18 months of age and older changing ownership must still be officially identified with Commission approved permanent identification. This change primarily affects beef cattle, as dairy cattle in Texas have had an even more stringent identification requirement in place since 2008.

Before August of 2011, official identification devices such as eartags were applied automatically at the time a brucellosis test was performed. The inadvertent loss of the identification devices applied to cattle when brucellosis testing stopped has threatened TAHC's ability to effectively trace cattle as part of any ongoing disease investigation.

The TAHC routinely performs cattle health investigations where the identification and location of exposed/infected animals is critical to success. For example, 30 Brucellosis reactors, over 300 Bovine Trichomoniasis affected bulls and 22 bovine tuberculosis cases have been investigated by the TAHC to date in 2012. The new traceability rule will help preserve the TAHC's ability to identify and trace animal movements quickly and effectively, no matter which disease is involved.

A complete list of acceptable identification devices/methods may be found at <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us> but the most commonly used devices include USDA metal tags, brucellosis calfhood vaccination tags, US origin 840 series Radio Frequency Identification tags (RFID), and breed registration tattoos or firebrands. Producers are encouraged to contact their veterinarian or TAHC to determine which method of tagging will be best for their operation.

Free USDA metal tags, and a limited number of free applicator pliers are currently available and will be provided by the TAHC to producers wishing to use them. The tags and/or pliers may be obtained by contacting the Region 2 Office in Hempstead located at 1739 13<sup>th</sup> Street, suite 28. The Region 2 TAHC phone number is (979) 921-9481,

The Free USDA metal tags are also available for producers to pick up at the Texas A&M Extension Office of Colorado County; located at 316 Spring Street, Columbus.



## Winter Cattle Conference January 11, 2013

Cattle producers in the area, please mark your calendar for **Friday, January 11, 2013** for the Colorado County Winter Cattle Conference. This program will be held at Columbus Livestock Co. on Reese Lane in Columbus. We will begin with registration from 8:00-8:30 with the program to follow. **Three CEUs** (1 IPM; 1 L&R; 1 General) will be offered to all pesticide applicators in attendance. A registration fee of \$10.00 per person will be required at the door, but anyone that plans to attend is asked to call the Extension Office at (979) 732-2082.

Dr. Joe Paschal, Extension Livestock Specialist, will be on hand to discuss preparing cattle for what looks like another dry spell. He will also give us a look into the factors effecting cattle production and prices. A representative from Texas Animal Health Commission will be present to provide a timely update to the new Cattle Traceability Rule, sharing the latest information with cattle raisers in the area. Brad Hauerland, owner of Columbus Livestock Co. will provide information on how their barn will be handling the new requirements and will provide an update on the current cattle market. Melissa Barton, Texas Department of Agriculture Inspector, will also provide an update on laws and regulations for pesticide applicators.



For more information please contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office of Colorado County at (979) 732-2082.

## Western Rice Belt Conference January 16, 2013

The annual Western Rice Belt Production Conference will be held on **Wednesday, January 16, 2013** at the El Campo Civic Center. The conference will begin with an Early Bird Session on Guidance Technology starting at 7:30 am. Registration for the conference will begin at 8:00, with the remainder of the program to follow. After a catered lunch, provided by area agribusiness sponsors, the program will conclude around 1:30 pm. **Three CEUs** will be offered to all pesticide applicators in attendance. CCA hours have been applied for and will be offered pending approval. Topics and Speakers for this year's conference include:



- ◆ LCRA Water Update – TBA
- ◆ Disease Management – Don Gorth – LSU AgCenter
- ◆ Insect Management – MO Way – Texas A&M AgriLife
- ◆ Agronomy Update – Garry McCauley – Texas A&M AgriLife
- ◆ Outcrossing – Johnny Saichuk – LSU AgCenter
- ◆ Policy Update – Joe Outlaw – Texas A&M AgriLife

For more information please contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office of Colorado County (979-732-2082), Matagorda County (979-245-4100) or Wharton County (979-532-3310).

