

Agriculture Newsletter

COLORADO COUNTY

MAY 2022

Forest Tent Caterpillars

I've gotten several calls about Forest Tent Caterpillars recently. There are several different kinds of tent caterpillars but the Forest Tent Caterpillar is the most common in Texas.

Immature tent caterpillars are colorful and about 1 and 3/4 inches long when fully grown. They have a few long hairs on their bodies, mostly along the sides. The forest tent caterpillar is characterized by the key-hole shaped markings on its back.



Figure 3. Tent caterpillar larvae.

I started seeing these caterpillars the week leading into Easter. Based on their short life cycles I would expect we should see a significant decrease in populations as we approach Mother's Day weekend. These caterpillars will contribute to defoliation of trees and shrubs, however many trees can experience 20% defoliation with no concerns. If the forest tent caterpillar feeds on trees and shrubs we can expect to see those plants push new growth within the next few weeks.

If these caterpillars are cause of concern you can treat them with products that include active ingredients like *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) variety *kurstaki*, or spinosad, or an insecticidal soap. When using these products be sure to spray the foliage of plants thoroughly so the product will be eaten by the caterpillars.

For more detailed information on the Forest Tent Caterpillar we have a great article authored by one of our Entomologists that is worth checking out. You can find it at this link <https://agrillifeextension.tamu.edu/library/gardening/tent-caterpillars/>

Mark Your Calendar

Our office will be closed on May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

I have heard that there will be a Pesticide Waste Collection Event in Victoria on June 29th, 2022. From my understanding this event will be sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture. I do not have any further details at this time. Once an official flier has been released we will share via email, Facebook and local newspapers. But I wanted to go ahead and let everyone know so that those of you who have pesticides to dispose of can make plans for June 29th.



Managing Aquatic Vegetation in Ponds

In partnership with Friends of
the Weimar Public Library

May 6, 2022

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Weimar Public Library

1 Jackson Square

Weimar, TX 78962

RSVP to Weimar Library

979-725-6608

1 CEU for Pesticide Applicators

*If you have a pond weed that you would like identified
please bring it in a jar with some pond water.

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Agriculture and Natural
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United States
Department of
Agriculture

Natural Resources Conservation Service

SMALL FARM OUTREACH PROGRAMS

WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE WORKSHOP

Wharton County Fairgrounds

6036 FM 961 Rd, Wharton, TX 77488

Topics

- USDA Drought & Conservation Programs
- Ag Marketing Strategies
- Forage Quality Techniques
- Stress Management in Cattle
- AND MORE!

Guest Speakers

- **Clint Taylor**, PVAMU Research Cattle Manager
- **Vance Mitchell**, Mitchell Cattle Company
- **Rachel Cutrer**, Ranch House Designs
- **Terren Moore**, Moore Farms & Insurance
- **Cheramie Viator**, Lazy 3 Cattle
- **David Daniels**, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)



**"Empowering Women Through
Agriculture"**

Saturday
May 7, 2022

9AM – 4PM

(Sign-In at 8:30)

FREE

**ADMISSION & LUNCH
WILL BE PROVIDED**

**REGISTER
HERE**

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Braxton Mitchell, Wharton/Austin County Extension

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**Thursday
May 12th**

Registration

8:30 am

Holman Parish Hall

9937 FM 155

La Grange TX

Program

9:00 - 12:00 pm

Hajovsky Bottom

**2 CEU
1 GENERAL
1 IPM**

TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE EXTENSION

Colorado/Fayette County Pecan Field Day

*If you have pecan trees or are interested in the possibility,
then we have the program for you!*

Please plan to join us on *Wednesday, May 12, 2022*, at the Hajovsky Pecan Bottom for a day of education and demonstration.

Dr. Larry Stein, Extension Horticulturalist will be the featured speaker for the day's program.

*Please remember to bring a
lawn chair with
you for use during the
programs.*



For more information, contact the Texas A&M
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following counties:

