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East Texas Forage Conference to Cover a Wide Array of Topics

A wide array of topics will be covered at the 2014 East Texas Forage Conference, all in an effort to assist East Texas forage producers make the best quality forage they can at the most economical price. The event is scheduled for **Friday, February 28th** at the Rains Fairgrounds Exhibit Building (located at the intersection of Hwy 19 and 69). Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. at a cost of \$20.00 per person payable at the door. Lunch will be provided. The program will conclude around 4:00 p.m.

The program will begin at 9:30 am with a discussion on “Gopher Control” by Kenny Rollins, County Extension Agent, Titus County.

Our next topic will be “Legume Management and Herbicide Timing.” This topic will be covered by Dr. G. Ray Smith, Texas A&M Regents Fellow and Professor of Plant Breeding, Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center-Overton.

Following the lunch sponsored by Legacy Ag Credit, our next speaker, Dr. Monte Rouquette, Texas A&M Regents Fellow and Professor of Forage Physiology, Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center-Overton, will talk about “Forage and Pasture Systems for Niche Markets.”

Mr. Brian Cummins, County Extension Agent, Emeritus, from Van Zandt County will discuss “Hay Testing to Maximize Efficiency and Nutrition.”

Our last topic will be on “Pasture and Hay Meadow Insecticide Updates” led by County Extension Agents from Rains, Wood, and Van Zandt.

Three (3) CEU’s will be given for those in attendance. Two DOPA Credits for participating Dairies will also be given.

This program is sponsored by Van Zandt, Rains, and Wood County offices of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. **Please RSVP to one of the above County Extension offices by February 24, 2014.** The Rains County Office phone number is: 903-473-4580.