## **Texas Gulf Coast Grain Handlers Conference January 17, 2013**

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Gulf Coast Grain Handlers Conference will be held on **Thursday, January 17, 2013** at the El Campo Civic Center. Kicking off with registration at 8:00 am the program will begin at 8:25 am and should conclude around 3:10 pm. A catered lunch will be provided. **Six CEUs** (1 IPM; 1 L&R; 4 General) will be offered to all pesticide applicators that sign in at the beginning of the meeting and remain through the closing of the program.

The cost of the program is \$20.00 per person preregistered by January 11<sup>th</sup> or \$25.00 per person at the door. To preregister, please contact the Colorado County Extension Office and we will send a form to you.

### **Program Topics and Speakers Include:**

- ◆ Phosphine Fumigant Stewardship and Practical Use  
*Jim Sharpe – Degusch America, Inc.*
- ◆ Review of Insect Pests the Inhabit Stored Grain and Protectant Test Results  
*Roy Parker – Texas A&M AgriLife Extension*
- ◆ Experiences with One Sample Strategy – Aflatoxin Determination  
*Jimmy Roppolo – United Ag Cooperative, Inc.*
- ◆ Proper Instillation of Machine Guards for Worker Protection  
*Jason Lee – Planters Cooperative*
- ◆ Behavior that Results in Improved Grain Bin Working Safety  
*James Shepard – Texas Cotton Ginners' Trust*
- ◆ Noncommercial Pesticide License Training Materials & Requirements  
*Greg Baker – Texas Department of Agriculture*
- ◆ Hand-On with Fumigation Equipment and Supplies  
*Bill Cohen – Pest Fog Sales*
- ◆ How to Identify Key Insects in Stored Grain  
*Roy Parker – Texas A&M AgriLife Extension*
- ◆ Elevator Maintenance and Sweep Auger Safety  
*Richard Sommerlatte – Applied Industrial Technologies*



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## **Austin County Crop Update Meeting January 17, 2013**

The Austin County Crop Update Meeting will take place on **Thursday, January 17, 2013** at the Brazos FFA building in Wallis from 6:00 - 8:30 pm. Dr. Roy Parker, Extension Entomologist will be on hand to discuss the results of his latest applied research cotton, corn, and grain sorghum pest and his applied research and demonstrations in the upper Texas Gulf Coast. **Two CEU's** will be given to all pesticide applicators. There will be no charge for supper; however goodwill donations will be accepted. Drinks are compliments of the Brazos FFA. For more information please contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office of Austin County at (979) 865-2072

## Multi-County New Landowner Program

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of Each Month

The Multi-County New Landowner Education program is a series of 9 informational meetings, seminars, and 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 certain fields of agriculture about 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.



The program will be held on the third Friday of the months of January through May and August through November. Each month's meeting will be held at different locations in one of the four counties. The meetings begin at 1:30 pm. And will last between 4 and 5 hours depending on the topic and possible tour stops. The cost for the program series is \$100.00 per person or \$150.00 per couple for all nine meetings or \$20.00 per person per meeting. *CEU's* for pesticide applicators will be offered as they are applicable, and refreshments will be served at each program session. Participants will receive a notebook full of timely and useful information.

#### **January Program**

The first meeting for the 2013 series will take place on ***Friday, January 18, 2013*** at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Brenham, Texas. This orientation meeting will provide a round of introductions for county resources from agencies including Texas Parks and Wildlife, Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Appraisal Districts, and Extension Faculty. An overview of the program as well as an introduction to Texas A&M AgriLIFE Extension will also be covered. This is a great opportunity to network with other new landowners, as well as, county officials who can be of great assistance to you in establishing an agricultural or wildlife exemption for your property.

#### **February Program**

This program will focus on Rural Laws and Codes as they related to property ownership, lease negotiations, hunting, trucks and trailers for farm use, and livestock strays. The program is set for ***Friday, February 15, 2013*** at the Austin County Extension Office in Bellville. Officials will be on hand to answer questions you might have as they related to your property and making the transition to rural living.

#### **March Program**

Focused on Wildlife Management & Native Prairie Restoration this month's program is set for ***Friday, March 15, 2013*** in Washington County. We will cover the basics of wildlife management, 1-D-1 Tax Status, and discuss putting together a wildlife management plan and will take a property tour.

