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Agricultural Education Events & News Update

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This newsletter is an effort to inform you of upcoming agricultural educational events and related activities in the Walker County area with upcoming preregistration requirements. There are also a couple of programs mentioned in this newsletter which while may be a little outside our immediate geographic area, include topics of interest to numerous landowners.

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Educational Programs –

- ✓ **January 10th -5.5 Hour TDA CEU Recertification Program** (at the Walker County Storm Shelter)
- ✓ **January 14th First Class Meeting: Walker Co GROWN FRESH!** (at the WC AgriLife Extension office)
- ✓ **January** (look for more info coming soon) –**Bull Breeding Soundness Exam Workshop**

Also of Note in this edition:

- **2014 Texas Farrier Conference**
- **2014 Turfgrass Ecology & Management Short Course**
- **East Texas Pasture Management**

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2014 Walker County 5.5 Hour CEU Pesticide Applicator Recertification Program

Event Date: 1/10/2014 Friday (7:50 AM-
approx. 3:00 PM)

***At the Walker County Storm Shelter (455
Highway 75 N. Huntsville TX)**

This event is co-sponsored annually by the Walker County Soil & Water Conservation District #435 & the Extension Livestock & Pasture Committee.

\$40.00 Registration fee includes Lunch,

\$30.00 without Lunch

**RSVP is required prior to 1/07/12 to (936) 291-
1901 ext. 109**

Topics for this program are:

- **Community Fire Ant Control Efforts & Results**, Dr. Paul Nester, Extension Program Specialist
- **Update on Weed & Brush Control in Range & Forages**, Dr. Paul Baumann, Professor and Extension Weed Specialist
- **Identification of Plants for Effective Herbicide Applications**, Dr. Barron Rector, Professor and Extension Range Specialist
- **Forage Production Enhancement via Weed Control Efforts**, Dr. Larry Redmon, Professor and Extension Forage Specialist
- **Pesticide Laws & Regulations Update Pesticide Safety Issues**, Dr. Don Renchie, Extension Program Leader for Agricultural & Environmental Safety

CEU's to be provided through this educational program are:
**1.0 hr. L&R,
2.0 hr. IPM,
2.5 hr. GEN**





**2014 Walker County
"Grown Fresh!"
From LEAF-PRO to Dinner Tonight**

The 2014 Walker County "Grown Fresh!" program series (6 meetings over 3 months) will showcase timely information on how to grow common home vegetable garden products with emphasis on proper environmental management and ultimate utilization of the produce in a nutritious addition to the family diet.

Selected vegetables which are suitable for production in Walker County will be discussed during the course of this educational effort. Featured vegetables will be discussed prior to optimum spring planting dates/time. This effort will allow program participants to plan for and work their gardens shortly prior to recommend planting time. Participants will learn how to produce and manage healthy, locally adapted food products which will encourage and support added self-sustainability options for their family. Production recommendations will utilize Texas A&M AgriLife Extension & Walker County LEAF-PRO information. Each featured vegetable product will include demonstration(s) on preservation, or fresh utilization in the daily family diet as appropriate. Nutritional information and utilization methods will be provided to program participants regarding the healthy benefits of the home produce based on the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Dinner Tonight program.

**Class Schedule: (7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Nightly)
at the Walker Co AgriLife Extension Office.**

January 14th – Early Seeded & Transplant Crops + Soil Preparation, with Vegetable Freezing & Swiss Chard Cooking Demonstration

January 28th - Parsley, Radish, Turnip, Bok Choy, Irish Potato, + Irrigation Methods, with Pressure Cooking Demonstration, Home Canned Stew/Soup Mix Demonstration

February 11th - Mustard, Beets +Pest Management, with Hot Water Bath Canning

February 25th - Corn, Beans, Tomatoes, with Corn Grilling, No Guilt Guacamole, Salsa Demonstration

March 4th or 11 (TBD) - Cucumber, Eggplants, Peppers, Pumpkin, Squash, with Vegetable Pickling, Squash Recipe(s) Demonstration

March 25th - Muskmelon, Cantaloupe, Watermelon, Okra, with Pickling Cont., Watermelon Vinaigrette Recipe Demonstration

The 2014 Walker County "Grown Fresh!" program series will be offered for participation with a onetime \$50.00 per couple fee, or \$25.00 per person to include the entire 6 meeting series or an onsite (with pre-notification) \$20.00 per person/per educational program fee. **Reservations can be made by contacting the Walker Co AgriLife Extension office at (936) 435-2426.**

Other Educational Opportunities:

2014 Texas A&M Farrier Conference

January 10, 2014 in College Station, TX

This conference is designed for professional farriers and veterinarians who want to get the latest information and technology on proper hoof care of the horse. The conference is also open to interested horse owners, riders, exhibitors and any horse enthusiasts. Featured talks and demonstration will include anatomy of the foot and lower leg, basics of a correct

trim, therapeutic shoeing for navicular syndrome and laminitis, latest research findings on laminitis, effect of nutrition on foot health, effect of balance on foot flight, and new technology for hoof care. The conference will precede the Texas Professional Farriers Association - Sponsored AFA Certification Exams which will be held Friday evening and Saturday, January 11. Registration fee includes refreshments and lunch. Registration is required to attend this event (\$50.00 11/04-1/10, or \$60.00 Onsite). There is a discount for farriers already registered for the TFPA Certification Exams. Online registration is available at: <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/>

2014 Turfgrass Ecology & Management Short Course
January 27- January 31 in College Station, TX

The Turfgrass Ecology and Management Short Course is an intensive 5-day educational opportunity for anyone interested in the fundamentals of turfgrass physiology and management. It is designed for professional turfgrass managers as well as anyone else in the green industry with a desire to learn the basics of how to properly manage turfgrasses with respect to growth, fertility, pest control, water use, water quality, etc. Attendees will be exposed to the fundamentals of proper turfgrass selection, growth and maintenance as well as the latest up-to-date information from a diverse collection of Texas A&M University faculty.

Specific Topics Include:

- Introductory Turfgrass Physiology
- Turfgrass Species: Identification, Selection, and Establishment
- Turfgrass Management: Mowing, Fertility, and other Cultural Practices
- Turfgrass Water Use and Proper Irrigation Practices
- Soil Physical and Chemical Properties
- Water Quality: Analysis, Interpretation, and Implementation
- Pesticide Labeling and Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Regulations
- Turfgrass Pest Management: ID and Control of Weeds, Diseases, and Insects

- Spreader and Sprayer Calibration: Classroom and Hands-on Exercises
- Registration for this event (received 12/7-1/24) is \$495.00 per person. Online registration is available at: <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/>

East Texas Pasture Management
February 21, 2014 in Overton, TX

- Save money by understanding active ingredients, residual control and herbicide cost
- Test your knowledge with a hands on weed identification
- Grasshopper and fall armyworm control
- Spray adjuvants and additives
- Chemicals and hormones: They are everywhere!

Registration for this event (9/16-2/20) is \$25.00, or \$30.00 onsite. Online registration is available at: <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/>



If you have questions or would like more information regarding Extension Educational Programs, call us at (936) 435-2426.

Provisions from the American Disability Act will be considered when planning educational programs and activities. Please notify the Walker County Extension Office if you plan on attending an Extension Educational program and need specialized services. Notification of at least two weeks in advance is needed, so that we may have ample time to acquire resources needed to meet your needs. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating. The information given herein is for educational purposes only. Reference to commercial products or trade names is made with the understanding that no discrimination is intended and no endorsement by Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service is implied.

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