

Agriculture Newsletter

COLORADO COUNTY

JANUARY 2021

Happy New Year to the “Goal-Getters”

Happy New Year to all. The year 2020 had some unprecedented challenges in store, but as expected our agricultural community showed its strength and resilience in the ability to continue on in feeding and clothing our country and world. As you all know the new year is a time when many folks sit down and come up with resolutions to change their life in some way in the coming year. The Cambridge Dictionary defines resolution as, “a promise to yourself to do or not to do something.” Recently within the fitness community I’ve heard coaches encourage people to set a goal for the year, instead of a resolution. This makes sense. Promises we make to ourselves are easily broken, but a goal is something that we can continually strive to reach. So as we enter 2021, what are your goals? Are you shooting for higher yields in the field and weaning weights in the pen? How about cutting down operational costs while still maintaining viability? Maybe your goal is to learn the names of five plant species on your property that you didn’t know, or to learn how to spot common turf diseases that may affect your St. Augustine. Whatever your goal is for the new year, may it be attainable and challenge you to thrive in your agricultural endeavors!

After 27 years of dedicated service, Mrs. Peggy Jurica retired as agricultural secretary for the AgriLife Extension Office of Colorado County on December 31st. We congratulate her on reaching this milestone, and wish her nothing but the best in the years ahead!

Mark Your Calendar

January 15th - 5 Hour “Virtual” CEU Program - Madison, Walker, Houston Counties
January 18th - Extension office closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. day.
January 20th - Western Rice Belt Conference
January 21st - Upper Gulf Coast Grain Handlers Conference
January 28th - Victoria CEU Virtual Seminar
January 29th - Matagorda County Beef and Forage Seminar

The Bright Spot

The local rice community and extension groups give back to communities. If you haven’t seen the article already check out this feature from Texas Farm Bureau <https://texasfarmbureau.org/texas-rice-farmers-donated-over-11000-pounds-of-rice/>

UPPER GULF COAST GRAIN HANDLERS CONFERENCE

JANUARY 21, 2021 - VIRTUAL PROGRAM

Registration Fee : \$20

Program - 8:25-3:00 pm

Please use the following link to
register:

[https://2021ugcghe
.eventbrite.com](https://2021ugcghe.eventbrite.com)

5 CEUs

Pending Approval from TDA

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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All attendees must register online by noon on January, 20th, 2021. The conference will be virtual on the Zoom platform. Attendees will receive an email with program [link.](#)



Program Topics and Speakers

Insect Management in Stored Grain Facilities

Dr. Dalton Ludwick - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Entomologist

TDA Pesticide Laws and Regulations Update

Melissa Barton—Texas Department of Agriculture Pesticide Inspector

OSHA Update

Marianne McGee - OSHA Compliance Assistance Specialist

How to be Bug Free

Sid Chambers - Regional Sales Manager Central Life Sciences

Diversifying IPM Program for Stored Products: The Case of Long-Lasting Insecticide

Dr. Rob Morrison - U.S. Department of Agriculture

Grain Truck Sanitation to Prevent Contamination

Joe Collins - Riviana

Fall Protection Demo

Chris Williams - Kennedy Equipment

Insect Identification

Kate Crumley - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension IPM Agent

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VIRTUAL WESTERN RICE PRODUCTION CONFERENCE

JAN 20, 2021 ONLINE VIA ZOOM

2 TDA CEUs • CCA credits applied for

PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED BY JAN 19 via EVENTBRITE

8:00 a.m.	WELCOME
8:15 a.m.	Basics of Herbicide Resistance Development in Weeds - <i>Dr. Muthu Bagavathiannan</i>
8:45 a.m.	BREAK
9:00 a.m.	Rice Varieties and Current Breeding Programs in Rice - <i>Mr. Galen Franz</i>
9:30 a.m.	Insect Management - <i>Dr. Mo Way</i>
10:00 a.m.	TDA Pesticide Laws & Regulations Update - <i>Melissa Barton</i>
11:00 a.m.	Cost of Rice Production - <i>Dr. Joe Outlaw</i>
11:30 a.m.	Rice Market Outlook - <i>Dr. Thomas Wynn</i>
12:00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
12:50 p.m.	Recognize upcoming retirement of <i>Dr. Mo Way</i> and <i>Bob Little</i>
1:00 p.m.	Update on Conservation and Working Lands Programs - <i>Dennis Neumann</i>
1:30 p.m.	Rice Water Efficiency - <i>Dr. Michele Reba, Research Hydrologist</i> <i>USDA Agricultural Research Service</i>

