

Agriculture Newsletter

COLORADO COUNTY

JULY 2023

Summer is a busy time of year for county extension agents. When July arrives we as agents prepare for our annual professional development conferences. The Texas County Agricultural Agent Association (TCAAA) Annual Professional Development Conference took me to Wichita Falls the week of July 9th. The highlight of this trip was getting to go on a professional development tour to the RA Brown Ranch in Throckmorton. While at the ranch Donnell Brown gave us Ag agents a very informational view of their operation and outlook on being cattlemen and cattlegirls. One of the neat things I got to see while on this tour was their in-pen weigh system. This was a new technology that I was not familiar with. The technology allows for cattle to weigh themselves as they go to the water trough each day. The weigh plate is positioned so only their front feet can step on it, to eliminate any other animals stepping on the plate and skewing the reading. As the cattle put their heads to the trough, an RFID reader collects their tag number and partial weight. Then an algorithm uses a formula to calculate the animals total weight and records it in the computer system. This technology allows ranchers a low stress option for gathering daily weights on cattle.

I'm not here to endorse this technology or encourage every cattle producer in Colorado County to go out and purchase this equipment to start using on your own ranch. I just wanted to share a neat piece of technology that is being utilized in the beef industry! If you're interested in learning more about this technology,

Vytelle is the company that the Brown Ranch purchased their system from. You can find more information on their site about this system at the following link <https://vytelle.com/tools/vytelles-in-pen-weighing-position-technology-review/>



Colorado County Lunch - N - Learn Series 2023

**Bring your lunch
and learn!**

**Light refreshments;
tea and snacks will be
provided.**

It's Free!

Registration:

11:50am - 12:05pm

Program:

12:05pm - 12:55pm

**No Pre-Registration
Required**

July 19th

**Propagating
Native
Milkweeds**

**305 Radio Lane
Columbus,
Texas 78934**

August 16th

**Water Management
in the
Landscape/Garden**

September 20th

**Texas Superstar
Plants/Native Plants
for Texas
Landscape**

It's Free!

November 15th

**Food Preservation
How to properly store
excess garden produce.**

October 18th

**Winter Gardening &
Winter Companion
Plants**

Questions?

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This Month:
ALL ABOUT
Advice on Public and
Private Hunting Lands

FEATHERS, FURS, AND FARMING

August 11, 2023

Registration 1:00pm-
1:30pm

Program 1:30-5:00pm

\$15/Person

\$20/Couple

Weimar Civic Center

1754 IH-10
Weimar, TX 78962

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TOPICS

Hunting Safety & Laws

Hunting Leases—the Do's and Don'ts

Public Hunting in Texas - Opportunities
for You

Ask the Game Warden!



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Bees & Trees for Homeowners

2023 Multi-County New Landowner Educational
Series

August 18, 2023

Immaculate Conception German Catholic Church-Parish Hall

15994 TX-159
Industry, TX

Registration 1:00-1:30 pm

Program 1:30-5:00 pm

\$20/Person/Session

To register online visit:

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

Topics to be covered:

Bee Keeping Basics

Trees for Texas Landowners



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2023



12th Annual Texas Fruit Conference

October 18-20, 2023
Fredericksburg, Texas

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The Texas Fruit Conference is a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension event aimed at educating new and experienced fruit growers through classroom instruction, experiential learning, and peer-to-peer networking.

Event 1: Intro to Fruit Growing Workshop: Considering an orchard for the first time? Never planted a fruit tree? We have you covered! Our Half-Day-workshop is designed to get you started on a path to long-term financial success.
When: Wednesday Morning, October 18th, Gillespie County AgriLife Extension Office, 38 Business CT, Fredericksburg, TX 78624. Program: *Site and resource evaluation for new fruit orchards*-Jim Kamas; *Fruit orchard establishment*-Larry Stein; *Budgeting time resources-what it takes to start and manage an orchard*-Jacy Lewis; *Disease & insect threats to successful fruit production*—Brianna Hoge; *Developing an orchard IPM philosophy*—Monte Nesbitt; *Deciding what to grow: major production & marketing considerations*—Tim Hart-

Event 2: Commercial Orchard Tour : Gain firsthand insight and experiences of Fredericksburg-area fruit growers in an educational group field trip.
When: Wednesday Afternoon, October 18th; Location(s) to be determined.

Event 3: Fruit Conference Main Program: Delve deeper into commercial or recreational fruit production in a 1 -Day educational program aimed at keeping Texas fruit growers abreast of sustainable practices, emerging issues, new crop opportunities, variety introductions, novel production approaches, marketing strategies, and integrated pest management. Texas Pesticide Licence CEU's will be offered.
When: Thursday, October 19th , 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Gillespie County AgriLife Extension Office, 38 Business Ct., Fredericksburg, TX; Lunch Included.

Event 4: Taste of Texas Fruit Reception: Meet fellow fruit growers, Texas A&M AgriLife personnel, eat great fruit-centered food, and sample Texas wines.
When: Thursday, October 19th, 5:00-7:00 pm; Tatsch House, Lady Bird Park, Fredericksburg.

Event 5: Optional Intensive Workshop: Want to learn more? This year we are offering a "mini-intensive" training centered on one important commercial orchard topic—irrigation. Explore irrigation system design, delivery options, troubleshooting, and new technologies from AgriLife personnel and commercial irrigation companies that serve the fruit industry in Texas.
When: Friday, October 20th, 9:00 am-11:30 am; Viticulture and Fruit Laboratory, 259 Business Ct, Fredericksburg, TX.

For More Information: Contact Monte Nesbitt, (979) 862-1218;
Email: monte.nesbitt@ag.tamu.edu or the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Viticulture & Fruit Laboratory in Fredericksburg 830-990-4046.

Registration: <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/hort-ev-022>

2023 Colorado County Row Crop Tour THANK YOU to our Sponsors

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Thanks to the generous support of local agribusinesses, the Colorado County Row Crop Committee awarded a total of \$3000 in scholarships to graduating seniors in Colorado County this year.

Congratulations to Audrey Potter, Reagan Nelson, Edward Pesak, and Jakelyn Primrose !

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

Sincerely,



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