

DISTRICT 8 FARM AND RANCH SEMINAR, December 12th
(Multi-county CEU event)

A multi-county Central Texas program for farmers and ranchers conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in District 8 is scheduled December 12, 2013. The District 8 Farm and Ranch Seminar will be offered at 13 locations across Central Texas.

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 12th seminar will provide participants with the opportunity to receive up to eight (8) CEUs. Of these eight (8) hours, four (4) hours will be in General, one (1) hour in Drift Minimization, one (1) hour in IPM and two (2) hour in Laws and Regulations. Licensed commercial and non-commercial applicators will be able to obtain their required five hours within the first five hours of the program.

Topics and speakers include:

- *Laws and Regulations related to Pesticide Applicators* presented by Local County Extension Agents;
- *Aquatic Vegetation Control and Management* presented by Dr. Todd Sink, Associate Professor & Fisheries Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, College Station;
- *The Impacts and Management of Herbicide Drift* presented by Jon Gersbach, County Extension Agent - Ag/NR, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Milam County;
- *Feral Hogs' Biology and Control* presented by Dan Gaskins, Extension Assistant, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Gatesville;
- *Managing Herbicide and Pesticide Application to Protect Water Resources* presented by Dr. Diane E. Boellstorff, Assistant Professor and Extension Water Resource Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, College Station;
- *Managing Invasive Species in Drought Conditions in Bermudagrass and Native Pastures* presented by Hugh Aljoe, Consultation Program Manager, The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, Ardmore, OK;
- *Managing Fire Ants on the Farm* by Dr. Sonja Swiger, Assistant Professor and Extension Livestock/Veterinary Entomologist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Stephenville, TX; and
- *Herbicide Protocols for Converting Introduced Pastures to Native Pastures* by Dr. Larry Redmon, Professor & State Forage Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, College Station

Program registration cost is \$50, which includes lunch, breaks and handout materials. Registration will begin at each of the 13 locations at 7AM with presentations starting at 7:30AM and running till 4:30PM. Persons interested in attending one of these programs on December 12 can pre-register by contacting one of the following County Extension Offices: Bell County (Temple) ; Comanche and Eastland Counties (DeLeon) at 325-356-2539; Ellis County (Waxahachie) at 972-825-5186; Erath and Hood Counties (Stephenville) at 254-965-1460; Hamilton and Coryell Counties (Gatesville) at 254-865-2514 or 254-386-3919, Hill (Hillsboro) at 254-582-4022; Johnson, Somervell and Bosque Counties (Cleburne) at 817-556-6370; Freestone County (Fairfield) at 903-389-3436; Limestone County (Groesbeck) at 254-729-5314; McLennan County (Waco) at 254-757-5180; Navarro County (Corsicana) at 903-654-3075; **Robertson, Falls, Leon and Milam Counties (Franklin) at 979-828-4270** and Williamson County (Georgetown) at 512-943-3300.

For more information, contact one of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service county offices listed above.

Individuals with disabilities requiring an auxiliary aid or special accommodations in order to participate in this program are asked to contact the Robertson County Extension Office at (979) 828-4270 to determine how reasonable accommodations may be met.

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