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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 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 27, 2015** at the Rains Fairgrounds Exhibit Building (located at the intersection of Hwy 19 and 69). Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. with the educational program starting at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 3:30 p.m. There is a \$20 cost for the conference with a catered lunch provided. Topics on the program are listed below:

1. Insects in Pastures and Hay Meadows - Dr. Allen Knutson, Professor and Extension Entomologist, Texas A & M AgriLife Extension Service - Dallas, TX
2. How to Improve Hay Quality by Understanding Correlation Between ADF, TDN, Fiber and Protein - Dr. Vanessa Corriher-Olson , Associate Professor and Extension Forage Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service - Overton, TX
3. Sandbur Control - Dr. Vanessa Corriher-Olson , Associated Professor and Extension Forage Specialist, Texas A & M AgriLife Extension Service - Overton, TX
4. How to Read a Soil Sample - Dr. Leon Young, Regents Professor, Stephen F. Austin State University
5. Sprayer Calibration

Three (3) continuing educational units (CEU's) will be given for those in attendance. One (1) hours in the general category and Two (2) in Integrated Pest Management (IPM) category. 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 the Rains County Extension Office Located at 410 Tawakoni Drive in Emory, or call 903-473-4580 by 2-20-15. This will let us have an accurate participant count for the amount of food to order for lunch. We will also be having booth exhibits from various agricultural related industries. I look forward to see everybody at the conference!