

# AGRICULTURAL Program Update



**Last years New Farmer & Rancher Workshops were a HUGE SUCCESS!**

We will be offering additional workshops for new landowners— (or those interested in exploring new land use options)

One of our first 2010 New Farmer & Rancher installment will be a **Grazing Management Workshop** on May 14th (Friday) at the Walker County Storm Shelter/H.E.A.R.T.S. Museum Complex.

Additional workshop offerings for 2010 are planned to include:

Home Vegetable Production and Preservation

Farm & Ranch Safety

Selecting Agricultural Equipment & Implements

## 2010 Educational Programs to Look For!

**Landowners— Could you use some advise regarding setting up land leases?**

If you have considered leasing land or picking up some lease land, you will want to attend the land leasing program on January 19th to be held in conjunction with the WC Timber Growers Association Annual Meeting. This meeting is being co-sponsored by the Walker Co Soil & Water Conservation District, Walker Co Farm Bureau, and the Extension Livestock & Pasture Committee in addition to the Timber Growers Association.

This program will provide insight into what makes a fair lease for both parties, how to protect the landowners investment and facilities, negotiation tips, and other essential information. In addition to agricultural leases, an overview of mineral leases will be discussed. Previous topics have included right of ways, pipelines and gas leases.

Our speaker for this program will be Mr. Judon Fambrough from the Mays Business College at Texas A&M. Mr. Fambrough is a published author on numerous legal topics related to real estate law and landowners property issues.

Don't miss the **Walker County Proud -Tree Sale** on February 6 (Saturday), 8:00 AM until.. A wide range of adapted trees will be available. Master Gardeners will hold an educational program the week prior –watch the newspaper for additional info!

- **“World’s Healthiest Vegetables” Workshop** (see page 2)
- **Master Gardener Training Class** now forming (see page 2)
- **Mare/Foal Workshop at TAMU** (see page 2)
- **Timber Growers Meeting** Tuesday –January 20, 2010 (see page 2)
- **5.5 Hour CEU Pesticide Applicator Program** Friday - January 16, 2010 (see page 3)
- **Pesticide Cancellations** (see page 4)

## **Help Get the Year Started Right— Eat Some Healthy Vegetables!**

The Walker Co Master Gardeners have two upcoming educational programs scheduled to discuss vegetables and utilization of garden produce. The cold days of winter make anticipation of spring gardens and their bounty a bright prospect.

The first program, **“World’s Healthiest Vegetables”** is scheduled for February 23, (Tuesday), and will be at the Huntsville City Council Chambers in downtown Huntsville. The second program, **“Cooking with Herbs”** is planned for March 9, (Tuesday) also at the City Council Chambers location. Both programs will be held from 10:30 AM until 12 Noon.

Walker County Master Gardeners will be presenting several other vegetable gardening programs in 2010 in surrounding counties. If you have a community organizational group which would be interested in a gardening or horticultural related educational program, feel free to give us a call and we will get you on the calendar!

## **2010 Master Gardener Class is Forming**

Attention Gardeners!! The 2010 Walker County Master Gardener Class is nearing our starting date. Class size is limited due to space here at the Extension Office, but there are still a few seats available. Classes will begin January 14, 2010. There is a \$130.00 fee for the 15 session training class.

The Master Gardener program is a volunteer development program which supports the outreach educational efforts of Texas AgriLife Extension Service. Since our county program began in 2001, we have trained 201 individuals through the Master Gardener Classes. During 2009 our volunteers reached over 26,000 individuals with an educational message through community programs, tours, manned exhibits, youth activities, community events or mass media efforts.

Each Master Gardener Intern is required to participate in at least 50 hours of Extension Master Gardener training and return 50 hours of volunteer work to the Texas AgriLife Extension program. With the completion of these requirements the Intern is then certified as a Texas Master Gardener. Our classes meet on Thursday afternoons. Call for current class availability and additional information.

## **Equine Owner Education Workshop Mare/Foal Management Workshop**

COLLEGE STATION Mare owners seeking information on broodmare management and raising foals will have an opportunity to attend a one day program focusing on just that at the 12th Annual Mare/Foal Workshop on Wednesday, February 24th, 2010 at Texas A&M University, Louis Pearce Pavilion. Mare owners will obtain information regarding broodmare and foal nutrition, the estrous cycle, foaling predictors & basic Equine genetics. Basic reproductive function, detection of estrus and signs of foaling will be discussed or demonstrated. Health care, restraint of mares, as well as some foal handling and neonatal care will be addressed. This one day workshop is designed for mare owners. It is not intended to be a breeders school.

