

Agriculture Newsletter

COLORADO COUNTY

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Flood Preparedness and Response for Cow- Calf Producers



The following guidance for the care and treatment of cattle after a flood was adapted from a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension publication entitled ***Care and Treatment of Livestock after a Hurricane***. Visit the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Disaster Education Network website at texashelp.tamu.edu for more information.

- **Before the flood.**
 - All cattle should be identified and listed on an inventory. Veterinary records should be maintained and protected.
 - Cattle should be moved to higher ground before a flood.
 - Provide some protection from wind and rain (an area with feed and hay is ideal).
 - If cattle are confined in small pens, they should be evacuated.
- **Only reenter a flooded area after it is safe to do so.**
 - The storms which created the flood may have caused down powerlines, debris, and chemical spills.
 - Rising water will cause snakes to move to higher ground as well. This is a concern for both people and cattle.
- **As soon as it is safe, owners should check the condition of their cattle.**
 - While attempting to get to higher ground, cattle may have wandered on to roadways.
 - Checking perimeter fences for washed out water gaps is suggested.
 - Check for injured cattle, request veterinary assistance if necessary.
- **Post flood health and nutrition is important.**
 - Provide feed and hay for cattle that need supplementation.
 - Do not feed moldy hay, wet hay is fine as long as it is clean.
 - Internal and external parasites will likely be severe after a flood.
 - Flood waters may have also contaminated cattle drinking sources such as streams and tanks. Clean water may have to be brought in until the situation can be evaluated.
- **Heavy rains can cause drowning of cattle in low lying areas.**
 - It is important to dispose of dead animals properly.

Matthew Pfeifer
Extension Agent- Disaster Assessment and Recovery

Multi County New Land Owner Program - Pond Management

The fourth meeting for the 2021 series will take place on ***Friday, June 18, 2021*** at the Fayette County Fair Grounds-Event Center located in La Grange, Texas. The goal of this session is to help landowners with construction and/or understanding on pond management. The discussion will discuss pond site selection and tips to determine suitability or collection and retaining run off. The second part of the program will discuss pond ecology, what is the life cycle and an aquatic environment to better reach our goals. Lastly, one of the most popular portions will be aquatic vegetation and management. If we have a pond, at some point we will have to deal with vegetation, which ones are tolerable and how much is too much to have. If you have a “pond weed” and would like to identify it, please bring a fresh sample that includes leaves, stem, and flowers in a jar or bag with water. Two CEU (1 IPM and 1 Gen) will be available for licensed pesticide applicators.

Beef Quality Assurance Tip - Dr. Jason Banta

Stable flies can become a problem in the spring for cattle and horses on pasture and are found feeding on the lower legs. Severe stable fly infestations will cause cattle on pasture to bunch up in a circle. Spraying cattle can provide some short-term benefit but reducing breeding sites or spraying resting areas of the flies provide the most benefit. Stable flies like to lay eggs in decomposing vegetation like old hay feeding sites. If possible, spread old hay piles out so they can dry out or spray the piles with diflubenzuron or another insecticide labeled for suppression of emerging flies.

CFAP 2

USDA is implementing updates to the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program for producers of agricultural commodities marketed in 2020 who faced market disruptions due to COVID-19. This is part of a larger initiative to improve USDA pandemic assistance to producers. U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack announced an expansion of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) on March 24, 2021. CFAP updates include reopening of Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP 2), additional payments for eligible cattle and row crop producers, and the processing of payments for certain applications filed as part of CFAP Additional Assistance. The original application period for CFAP 2 was September 21 through December 11, 2020. USDA reopened CFAP 2 signup for all eligible producers beginning April 5, 2021. A deadline for signup will be announced at a later date. For more information you can visit <https://www.farmers.gov/pandemic-assistance/cfap>

Feathers, Furs, Farming - July 9th

The next session of the Feathers, Furs, Farming Program will be held on July 9th in Austin County. Topics for this program include: What you need to know about Conservation Easements; Navigating Hunting Leases– the Do’s and Don’ts; and Ask the Game Warden. More details for the program will be released soon. If you’re interested in getting more information please contact our office.

Mark Your Calendar

Our office will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day.





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Colorado County Row Crop Tour

Tour includes two stops:

- Corn variety trial
- Cotton hybrid trial
- Concludes with a BBQ meal and Evening Program

Sponsored by:
Area Agri-businesses

Colorado County
Row Crop Committee

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**Thursday, June 24,
2021**

Nada Community Center

Registration: 4:30 - 5:00 PM

Tour Departs @ 5:00 PM

**3 CEUs
will be offered****

****In order to receive CEU Credits
you MUST sign in at the Nada Com-
munity Center and stay through the
duration of the program**



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TEXAS A&M
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47th Annual Eagle Lake
Field Day

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

PROGRAM BEGINS AT 5:30 P.M.

**Doors Open at 5:00 PM at the Eagle Lake Community Center
For Meal and Evening Program**

Keynote Speakers:

***Updates From Texas A&M AgriLife Research Scientists
concerning rice breeding, nutrient management, management
options for heat stress, disease control, weed control, storage
pest management**

***Dr. Joe Outlaw
Farm Policy Issues**

***Dr. Philip Shackelford
Careers in Agriculture**

For Tickets and Information contact:
Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Beaumont / Eagle Lake
Wintermann Rice Research Station
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Eagle Lake, Texas 77434
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This Month:
ALL ABOUT
Laws/Trespassing

FEATHERS, FURS, AND FARMING

July 9, 2021

1:00-5:00 PM

\$20/Person

American Legion

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TOPICS

**What you need to know about
Conservation Easements**

**Navigating Hunting Leases—the Do's
and Don'ts**

Ask the Game Warden!



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

Sincerely,



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