

Agriculture Newsletter

COLORADO COUNTY

SEPTEMBER 2021

What Does the Passage of HB 365 Mean for you?

If you listen in to my weekly radio show on KULM, you may have heard me talk about HB 365. A few weeks ago. The information is timely and I want to be sure that folks are aware of HB 365 and a major change for livestock owners across the state. Our Ag Lawyer, Tiffany Lashmet described this best in a recent blog post on her Ag Law Blog published on August 16th, 2021. Here is an excerpt from Tiffany's blog post regarding HB 365:

Texas Farm Animal Liability Act Signage

The Texas Farm Animal Liability Act protects farm animal owners from liability if a participant in a farm animal activity is injured due to a risk inherent to a farm animal activity. The classic example is that there is always an inherent risk that someone who gets on a horse could get bucked off. This statute aims to shield the horse owner from liability in that situation. As of September 1, 2021, the Farm Animal Liability Act will require Texas farms and ranches, farm animal professionals, and farm or ranch lessees to hang a Farm Animal Liability Act sign pursuant to the statute.

The required sign language is:

WARNING

UNDER TEXAS LAW (CHAPTER 87, CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE), A FARM ANIMAL PROFESSIONAL OR FARM OWNER OR LESSEE IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING AN EMPLOYEE OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR, RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITIES.

This sign must be posted at a clearly visible location.

Landowners or lessees can certainly make their own signs, or various groups sell these signs. This includes the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and Texas Farm Bureau. Because the required language will change as of September 1, I recommend ensuring you obtain a sign with the most recent statutory language.

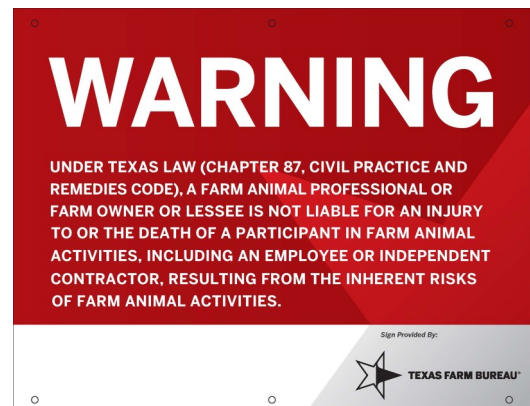


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This Month:
ALL ABOUT
Fire

FEATHERS, FURS, AND FARMING

September 24, 2021

1:00-5:00 PM

\$20/Person

Weimar Civic Center

1754 IH-10
Weimar, TX 78962

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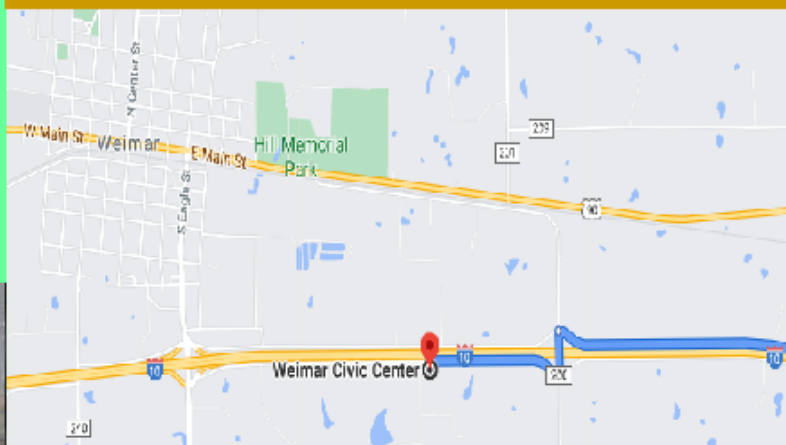
1 CEU - General

**Historic perspectives and the role of fire on
vegetation management**

**Preparing for the burn-fire line preparation,
fire weather, and smoke management**

Rules and Regulations on prescribed fire

Fire Equipment



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Brand Registration:

In accordance with Article 144.044 of the Agriculture Code, all brands must be re-registered every 10 years. New brands can be registered at any time. The marks and brands that have been previously recorded will expire on August 30, 2021. The owner of the brand will have from August 31, 2021 until February 28, 2022 to renew their mark or brand. Any person who does not re-register their brand during this 6-month period, forfeits legal right to that brand. The brand will become "void" on March 1, 2022, and will be available for use on a "first come" basis.

