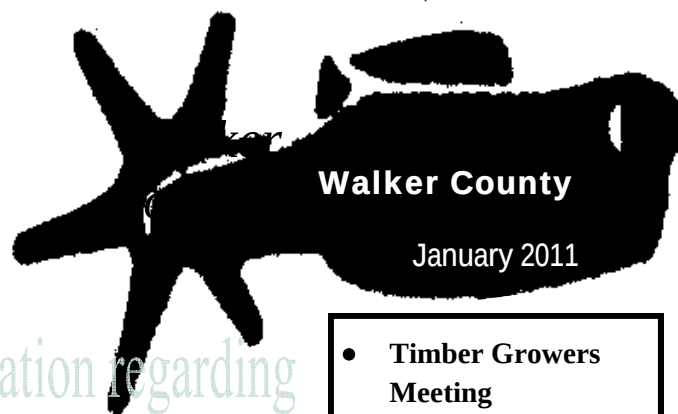


AGRICULTURAL Program



“If you are relatively new to agriculture and would like a little extra direction on how to produce an agricultural crop, raise livestock or manage wildlife - Take a close look at this workshop series.”

Target Audience:

The goal of this workshop series is to help educate new agricultural landowners. Each workshop will contain information to help the new agricultural producer manage their land to meet their desired goals. The identified audience members are Walker County property owners with 500 acres or less of open space or timber valuation land who purchased property in recent years.

“These workshops will be held on Friday afternoons to allow both our “out of town” and resident landowners a prime opportunity to participate.”

If you are interested in attending any of these workshops, contact the Walker County Extension office to be placed on the class list.

Seating is Limited!

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2011 Educational Programs to Look For!

New Farmer & Rancher Workshop Series Pasture Establishment & Management

Date: (March 4, 2011)

Time: 1:00 PM until..

Location: Walker Co Extension Office, Huntsville, TX

New Farmer & Rancher Workshop Series

Agricultural Home Fruit & Nut Production

Date: (April 8, 2011)

Location: Walker County Extension Office, Huntsville, TX

New Farmer & Rancher Workshop Series

Beef Cattle Herd Health Practices

Date: (April 29, 2011)

Time: 1:00 PM until..

Location: Walker Co Extension Office, Huntsville, TX

New Farmer & Rancher Workshop Series

Agricultural Security & Home Safety

Date: (May 20, 2011 Tentative)

Location: Walker County Extension Office, Huntsville, TX

- **Timber Growers Meeting**
Tuesday –January 18, 2011
(see page 2)
- **5.5 Hour CEU Pesticide Applicator Program**
Friday - January 14, 2011
(see page 3)
- **Beef 706**
January 11-12, 2011
or
January 13-14, 2011
(see page 2)
- **Aerobic Treatment Unit Class**
February 18, 2011
(see page 4)

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Beef 706 Classes:

January 11-12, 2011 Or January 13-14, 2011 at Texas A&M University ~ College Station, Texas



Do you consider yourself a cattle producer or a beef producer? You may consider yourself both. But ultimately your cattle will be harvested, sold through a retail or foodservice outlet, and enjoyed by a consumer. Being a beef producer is not something we think about on a continual basis, but we probably should.

Beef 706 is a Beef Checkoff funded program available to you. You can learn about beef quality and safety issues and how they affect your operation. By attending Beef 706 you will have a unique opportunity to not only see, but to experience the quality challenges facing the beef industry. You will learn what factors affect beef's palatability and receive information to help you utilize your herd's genetics, feedyard performance, and carcass characteristics. In addition, you will work with other Texas beef producers to fabricate a carcass with the help of a cutting instructor. By the time you leave the program, you will have created a new network of industry professionals.



* For attendance and completion of the BEEF 706 course; you can receive four (4) Beef Quality credits for the Texas Beef Quality Producer Program

REGISTER TO ATTEND BEEF 706:

Call 800 846-4113 or Online at www.TexasBeef.Info/706 or Email: jhodgkins@txbeef.org

Walker County Timber Growers Association Annual Meeting

All timber growers or forest landowners are invited! The Walker County Timber Growers Association will be holding their annual meeting on **Tuesday, January 18th, 2011**. The featured speaker at this event will be Eric Taylor, Forestry Specialist with Texas AgriLife Extension. This meeting will be held at the Flag Room at 1st National Bank in Huntsville and will begin at 6:30 PM

Timber owners are encouraged to attend the meeting to learn more about issues affecting 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.