You must preregister to attend the workshop. Registration includes printed materials, light breakfast and noon meal. Program begins at 8:00 a.m. with registration. The cost for this Equine Owner Education Workshop is \$ 50.00 and online registration will be accepted through February 15, 2010. Late online registration is \$ 60.00 and will be accepted from February 16 through February 19, 2010.

Registration at the door is \$ 70.00. A light breakfast, lunch and printed materials will be provided. For more information, contact Dr. Brett D. Scott at (979) 845-1562, or email him at [bdscott@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:bdscott@ag.tamu.edu).

For registration information, please visit AgriLife Extension Conference Services at <http://agrilifeevents.tamu.edu/>.

## **Walker County Timber Growers Association Annual Meeting**

The Walker County Timber Growers Association will be holding their annual meeting on January 19th, 2010. The featured speaker at this event will be with the Texas Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University. This meeting will be held at the Texas AgriLife Extension Office on Tam Road and will begin at 6:30 PM . We would like to invite all interested landowners to attend this meeting to learn more about land leasing.

All timber owners are encouraged to attend the meeting to learn more about issues affecting non-industrial forest landowners and to network with other timber producers from our county. Additional information is available from the Texas Forest Service office here in Huntsville at (936) 295-5688.





*Pesticide Applicators with Texas Department of Agriculture Licenses may receive 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours of TDA Continuing Education Credit by participating in this program sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service –Walker County, Livestock & Pasture Committee and the Walker County Soil & Water Conservation District.*

**5.5 Hour CEU  
Pesticide Applicator  
Recertification  
Program**

Topics & Speakers scheduled for the class include:

8:45 AM

**Welcome & Introductions**

Reggie Lepley, County Extension Agent-Agriculture, Walker County

9:00 AM

**Agricultural Herbicides; Application, Effectiveness & Economics**

Dr. Paul Bauman Professor and Extension Specialist-Weeds

10:00 AM

**Forage Weed Control & Weather Conditions**

Dr. Larry Redmon, Professor & Extension State Forage Specialist

11:00 AM

**Pecan Tree Management: Insect & Disease Issues**

Bill Ree, Extension Program Specialist - IPM (Pecan)

**Lunch (12 Noon –1:00 PM)**

1:00 PM

**Pesticide Laws & Regulations Update  
Pesticide Safety Issues**

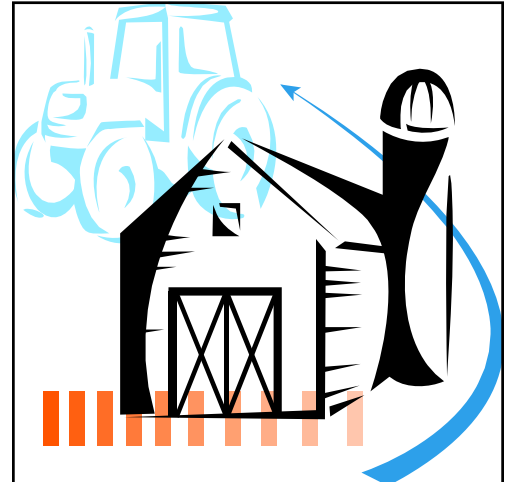
Dr. Don Renchie, Extension Program Leader for Agricultural & Environmental Safety:  
Coordinator-Pesticide Safety Education

2:30 PM

**Texas Exotic Ants & Agriculture Operations**

Dr. Paul Nestor, Extension Agent-IPM (Fire Ant Program)

**Approximately 3:30 PM Adjourn**



**January 15, 2010**

**(Friday)**

**West Hill Mall—  
Community Meeting  
Room**

**Registration 8:15 AM**

**\$ 30.00 Registration Fee  
includes Lunch**

**(\$20.00 without Lunch)**

**RSVP by 1/13/2010 to  
291-1901 ext 109**

**TDA Course Number: 0523306**

**CEU's provided:**

**1.0 hr L&R**

**2.0 hr IPM**

**2.5 hr GEN**

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.

## Pesticide Cancellations

Dr. Mark Matocha, Extension Program Specialist

- All uses of the organic arsenical herbicides MSMA, DSMA, etc. (with the exception of MSMA on cotton) are in a phase-out process, including:
- MSMA will not be sold or distributed for use on residential lawns or athletic fields effective at the end of 2010.
- Over the next four years, MSMA uses on golf courses, sod farms, and highway rights of way will be phased out.
- After December 31, 2013, use of products containing MSMA labeled for all uses, except cotton, is prohibited.

### Proposed Cancellations/Label Changes

- EPA has received a petition from the National Resource Defense Council (NRDC) to cancel all registrations and revoke all tolerances for the widely used herbicide 2,4-D.

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**If you have questions or would like more information call us at (936) 435-2426.**

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**Sincerely,**

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