



July 2021

Walker County Agriculture Update

Greetings from the Walker
County, Texas A&M AgriLife
Extension office!

Rain...

Remember when it did not and resist the urge to complain. Of course, there have been the related challenges such as washed-out roads, growth cracks on most all tomatoes, fungal problems on practically every squash and cucumber vine, wet fields you cannot cut for hay, and then armyworms across numerous pastures.

Speaking of Armyworms...

Armyworms are definitely on the march. Forage grasses and fields should be scouted for worms both morning and evening. I have yet to have any reported in lawns and turfgrass; however, it will not be unexpected.

Forages & Armyworms

- General armyworm information with photos: <https://foragefax.tamu.edu/2018/09/18/fall-armyworms-2/>
- Pasture & Hay Field specifics including control options
<https://foragefax.tamu.edu/files/2018/08/Armyworm-Fact-Sheet-2018.pdf>

Turf & Armyworms

- Lawn & Turfgrasses armyworm information with photos:
<https://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/library/landscaping/fall-armyworms-identification-and-control/>
- Control product options (see publication starting on page 58 - home use products listed as "lawns")
https://aggieturf.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/SC039_turfgrass_final.pdf

Featured Upcoming Events:

Walker County -Grilling Workshop

Let's Fire Up the Grill!

Date: July 29, 2021.

Time: 6:00 PM (doors open at 5:30 PM)

Location: SHSU Gibbs Ranch (733 Fraser Rd, Huntsville, TX 77320)

Cost of meeting participation: \$30.00/Couple, \$50.00/Family of Four or contact us to work out other options.

For additional information: (936) 435-2426

Registration: <https://walker.agrilife.org/events/>

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Walker County 4-H is hosting a Grilling Workshop on Thursday, July 29, 2021, at Gibbs Ranch (733 Fraser Rd, Huntsville, TX 77320) at 6pm (doors open at 5:30). This workshop is intended to educate members of the community on the basics of grilling and provide an opportunity for something fun to do this summer. It is a hands-on experience for the whole family!

This grilling workshop is open to ANYONE. Come grill with us! After you register for the event at the site below, you will be sent a confirmation email that will show payment options. \$30/Couple, \$50/Family of Four or please contact us if you would like to work out other options for your family.

Some of the planned activities include learning how to properly prepare your grill and then to grill steaks, corn, and fruits. A full meal for the entire family is included in this educational event. We hope you take advantage of this experience and enjoy the steak dinner that will be prepared!

Registration can be found under the "Events" tab on the Walker County 4-H Website. <https://walker.agrilife.org/events/>

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LET'S FIRE UP THE GRILL!

Join us for our Grilling Workshop, where we will grill a Steak Dinner with all the fixings!

When:
Thursday, July 29, 2021
Doors Open at 5:30PM
Workshop begins at 6PM

Where:
Gibbs Ranch
733 Fraser Rd, Huntsville, TX
77320

Limited to 30 participants.

\$30 - Couples
\$50 - Family of 4



For questions regarding additional children or if you require any accommodations please contact the Walker County Extension Office at (936) 435-2426.

Click Here to Register:
<https://walker.agrilife.org/events/>

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Area and/or Online Upcoming Events:

Weed Control in Forages: Controlling Grassy Weeds

Ongoing Forage SERIES (hosted by Brazoria and Galveston Counties)

Registration Link <http://tinyurl.com/y8eapnu6> Registration is online only, - deadline is noon July 13.

Cost: \$10.00

For additional information, contact: Reese Daily at reese.daily@agnet.tamu.edu.

The second in a series of grassy weed control forage online presentations offered to producers in Brazoria and Galveston counties is scheduled from 6-7 p.m. July 13. Vanessa Corriher-Olson, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service forage specialist, Overton, will give an overview of weeds and control options in coastal Texas hay and pastures. Cost is \$10 and one continuing Texas Department of Agriculture education unit in the general category will be offered to those who register. Attendees must be registered to receive a meeting link.

East Texas Ornamental Plant Evaluations

Horticulture Field Day 2021

Date: July 22, 2021

Time: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Location: Overton, TX AgriLife Research and Extension Center (1710 N. FM 3053, Overton, TX 75684)

Cost: It says free...