For more information please contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office of Colorado County at (979) 732-2082.



## Upper Gulf Coast Feed Grain and Cotton Production Conference January 24, 2013

The 2013 Upper Gulf Coast Feed Grain and Cotton Conference is scheduled for **Thursday, January 24, 2013** at the Wharton County Fairgrounds. The conference will begin with registration at 8:30 am with the program to follow. A lunch meal will be served between the two sessions. **Five CEUs** (1 IPM; 2 L&R; 2 General) will be offered to all pesticide applicators in attendance. CCA hours will be offered pending approval.

The **morning session** will include topics related to feed grain production including:

- ◆ Grain Disease Update
- ◆ Irrigation Management
- ◆ Hybrid Update
- ◆ Entomology Update
- ◆ Laws & Regulations CEU

The **afternoon session** will focus on cotton production in the upper gulf coast region with topics including:

- ◆ RACE Trial Update/PGR Study
- ◆ Managing Boll Feeding Insects
- ◆ IPM Update
- ◆ “The Perfect Storm” Four Bale Cotton
- ◆ Weed Resistance Update Market Update



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## Bluebonnet Master Gardener Sign Up (Austin, Colorado, Fayette, Washington Counties) January 24, 2013

For anyone interested in participating in the Master Gardener training program, the deadline for signing up is **Thursday, January 24, 2013**. Participants need only come by the Extension Office to register. There is a fee of \$175.00 per participant, which will cover the cost of materials, and defray speaker expenses. The classes will be held on Tuesday mornings beginning on January 29, 2013.



The Master Gardener program is a unique opportunity for individuals who are interested in horticulture and serving their community. Master Gardeners are trained in all facets of horticulture such as plant & soil science, entomology, plant pathology, landscape design, vegetable gardening and much more. Upon completion of their training, Master Gardeners will be required to give at least 50 hours of volunteer service time in their local community in order to receive the title of “**Master Gardener**”.

An open house will be held at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office in Bellville on Thursday, January 24, 2013, from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon. For more information on the Master Gardener program, contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office of Austin County at (979) 865-2072 or visit the Bluebonnet Master Gardener Website at <http://bluebonnetmastergardener.org>

## Master Naturalist Program Spring 2013 Class (Austin, Colorado, Fayette, Lee, and Washington Counties)

Texas Master Naturalist™ is a state-wide organization sponsored by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Forty-four chapters of well-informed volunteers have partnered with other organizations throughout the state to develop service projects that educate, restore, and demonstrate conservation techniques to preserve, protect and help create native habitat for wildlife.

The Gideon Lincecum Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist program is very proud of the many project start-ups our membership realized in 2012: conducting informal lectures on a variety of subjects at the Round Top Library, beginning an invasive plant identification and removal project at the Festival Institute, helping out at the Brenham Elementary and High schools in the outdoor learning and greenhouse facilities and Adopt a Highway cleanups. We anticipate to be soon assisting the staff of Stephen F. Austin State Park in a variety of interesting projects aimed at expanding the amenities available to the public, all of which, in addition to our other ongoing ventures, will keep our members active and involved for some time.



The Chapter has established a good working relationship with our partner organizations participating in several Citizen Scientist programs, supporting Prescribed Burn education and proactively identifying and working to preserve the remaining Texas prairie land. So now is the time to join our 100-strong community workforce.

The Gideon Lincecum Chapter (Austin, Colorado, Fayette, Lee and Washington counties) will hold classes from **January 28, 2013 - April 29, 2013**. Texas A&M professors and other professionals will give lectures on Monday evenings from 6:00 – 9:00 pm at the Meadows Conference Center of the Winedale Historical Complex near Round Top. Instruction topics include geology, soil science, hydrology, weather and climate, forest ecology, rangeland ecology, botany, herpetology, entomology, ornithology, and mammals. Two or three field trips, normally on Saturdays, are an integral part of the course.

