

Agriculture Newsletter

COLORADO COUNTY

NOVEMBER 2021

Prussic Acid Testing

This time of year as we get closer to the first frost, I get a lot of questions concerning prussic acid in forages. Common plants for livestock that accumulate prussic acid include: grasses in the sorghum-sudan hybrids, johnsongrass, grain sorghum. Unlike nitrates, prussic acid can volatilize from cut/harvested forage. However it may not always be easy to cut forages following a frost to reduce prussic acid build up. Forages susceptible to prussic acid can be tested through the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab in College Station. To sample standing forage, selectively remove the newest upper leaves from 10-12 plants in different areas of the pasture/field. Place leaves in a sealable container, place the container on ice but do not freeze, and ship to the lab, preferably overnight. The lab will send you the results! For more information visit

<https://tvmdl.tamu.edu/> or https://tvmdl.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/B.014_0519.pdf

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

Mark Your Calendar

Our office will be closed on November 25th and 26th for the Thanksgiving Holidays!

January 20th - Upper Gulf Coast Grain Handlers Conference

February 4th - Colorado County Beef and Forage 5 Hour Educational Program

Informational fliers will be available soon!

Sponsored by: Colorado County Extension
Beef & Forage Committee

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Colorado County Soil Testing Campaign November 1 - November 30, 2021

This campaign is open to all Livestock, Forage, and Row Crop Producers.

Soil bags, campaign forms, and directions can be picked up at the Colorado County Extension Office and select feed stores in the county.

Soil Sample bags, **CAMPAIGN ONLY SUBMISSION FORMS**, and directions for sampling are available at the following locations:

Colorado County Extension office

Colorado Feed

Eagle Lake General Store

M-G Farm Service

Bernardo Farm & Ranch

Dudensing Farm Service

J&W Farm Ranch

Sheridan Memorial Library

All soil sample bags, forage sample bags, submission forms, and payments must be returned to the **Colorado County Extension office by November 30, 2021**



Prices:

Routine Analysis: \$3

Routine + Micro-nutrients: \$15

Please make checks payable to: Texas AgriLife Extension

Other Locations in Austin County

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Private Applicator Training



What is a Private Pesticide Applicator?

A private pesticide applicator is someone who uses or supervises the use of restricted-use or state-limited-use

pesticides or regulated herbicides to produce an agricultural commodity on:

- Personally owned property;
- Rented property;
- Property owned by his or her employer;
- Property under his or her general control; or
- The property of another person if applied without compensation, other than the trading of personal services between producers of agricultural commodities.

Books and study materials for the course need to be purchased ahead of time for \$40.00 at the Extension Office.

A registration fee of \$10.00 will be charged for the training.

The registration fee will include the training, additional study materials, refreshments and breakfast. The training will begin at 8:30 am and conclude at 12:30 pm.

Seating is limited, so make sure to reserve your spot in the class!



When: November 22, 2021

Where: Colorado County Extension office

316 Spring St. Columbus, TX 78934

Contact: 979-732-2082

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DISTRICT 8 FARM & RANCH VIRTUAL SEMINAR



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Date: Thursday, December 9, 2021

Time: 7:30am till 4pm (30min lunch break)

8 hrs of Pesticide CEU's Offered

A multi-county Farm & Ranch Virtual Seminar for farmers and ranchers conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in District 8 is scheduled Thursday, December 9, 2021.

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 9th seminar will provide participants with the opportunity to receive up to eight (8) CEUs. Of the eight (8) hours, three (3) hour will be in General, two (2) hours in IPM, two (2) hours in Laws and Regulations and one (1) hour in Drift.

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

Program registration cost is \$50.00.

Persons interested in attending this Virtual Programs on December 9th can register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/district-8-farm-and-ranch-virtual-seminar-tickets-204063889587>

Registration closes at 5:00pm on Dec 8th

If you have any questions, please call the Robertson County Extension Office at 979-828-4270.

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

Sincerely,



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