Renewals can be filed with the Colorado County Clerks Office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM -12:00 PM and 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM, at 318 Spring Street, Suite 103, Columbus, Texas 78934. The recording fee will be \$26.00 per mark and/or brand per each location.

Please call the County Clerk's Office 979-732-2155 if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Kimberly Menke, County Clerk
Colorado County, Texas

Multi County New Land Owner Program - Horticulture Production

The September meeting for the 2021 series will take place on ***Friday, September 17, 2021***, at The Vine located at 25200 Bernard Road, New Ulm 78950. Viticulture is growing in popularity with new landowners, and more are trying their hand at growing their own grapes to make wine. We have one of our Extension Viticulture specialist and Associate Professor discussing how to start your own vineyard and weather permitting, we will take a tour of The Vine's Vineyard. During this session we will also discuss pecan and fruit tree production with one of our Extension Horticulture Specialist. Learn what you need to know to get started growing your own orchard or a few pecan or fruit trees in your backyard. Two CEUs (2 General) will be offered for all licensed pesticide applicators.

Beef Quality Assurance Tips

Dr. Jason P. Banta, Extension Beef Cattle Specialist, Overton

Proper heifer development is important to ensure reproductive success now and in the future. In order to calve at 2 years of age heifers need to be bred between 13.5 and 14.5 months of age. Heifers should be developed to 65% of their mature bodyweight prior to breeding and 85% of their mature bodyweight prior to calving. Heifers that will develop into 1,200 pounds cows should weigh at least 780 pounds at breeding time and 1,020 pounds at calving. Heifers that will develop into 1,400-pound cows should weigh at least 910 pounds at breeding and 1,190 pounds at calving.

10th Annual Texas Fruit Conference

The Texas Fruit Conference is in its 10th year of providing education for the diverse fruit growing interests across Texas. Dates for the 2021 Texas Fruit Conference are set for October 11th and 12th in New Braunfels, Texas, at the City of New Braunfels Civic Convention Center. Registration is open at Texas A&M AgriLife Events: <http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/> Full program schedule can be found at [Texas Fruit Growers Blog - Fruit & Nut Resources](#) [Fruit & Nut Resources \(tamu.edu\)](#) See flyer on next page!

Mark Your Calendar

Our office will be closed on Monday, September 6th in observance of Labor Day, and Friday, September 10th to support our 4-H Youth at the Colorado County Fair!



October 11th & 12th, 8:00am—5:00pm

Civic/Convention Center, 375 S. Castell Ave., New Braunfels, TX

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10th Annual Texas Fruit Conference



Features:

Introduction to Fruit Growing Workshop (half-day)
Alternative Fruit Crops and Climate Constraints, Marketing in
Farmer's Markets, Figs, New Peach Varieties,
Cold-hardiness & Nitrogen Management, Sustainable Fruit
Growing, Organic Approaches, and Integrated Pest Management,
Food Safety, & Worker Protection Standards

Exhibitors: Irrigation, Nurseries, AgriChemicals, More
"Taste of Texas" Fruit Reception, Pesticide License CEU's

Intro to Fruit Growing Workshop

(half-day, 1 lunch, & fruit reception): **\$55**

Main Conference

(1.5 days, 2 lunches, & fruit reception): **\$90**

Workshop & Conference Package

(2 days, 2 lunches, & fruit reception): **\$125**



Taste of Texas Fruit Reception

Taste seasonably-available, fresh,
Texas-grown fruits and value-added
fruit products!

Network with growers & experts
Enjoy Texas-grown and produced
wines and beverages!

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

Sincerely,



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