To learn more about Texas Master Naturalist™ visit the main organization website at <http://txmn.org> or our chapter website at <http://txmn.org/glc>.

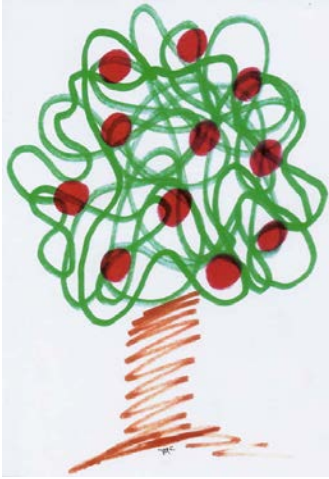
For questions about the program or course please contact: Outreach Coordinator for Fayette, Lee and Washington Counties: Judy Deaton at (936) 878-9900 [judithdeaton@gmail.com](mailto:judithdeaton@gmail.com) -OR- Outreach Coordinator for Austin and Colorado Counties: Bill Dudley at (979) 725-9086 or [billedudley@gmail.com](mailto:billedudley@gmail.com)

### Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

Effective in late 2012 the Texas AgriLife Extension Service was officially renamed by the Vice Chancellor's Office, in an effort to brand all state agencies under the name Texas A&M System. These changes mean our name is now the **Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service**. Our agency along with the Texas A&M Forrest Service, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Texas A&M Veterinary Diagnostic Lab, and several other agencies all received the addition of A&M to our names. Even with a new name we will continue to have the same mission; to provide the best in the way of research based, educational, non-biased programs and information to the citizens of our counties and of the entire state! We will always be your County Extension Agents and Office.

## Multi County Fruit Tree Seminar February 1, 2013

Do you have a fruit tree, and have questions about how to get it to produce? Here is your chance to answer those questions and to learn what is needed to know to have a successful and enjoyable experience. On **Friday, February 1, 2013** at Winedale Historical Complex at the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History in Winedale.



Monte Nesbitt, Extension Horticulturist, will be the main speaker and will cover a wide range of topics, including varieties, selection, pruning and planting demonstrations. The agenda will also include some visual demonstrations of these practices in Winedale's orchard.

As an added bonus during the training, the Bluebonnet Master Gardener Association will be selling fruit trees at the program. There will be a variety of different types of trees available for sale at very reasonable prices. All of the varieties sold are specially selected to grow and thrive in South Central Texas.

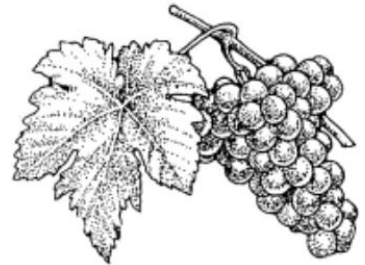
This program is a multi-county effort that includes Austin, Colorado, Fayette, and Washington counties. Refreshments and handouts will be provided.

Registration is from 1:00-1:30 pm and the program will run from 1:30 to approximately 5:00 pm. A registration fee of \$10.00 will be charged at the door to help defer the cost of refreshments and materials. **Two CEUs** (1 IPM; 1 General) will be offered to all pesticide applicators in attendance. For more information or to register, please contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Office of Colorado County at (979) 732-2082.

Winedale is located at 3738 FM 2714; 4 miles from Round Top, Texas. Take FM 1457 to FM 2714. More information about Winedale and directions are on the Web site: <http://www.winedale.org>

## Gulf Coast Grape Growers Field Day February 8, 2013

The 21<sup>st</sup> annual Gulf Coast Grape Growers Field Day will be held on **Friday, February 8, 2013**, at the Cat Spring Ag Society building in Cat Spring. Featured speakers will be Regional Extension Viticulture Associate, Fritz Westover. He will give an update on his many different research projects in the Texas Gulf Coast, including an update on the newly established research vineyard in Industry. The program will also feature Austin County's own Jim Kamas. Jim will give an overview of his state Pierce's Disease research project and the inroads made on controlling that disease, as well as a new variety of grape that has potential for the Texas Gulf Coast. State Viticulture Specialist, Dr. Ed Hellman will also speak on monitoring for grape maturity. There will also be an update from the Texas Wine and Grape Growers Association.