Click here to register
or call 979-532-3310

Victoria CEU Virtual Seminar

Thursday, January 28, 2021

**5 CEUs (3-General, 1-Laws & Regs,
1-Integrated Pest Management)**

**For Texas Department of Agriculture Private, Commercial, and Non-
Commercial Licensed Pesticide Applicators**

Registration online only at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/victoria-ceu-virtual-seminar-tickets-128551784849>

ZOOM INVITE WILL BE SENT AFTER YOU REGISTER

Program begins at 8:00AM

Cost: \$40 Registration Fee

POSSIBLE MANDATORY AUXIN TRAINING AFTERWARD

For more information call:

Victoria County Extension Office - 361-575-4581

Email: mtbochat@ag.tamu.edu

5 Hour CEU Program

Madison, Walker and Houston Counties

Pesticide Applicator Recertification Program

TDA Approved CEU's

ONLINE ONLY using Microsoft Teams App

8:00 am Welcome

Chadd Caperton— County Extension Agent, Madison County

8:05 am— Range and Pasture Update from Corteva (1 GEN)

Daniel Mielke, Corteva Agriscience

9:05 am— Soil Management Influence on Weed Control (1 GEN)

Dr. Tony Provin, Professor and Soil Chemist/Soil, Water and Forage Testing Laboratory

10:05 am— Break

10:15 am— An IPM Approach to Predator Control and Feral Hog Abatement (1 IPM)

Dr. Aaron Sumrall, Agrilife Extension Agent, Matagorda County

11:15 pm— Herbicide Options for Smutgrass and Other Difficult Weeds (1 GEN)

*Dr. Vanessa Corriher-Olson, Professor & Forage Extension Specialist
Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Soil & Crop Sciences Department*

12:15 pm— Lunch (Local Business TBD) Guest Speakers

1:00 pm— Pesticide Laws and Regulations Update (1 L&R)

*Dr. Don Renchie, Professor & Extension Pesticide Safety Education Specialist
Agricultural & Environmental Safety Unit Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service*

ONLINE ONLY

Can be watched using any smart phone, tablet or computer.

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January 15th,
2021
(Friday)

ONLINE ONLY
\$30 Pre-Registration
Required

RSVP By 1-8-21 to
936-348-2234

Program will be ONLINE

Matagorda County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

Matagorda County Beef & Forage Seminar

Date: January 29, 2021

Time: 8:30 AM - Registration

Place: Bay City Service Center
2105 Avenue M,
Bay City, TX 77414

**\$30.00 Online
or \$50 at the
Door**

Matagorda County AgriLife Extension service will be hosting a Beef & Forage Seminar on January 29, 2021 at 8:00 am, located at the Bay City Service Center. There will be lunch catered for this event, a \$30.00 fee payable online at : <https://matagordagrillifebeefandforageseminar.eventbrite.com> by January 20, 2021 or \$50 at the door.

We will have many guest speakers at this event such as Corrie Bowan - Wharton County CEA -Agriculture, he will be discussing wildlife conflict resolution. Dr. Megan Clayton - Extension Range Specialist, will be covering spot chemical application using drones. Dr. Mark Matocha - Extension Specialist Ag & Environmental Safety, will talk about pesticide updates and sprayer calibration. John Tomecek - Extension Wildlife Specialist, will discuss predator and pest management for livestock producers. Dr. Morgan Treadwell -Extension Range Specialist, will talk about prescribed fire management tool on agriculture land.

Please call Taina at 979-245-4100 if you need assistance in signing up online.

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5 Hr. CEUs

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

Sincerely,



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