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### **Tri-County New Landowner Workshop**

For the past several years, we have been getting phone calls from residents that have bought parcels of land (10-25 acres) and wanting ideas on how to utilize their land to help offset input cost. So, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Wood, Rains, and Van Zandt Counties are Conducting the Tri-County New Land Owner Workshop which will be held on May 2, 2014 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Office located at 410 Tawakoni Drive in Emory. Registration starts at 12:30 p.m. with the educational program starting at 1 p.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. There is a \$10 cost for the workshop that is payable at the door. Topics on the program are listed below:

- 1.) “Investing in Your Operation” Dr. Blake Bennett- Assistant Professor & Extension Economist. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
- 2.) “Agriculture and Wildlife Tax Valuations” Mr. Kevin Passons-Van Zandt County Agricultural Appraiser, Van Zandt County Appraisal District
- 3.) “Natural Resources Available” Mr. John Stone, NRCS, Wood County

The Wood County Master Gardener Association will have educational booths covering Composting/ Insect Integrated Pest Management, Rainwater Harvesting, Soil Amendments and Texas Super Star Planting Guides. Please RSVP to the Rains County Extension Office located at 410 Tawakoni Drive in Emory, or call 903-473-4580 by April, 30, 2014. This will let us have an accurate participant count for the amount of

door prizes to be given. Everybody should walk away with several items to use on you small/new farm. I look forward to see everybody at the conference!