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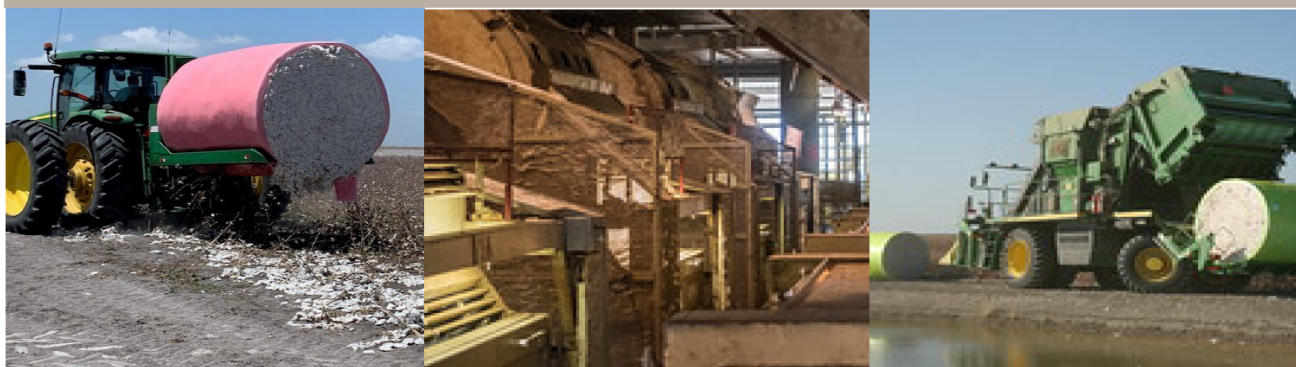
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Plastics in Cotton Seminar III



May 11, 2022
8:30am - 12:00pm



Join us from the comfort of your home!
All you need is a computer/tablet with internet capabilities.

This online discussion will focus on best practices, resources for cotton producers and ginners, research and protocols directed at reducing plastic contamination and other issues regarding plastics in cotton.

Speakers will include:

- Jeff Nunley, South Texas Cotton & Grain
- Kelly Green, Texas Cotton Ginners' Association
- Ben Robles, USDA Cotton Classing Office
- Lauren Krogman, National Cotton Council
- Kent Fountain, Southeastern Gin & Peanut
- John Wanjura, USDA ARS Cotton Production & Processing Research Unit
- Lagina Williams, Stover Equipment

To Register, please visit

<https://agrilife.zoom.us/meeting/register/t.JMpdeirpzoqGdKSzhVTCrQbOmIvFGuj-MOe>

Registration closes on May 9th.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

For more information: bobby.mccool@ag.tamu.edu or jaime.lopez@ag.tamu.edu

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**This Month:
All About
Plant Diversity**

FEATHERS, FURS, AND FARMING

May 13, 2022

Registration 1:00pm-
1:30pm
Program 1:30-5:00pm

\$15/Person
\$20/Couple

American Legion

1630 Meyer St.
Sealy, TX 77474

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TOPICS

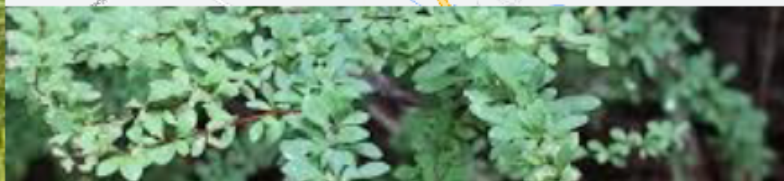
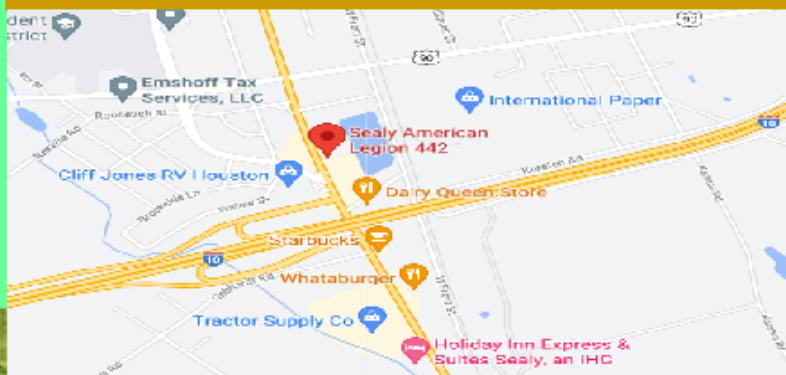
2 CEU's - General

Achieving Wildlife Management Goals with
Livestock Grazing

Plant Identification

Plant Quiz

If you have a plant you would like identified
please bring a fresh sample.



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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 1:30 pm and conclude at 4:00 pm.

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



When: May 16, 2022

Where: Colorado County Extension office

316 Spring St. Columbus, TX 78934

Contact: 979-732-2082

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2
CEUs

(1 IPM; 1 GEN)

Pond Management

2022 Multi-County New Landowner Educational Series

May 20, 2022

Washington County Expo Sales Facility

1305 East Blue Bell Road
Brenham, Texas 77833

Registration 1:00-1:30 pm

Program 1:30-5:00 pm

\$20/Person

To register online visit:

<https://washington.agrilife.org/nlo>

Topics to be covered:

Pond Construction

Aquatic Vegetation Management

Stocking Your Pond - Do's and Don'ts

**If you have a pond weed you
would like identified bring a
FRESH sample with you; include
leaves, flowers, stem if possible.**



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COTTAGES

By PARTNERS IN BUILDING

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

Sincerely,



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