For additional information contact: Brent Pemberton, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Research Ornamental Horticulturist, Overton (903) 834-6191 brent.pemberton@ag.tamu.edu

The East Texas Horticultural Field Day will feature more than 500 ornamental plant trial varieties for public viewing on July 22 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Overton. This year's field day will allow in-person attendance from 8 a.m. to noon for a free, "open house-style" event, said Brent Pemberton, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Research ornamental horticulturist, Overton. Additional information is available at <https://flowers.tamu.edu/field-day/>

Fort Bend Regional Vegetable Conference

Summer Session 2021

Date: July 29, 2021

Time: 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon

Location: ONLINE/webinar

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Registration LINK: [Fort Bend Regional Vegetable Conference - Summer Session Tickets, Thu, Jul 29, 2021 at 8:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

3 Hours TDA CEUs available

For additional information contact: Brandy Rader, Administrative Assistance ANR, by phone 281-633-7029 or brandy.rader@ag.tamu.edu

The Fort Bend Regional Vegetable Conference is a celebration of vegetable production along the upper Gulf Coast region. Counties of Waller, Wharton, Harris, Galveston, Brazoria, Colorado, and Austin join with Fort Bend to put on this event focusing on teaching sustainable practices to help producers maximize efficiencies and profitability. Although we were not able to host our annual Vegetable Conference in February, we have put together a short virtual summer session. Partnering sponsors have allowed us to offer this program at a great price. We will offer 3 continuing education credits in the General category for TDA license holders.

Topics:

- Pesticide Comparison - Organic Vs Conventional
- Organic Agriculture Opportunities and Challenges
- Variety Selection for Disease Management



2021 TAMU Ranch Horse Program

Date: August 1, 2021

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: TX A&M University, Thomas G. Hildebrand DVM '56 Equine Complex

Cost: Free to all Beef Cattle Short Course participants (or) \$50.00 at the door for non-participants

Registration: RSVP to Hanna tamuequine@tamu.edu

For additional information call 979-862-5980 or 979-845-6098

Participants will gain insight on common plant toxicities, Veterinary care on the ranch, making sound breeding selection decisions, history of the King Ranch horse program and will spend the afternoon at the arena with professional horseman, Punk Carter. Punk Carter is the owner of Punk Carter Horsemanship, a past president of the National Cutting Horse Association, and member of the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame and the NCHA Hall of Fame. Free to all Beef Cattle Short Course Participants or \$50 at the door for non-participants. Lunch is included.

Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course

Date: August 2-4, 2021

All Day/each day

Location: On campus TX A&M University (or) online option

Cost: \$210.00 per participant in person (or) \$160.00 per participant online before July 27 (prices go up to \$250 and \$200, respectively, after July 27)

Registration: www.beefcattleshortcourse.com

For additional information call 979-845-6931

The prime rib will be in the smokers and the participants will be there in person to eat them at the 67th annual Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course on Aug. 2-4. The event is hosted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences' Department of Animal Science at Texas A&M University. The three days will include more than 20 sessions covering basic practices, new technologies and hot topics. There also will be six live demonstrations and a trade show featuring an estimated 140 exhibitors. Sessions are designed for everyone, from the newest member of the industry to the most seasoned producer. A number of pesticide CEUs and veterinarian CECs are available to attendees. Annually over 1,700 participants attend the Beef Cattle Short Course to gain valuable knowledge about beef cattle production.



2021 Short Course session list and agenda: <https://beefcattleshortcourse.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021-BCSC-Sessions.pdf>

Beef 706: Session 1

Date: August 9-10, 2021

(OR)

Beef 706: Session 2

Date: August 10-11, 2021

Location: Texas A&M University, Rosenthal Meat Center (488 Olsen Blvd, Bryan-College Station)

Cost: \$50.00 per participant (The Texas Beef Council pays most of the cost for you)

Registration: <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/productListingDetails/3429>

For additional information contact: Dan Hale daniel.hale@ag.tamu.edu or 979-314-8206

Participants from various segments of the Texas beef industry will be welcomed back to the Texas A&M University campus Aug. 9-11 for two sessions of the long-running Beef 706 educational program. Created in 1993, the AgriLife Extension Aggie Beef 706 program invites ranchers, educators, and allied businesspeople to register for one of two sessions. Individuals can only sign up for one session, and a maximum of 30 registrants per session will be permitted. The deadline to register is Aug. 2, and there is no walk-in registration. This Department of Animal Science educational programming is offered in conjunction with the Texas Beef Council. The council pays for the majority of the course; therefore, registration is only \$50 per person.

Additional Items and Information of Note:

Online Horticulture Webinars (free)

If you have interest in the world of online learning and a proclivity (just because I like to use fancy words occasionally) to enjoy horticulture topics, you may well want to spend some time with the AgriLife Small Acreage Horticulture Crops page.

<https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/smallacreage/webinars/>

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



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