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Beef/Dairy & Forage Newsletter

Rains Cattleman's Association Lunch and Learn

Due to the rising cost of hosting the Cattleman's Association Banquet and Steak Dinner, the Rains Beef & Forage Committee has decided to restructure the program. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension will be hosting a Cattleman's Lunch and Learn Program. The program will be held at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Conference Center (Highway 276), in Emory on Wednesday, **May 8, 2013** from approximately 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.

The Agricultural Committee and I will be meeting next month to finalize the plans of this program. Please watch the paper or look at our website for more information.

You will receive lunch, membership in the Rains Cattleman's Association and some C.E.U.s.

Northeast Texas Cow-Calf Clinic

The Northeast Texas Cattleman's Conference will be held on Wednesday, **January 30, 2013** at the Winnsboro City Auditorium. Please RSVP by **January 29th** to 903-473-4580.

The program is sponsored by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Counties of Wood, Upshur, Rains, Camp, Titus and Hopkins. Registration begins at 8:00 A.M. and the program will start promptly at 8:50 A.M.

Registration costs \$15.00, which includes lunch, refreshments, handouts and CEU's.

Topics for the program include: Herbicide Updates and Multi-County Herbicide Research, Fly Control on Beef Cattle, Replacement Heifers, and Feral Hog Control.

4 C.E.U.'s for TDA Private Applicators License will be given.

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The Texas A&M University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

I will be conducting two demonstration projects in the County/Area this year: Green Briar and Fence Row.

Once the demonstrations have been tested and are complete, we will hold a tour showcasing our results. This will typically be held during the last two weeks of August.

If you have any questions regarding the research, please call me and I will be glad to share our findings.

Two Private Applicator Testing Opportunities

Two Private Applicator Testing opportunities are available to those needing to obtain their Private Applicator License.

Date: February 13, 2013

Place: Hopkins County Extension Office

1200B Houston Street

Sulphur Springs, TX

Cost: \$15.00

RSVP - Promptly, limited to first 25 applicants

Date: February 15, 2013

Place: Van Zandt County Farm Bureau

281 E Hwy 243

Canton, TX

Cost: \$10.00

RSVP - February 12th

Attendees must purchase a current Study Guide (\$25) and the Laws and Regulations book (\$15) can be purchased at the County Extension Office. If you purchased your study guide and laws and regulations book at another Extension office, verification is needed (receipt of purchase, or the books themselves). Please bring proper ID – (driver's license, military ID, state ID). **TDA has requested that you please bring a calculator for your exam. You will NOT be allowed to use the calculator on your phone.**

Upper Sabine Cow-Calf Clinic

Rains, Van Zandt, Kaufman and Rockwall Counties will be holding the Upper Sabine Cow-Calf Clinic on Friday,

March 22, 2013 at the Van Zandt Livestock Auction Barn located at FM 47 and Interstate 20. The cost of the clinic will be \$20.00 per person and includes a rib-eye steak sandwich lunch. CEU's will be given.

Registration: 8:00 - 8:45 A.M. Once details are finalized, the information will be provided in my news article in the Rains County Leader.

Dairy Producer Day

A Dairy Producer Day will be held on **May 1, 2013** from 10 am until 3 pm at the Professional Agricultural Workers Building, 957 Connally Street, Sulphur Springs. Please RSVP to the Hopkins County Extension Office, at 903-885-3443, by **April 26th**.

Topics will include: Prepare Your Dairy for Increased Surveillance of Antibiotics, Demonstration of Farm Ware, Strategies to Improve Reproduction During Heat Stress, and Removing Ammonia From Liquid Manure and Possible Reuse as Fertilizer.

East Texas Fruit and Vegetable Conference

On **February 26, 2013** the East Texas Fruit and Vegetable Conference will be held at the Tyler Rose Garden Center.

Registration begins at 8:00 A.M. The program starts at 8:30 A.M. and will conclude at 3:00 P.M. Registration fee is \$30.00, which includes lunch. Participants will receive **2.0 CEU's** toward their private applicator's license.

EAST TEXAS FORAGE CONFERENCE

On **March 1, 2013**, an East Texas Forage Conference will be held at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Conference Center (Highway 276), Emory, Texas, for all beef, dairy and forage producers in the area.

Registration starts at 9:00 A.M. and the program will begin at 9:30 A.M. and last until 4:00 P.M. Topics include: Use of Organic Fertilizers and Alternatives, Intensive Grazing from a Producer View, Can You Afford Not to Store Hay, Native Pasture Establishment, and a Producer Panel. Registration fee of \$15.00 includes lunch and refreshments and **3 CEU's** will be given and **2 DOPA Credits** for Dairy Producers will be given.

This program is held by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Offices in Rains, Wood, Delta, Franklin, Upshur, Van Zandt and Hopkins Counties. Please RSVP to your respective County Extension Office by **February 15, 2013**.