

Agriculture Newsletter

COLORADO COUNTY

DECEMBER 2022

Goodbye 2022 - Hello 2023

As we wrap up 2022 and prepare for 2023 we have quite a few programs to gear up for beginning in January. Included in this newsletter are fliers for all of our upcoming programs with CEU offerings included. Please mark your calendars for Friday, February 17th, 2023. On this date we will host our 5 Hour CEU Program sponsored by the Colorado County Beef and Forage Committee. More information on this program will be released in January.

Hypoxylon Canker of Post Oak Trees

I've started to get a few calls about declining oak trees. Most of these trees are post oak trees that are experiencing oak decline and some are showing signs of hypoxylon canker. This canker is a fungus that causes cankers and death of oaks and other hardwood trees. This fungus typically attacks trees that are weakened, stressed or damaged. We usually see this in post oak trees after periods of drought. Symptoms of hypoxylon canker include: yellow/brown leaves, small leaves and reduced twig growth, dead limbs and branches, water sprouts growing on the trunks, die-back of feeder roots, white and stringy sapwood in the cankered area. Once the fungus sets in there isn't a whole lot that can be done to save the tree. Preventing stress to the tree is key. Vertical mulching is one way to improve the soil environment. Our plant pathologists have a great factsheet on hypoxylon canker. You can find it at plantclinic.tamu.edu or by contacting our office! (Photo courtesy of Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Lab.)



Our office will be closed on Friday, December 23rd, Monday, December 26th and Monday January 2nd in observance of the Christmas and New Year Holidays.



Bluebonnet Master Gardener Association 2023 Training Class

**Training Classes every Thursday
January 19th - April 20th**

Graduation on Tuesday, April 25th during the BMGA meeting

9:00am -1:00pm

**Fayette County Extension Office
255 Svoboda Ln.,
La Grange, TX 78945**

\$200 per person: includes over 50 hours of gardening education!

The Master Gardener program is a unique opportunity for individuals who are interested in horticulture and serving their community. Master Gardeners are trained in all facets of horticulture such as plant & soil science, entomology, plant pathology, landscape design, vegetable gardening, and much more. Upon completion of at least 50 hours of class time to receive the title of "Master Gardener", trainees are required to complete 50 hours of volunteer service in their local community.

For more information on the Master Gardeners program, contact the Extension office at 979-968-5831 or visit the Bluebonnet Master Gardener Website at <https://txmg.org/bluebonnet/apply>

Course Outline

- Welcome, Master Gardeners
- Soil Characteristics
- Soil Improvement
- Plant Development
- Plant Propagation
- Water
- Irrigation
- Earth-Kind Landscaping
- Freeze Preparation
- Plant Pathology
- Insects
- Integrated Pest Management
- Ornamentals Plants
- Lawns/weeds
- Vegetables & Herbs
- Fruit
- Landscape Design
- Field Trip-Optional



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5 CEUS

(Pending TDA Approval)

LANDOWNER SUMMIT

JANUARY 12, 2023

Washington County Expo Event Center
1305 East Blue Bell Road, Brenham

Registration 8:30am
Program 9:00-3:30pm

Breakfast, Snacks, Refreshments, Lunch
and Conference Proceedings Included

\$45 Pre-Registration Before 1/3/2023

\$60 Registration At the Door

Topics

- Native Grass Transition and Establishment - Dos and Don'ts
- Pesticide Hazard and Safety
- Proper Weed and Brush ID for More Effective Control
- Nuisance Animal Control

All proceeds benefit the Gideon Lindecum
Texas Master Naturalist Scholarship.

For more information and to register please
contact the Washington County Extension Office at (979) 277-6212 or at
<https://washington.agrilife.org/summit>

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Washington County
Extension Agent Ag/NR

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UPPER GULF COAST GRAIN HANDLERS CONFERENCE

JANUARY 17, 2023 - EL CAMPO CIVIC CENTER

Preregister - \$25.⁰⁰

*By contacting the Colorado County
Extension Office before January 14th*

At the Door - \$30.⁰⁰

Registration - 7:30 am
Program - 8:30-3:00 pm

5 CEUs

Pending Approval from TDA

NO structural CEUs offered

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Corrie Bowen
Wharton County
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Program Topics

Pesticide Laws and Regulations for Fumigations and Handling
Greg Baker

OSHA Update
Marianne McGee - OSHA Compliance Assistant Specialist

Grain Bin Safety
Chad Tye— Specialty Fire and Rescue Service

Pesticide Storage and Disposal
Dr. Don Renchie – Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

IPM Resistance
Dr. Dalton Ludwick - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Rice Pest Management
Dr. Lina Bernoala - Texas A&M AgriLife Research

Grain Truck Sanitation
TBA

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2023 WESTERN RICE BELT PRODUCTION CONFERENCE

Texas Rice Council Annual Meeting
El Campo Civic Center

January 18, 2023

RICE TRADE SHOW

Including booths from
Conference Sponsors

EXHIBITS INCLUDE

Equipment
Seed Dealers
Chemical Suppliers
Other Rice Industry
Products

CONTACT INFO

Corrie Bowen
County Extension Agent
Ag/Natural Resources
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7:30 a.m.	REGISTRATION
8:10a.m.	Welcome Judge Philip Spenrath
8:15 a.m.	Carbon Farming Corinna Baban, Agreeta
8:45 a.m.	Kernel Smut in Rice Dr. Young-Ki Jo
9:15 a.m.	BREAK
9:45 a.m.	Insect Management Dr. Lina Bernaola
10:15 a.m.	Grass Weed Control Dr. Muthu V. Bagavathiannan
10:30 a.m.	Irrigation Water Supply Updates
	♦ LCRA Water Supply Projection Randy Epps
	♦ Gulf Coast Groundwater Conservation District Neal Hudgins
11:00 a.m.	TDA Pesticide Laws and Regs Update Stephanie Theriot
12:00 p.m.	LUNCH
	♦ Rice Poster Contest Results Lori Garcia and Laura Reyna
	♦ Reports from our Texas Rice Boards
	♦ Rice Producer Board Galen Franz
	♦ Texas Rice Research Foundation Galen Franz
	♦ Rice Council Tommy Turner
	♦ Texas Rice Producers Legislative Group L.G. Raun
1:00 p.m.	Organic Rice Update Bob Whitney
1:30 p.m.	Climate Friendly Rice Tyler Hull, AgriCapture
2:00 p.m.	Climate Smart Grant Funds Steve Linscombe, USA Rice
2:10 p.m.	Rice Policy and Farm Bill Update Dr. Joe Outlaw

**Please help us plan accordingly and [CLICK HERE](#)
to RSVP or scan the QR code above by Jan 11**

3.0 TDA CEUs
TDA and CCA Credits Applied for

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Colorado County Lunch - N - Learn Series 2023

Bring your lunch and learn.

Light refreshments; coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.

It's Free!

Registration:

11:50am - 12:05pm

Program:

12:05pm - 12:55pm

No Pre-Registration Required

County Services Building

305 Radio Lane
Columbus, Texas 78934

January 18

Spring Garden Planning

March 15

Blooming Plants for Landscape

February 15

Soil Testing Composting

April 19

Controlling Garden Pests

May 17

Plant Propagation

Questions?

Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service of Colorado County
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 EagleLake
 Frelsburg
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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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