The day will begin with registration from 8:30-9:00 am, with the program beginning at 9:00 am. The field day will conclude around 4:00 pm. **Three CEUs** will be given to all pesticide applicators in attendance. A registration fee of \$20.00 per person will be required at the door, but anyone that plans on coming is asked to call the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office of Austin County at (979) 865-2072 and preregister.



## Private Applicator Training and Testing February 21, 2013

If you plan on using a state limited use or state restricted use pesticide, such as Grazon P+D, 2 4-D, Weedmaster, etc., and need a license, the Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be sponsoring a Private Applicator Training and Testing on **Thursday, February 21, 2013** at the Colorado County Extension Office in Columbus. Books and study materials for the course need to be purchased ahead of time for \$50.00 at the Extension Office. A registration fee of \$20.00 will be charged for the training. The registration fee will include the training, additional study materials, refreshments, and lunch. The training will begin at 8:30 am and conclude at 12:30 pm.



A representative from the Texas Department of Agriculture will be on hand to administer the 100 question exam following the training. If you complete the training portion and score a 70 or above on the examination, you will be eligible to apply for your Private Applicator License, which will allow you to purchase all state limited use and restricted use pesticides used in agriculture.

To reserve your spot at the training, contact the Texas A&M AgriLIFE Extension Office of Colorado County at (979) 732-2082.

## Private Applicator Q&A Corner

### **I never received my license renewal?**

- ◆ The most common cause for not receiving a license renewal form is that the license holder did not notify TDA of a change of address. According to the TDA Laws and Regulations it is the responsibility of the applicator to notify TDA within 30 days of any change of address.

### **Can I carryover my CEUs from one cycle to the next?**

- ◆ No. CEUs received during any one or five year re-certification cycle may only be applied to the cycle in which they were received. TDA does not allow CEUs to be carried forward.

### ***Private Applicator Facts!***

**Private Applicator** -- A person who uses or supervises the use of restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticides for the purpose of producing an agricultural commodity on property owned or rented by the person or the person's employer or under the person's general control; or on the property of another person if applied without compensation other than the trading of personal services between producers of agricultural commodities. An agricultural commodity is defined as a plant or animal grown for sale, lease, barter, feed or human consumption and animals raised for farm or ranch work. Private applicator licenses are valid for five years, and the applicator must obtain 15 CEUs during that time to renew.

**Private Applicator Certificates** -- From 1977 through 1989, TDA issued private applicator certificates (not licenses) under a voluntary program. Private applicators who originally obtained a private applicator certification prior to January 10, 1989, were "grandfathered" by the legislature, meaning the certificate does not expire; however, in 1989 the Texas Pesticide Regulations were revised to require recertification for all applicators, including certified applicators, in order to purchase or use restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticides. The original "grandfathered" certificates had an issue number of 158532 or below. Because of computer advancements, when the original certificate is recertified, the applicator is given a new certificate number. Certified private applicators may not supervise an application of restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticides. Certificate holders must obtain 15 CEUs every five years to keep the certificate valid.



## **"Protecting Plants from Frosts and Freezes"**

**By Skip Richter, Extension Horticulturist**



Frosts and freezes mark the transition of our gardening seasons here in central Texas. Each year as cold weather threatens, residents go to great (and often strange) lengths to safeguard their plants from cold damage. Some techniques work well, and others don't.

Here in Texas we live between the northern zones where there is a REAL winter season each year and the sub tropics where freezing weather rarely if ever arrives. As a result, our landscapes include many plants that are marginally hardy and need some help to make it through an unusually cold winter.

Plants in containers are especially susceptible. Plant roots have little ability to acclimate or develop cold tolerance. While the ground stays well above freezing on a bitter cold night, the soil in a container gets almost as cold as the air temperature. Even though container plants above ground parts may survive a cold snap the roots may suffer injury. Such injury is often not evident until several months later when warmer temperatures begin to place increased demands on the plant.

To protect container plants, group them closely together in a protected location up against the home. If very cold temperatures are forecast, cover them with a blanket for the night.

