



**Texas Small Farmers &  
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AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

## **Product and Service Improvement Strategies for Small-Acreage Producers**

Spring 2013 – Seminar Series

**1. When: Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013, from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Where: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office, 1200B West Houston Street, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482**

- *Dairy and Beef Production in Northeast Texas*, Dr. Mario Villarino, Hopkins County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent
- *Grass Species in Northeast Texas*, Dr. Curtis Jones, Texas A&M AgriLife Agronomist Specialist and Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University – Commerce
- *Nature and Formation of Cooperatives*, Dr. Jose Lopez, Assistant Professor of Agribusiness, Texas A&M University – Commerce

**2. When: Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013, from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Where: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office, 1200B West Houston Street, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482**

- *Pests Affecting Crops in North East Texas: Best Management Practices Targeted to Control Armyworms and Grasshoppers*, Dr. Mario Villarino, Hopkins County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent
- *East Texas Weeds and Strategies to Control Them*, Dr. Curtis Jones, Texas A&M AgriLife Agronomist Specialist and Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University – Commerce
- *Cooperatives*, Rural Development, United States Department of Agriculture

**3. When: Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013, from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Where: Ag Work Shop Room, Room 149, Agricultural Sciences Building, Texas A&M University – Commerce, 2600 West Neal St, Commerce, TX 7548**

- *Youth Employment in Agriculture*, Dr. Bob Williams, Associate Professor and Teacher Educator, Coordinator-Agricultural and Family Education, Texas A&M University – Commerce
- *Tractor and Machinery Safety*, Mr. Jonathan Mendez, Graduate Student and Former John Deere Service Technician, Texas A&M University – Commerce
- *Management of Cooperatives*, Dr. Jose Lopez, Assistant Professor of Agribusiness, Texas A&M University – Commerce
- *Lessons Learned from Running a Pick-Your Own Fruit Operation*, Dr. Jim Heitholt, Professor and Department Head, Agricultural Sciences, Texas A&M University – Commerce
- *Selecting Your Crop: Soil Properties and Site Selection*, Dr. Mario Villarino, Hopkins County AgriLife Extension Agent

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- *Cooperatives*, Rural Development, United States Department of Agriculture
- *Sprayer Calibration*, Dr. Curtis Jones, Texas A&M AgriLife Agronomist Specialist and Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University – Commerce
- *Alternative Crops: Agricultural Diversification to Satisfy Changing Markets*, Dr. Mario Villarino, Hopkins County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent
- *Erosion Prevention*, Mr. Troy Mumphrey, Soil Conservation Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture

**Seminars are Free!  
Free Lunch!**

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