Help Us Reach You!

Due to the expense of printing and mailing newsletters we need to update and streamline our mailing list. If you would rather receive your newsletters via email, you now have that option. Those who wish to stay on a "hard copy" mailing list may do so; however, we are requiring that you resubmit your contact information to us so that we can update our mailing list. **Failure to return this information will result in NO future newsletters being mailed or sent to you from Texas AgriLife Extension.**

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5.5 Hour CEU Pesticide Applicator Recertification Program

Registration 8:15 AM

8:45 AM

- **Welcome & Introductions**

Reggie Lepley, County Extension Agent-Agriculture, Walker County

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

Dr. Paul Bauman Professor and Extension Specialist-Weeds

- **Agricultural Chemical Application Equipment; Selection, Calibration, Storage, & Safety**

Dr. Mark Matocha, Extension Program Specialist-Agricultural & Environmental Safety

- **Feral Hog Control Research in TX; Options for Landowners, Regulations**

Aaron Sumrall, County Extension Agent-Ag/NR, San Jacinto County

Lunch (12 Noon –1:00 PM)

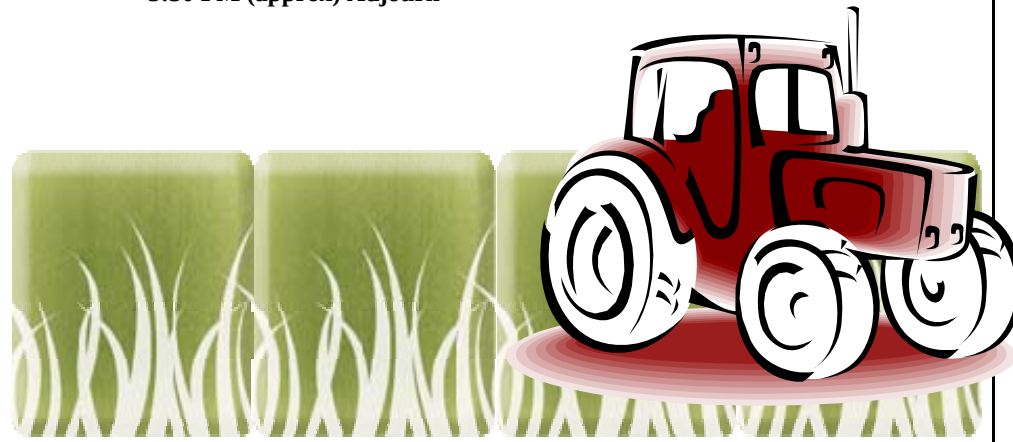
- **Pesticide Laws & Regulations Update
Pesticide Safety Issues**

Dr. Don Renchie, Extension Program Leader for Agricultural & Environmental Safety

- **Yaupon Control Research in TX;
Control options & successful methods**

Dr. James Cathy, Associate Professor-Wildlife Ecology

3:30 PM (approx) Adjourn



WALKER COUNTY

SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION

DISTRICT # 453

**January 14, 2011
(Friday)**

**Walker County
Storm Shelter**

Registration 8:15 AM

**\$ 30.00 Registration Fee includes
Lunch**

(\$20.00 without Lunch)

**RSVP by 1/12/2011 to
291-1901 ext 109**

**Texas Department of Agriculture
Course Number:**

0587725

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.

Maintenance of Aerobic Treatment Units

February 18, 2011 (9:00 AM - 4:30 PM)

Walker County, Texas AgriLife Extension Office

Course Fee: \$50.00 per person

Interested individuals should contact Walker County Planning and Development, at (936) 436-4939, prior to taking the course to make sure their system meets the eligibility requirements for participation in this training.

*Register On-Line: <http://agrilifeevents.tamu.edu> (keyword search Homeowner)

Are you interested in learning about homeowner maintenance of Aerobic Treatment Units? This course will cover the components of an aerobic treatment unit and spray field onsite wastewater treatment systems. The course presentations discuss the importance of maintaining the treatment system, health and safety considerations, basic concepts about the aerobic treatment processes, testing and reporting on the status of the treatment system, care and feeding of the aerobic treatment unit, maintaining the aerobic treatment system and tools and supplies for evaluating the system. These presentations provide a basic understanding of the operational and maintenance activities for an aerobic treatment unit. The course explains how activities within the home can impact the operation of an aerobic treatment unit. The participants will leave this class with a better understanding of the practices required to keep their system working and limit interferences with the enjoyment of their property.

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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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