The best way to protect in-ground plants from the cold is to cover them. There are some thick types of plant cover fabric available in local garden centers and by mail order that can provide a few degrees of protection on a cold night. Blankets also work well but are heavier and may require some supports to avoid crushing tender bedding plants, especially when weighted down by rain.

A sheet of plastic placed on top of a blanket can help hold the warm air underneath. However, plastic can burn any leaves it touches on a cold night. By placing it over a cloth cover, this is avoided. If more than one night of protection is needed, remove the covers during the day to allow the sun to warm the soil and then cover them again late in the day.

Blankets keep us warm because they help contain the heat that our bodies produce. Plants do not produce heat for the cover to hold in. The heat we are trying to contain is in the soil. Therefore the covers should go over the plants and to the ground, rather than be wrapped around the plant and tied around the trunk. Those "landscape lollipops" don't get much, if any, protection.

Two other handy items are a mechanic's light or string of outdoor Christmas lights. These can be placed under the covers to give added heat. Just take the obvious precautions to avoid fire hazards and electric shorts. Also take care not to allow a hot light bulb to contact and damage plant tissues such as the trunk or branches. Use lights beneath a cover to protect valuable but marginally hardy plants like a Satsuma orange tree or a kumquat bush.

When a freeze is forecast, be sure to give plants a good watering a day or so in advance. Drought stressed plants are more susceptible to cold injury. The moist soil is also a good "heat sink", absorbing heat during the day and radiating it out slowly on a cold night. Combined with a cover it can make a small but important difference. Of course we must take care not to overwater, creating a waterlogged soil condition. Soil dries out much more slowly in winter. Soggy soil excludes oxygen from the roots, often resulting in root loss and attack by root rotting fungi. Sprinkling the foliage and branches of plants prior to a freeze does NOT help protect them, contrary to some folk's opinions. In fact it can do more harm than good.

Finally, use leaves to mulch perennial plants. A thick blanket of leaves can help protect marginal perennials such as ginger, esperanza, and firebush.

## A Few Dates to Remember...

January 1, 2013	New Year's Holiday – Extension Office CLOSED
January 1, 2013	Texas Animal Health Commission Cattle Traceability Rule Effective Date
January 11, 2013	Winter Cattle Conference – Columbus Live stock Co. (3 CEUs)
January 16, 2013	Western Rice Belt Conference – El Campo Civic Center (3 CEUs)
January 17, 2013	Upper Gulf Coast Grain Handlers Conference – El Campo Civic Center (6 CEUs) Austin County Crop Update Meeting – Brazos FFA Building (2 CEUs)
January 18, 2013	Multi-County New Landowner Series – Intro – Washington County Matagorda County CEU Conference – Matagorda County Fairgrounds (5 CEUs)
January 21, 2012	Martin Luther King Day – Extension Office CLOSED
January 24, 2013	Upper Gulf Coast Feed Grain and Cotton Conference – Wharton County (5 CEUs) Master Gardener Open House/Training Registration Deadline – Austin County
January 28, 2013	Master Naturalist Orientation – Winedale
January 31, 2013	Wharton County CEU Conference – Wharton County Fairgrounds (5 CEUs)
February 1, 2012	Multi-County Spring Fruit Tree Seminar – Winedale (2 CEUs)
February 8, 2013	Gulf Coast Grape Growers Field Day – Cat Spring (3 CEUs) Colorado County CEU Conference – Sheridan Community Center (5 CEUs)
February 15, 2013	Multi-County New Landowner Series – Rural Laws/Codes – Austin County (1 CEU)
February 18, 2013	Presidents' Day – Extension Office CLOSED
February 21, 2013	Colorado County Private Applicator Training and Testing – Extension Office
March 15, 2013	Multi-County New Landowner Series – Wildlife Management & Native Prairie Restoration – Washington County (2 CEU)

Sincerely,

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### Americans with Disabilities

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service, or accommodations in order to participate in any Extension activities are encouraged to contact the County Extension Office at (979) 732-2082 10 days prior to the activity.

