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Tri-County Landowner Workshop

For the past several years, we have been receiving phone calls from residents that have bought parcels of land (5-25 acres) requesting ideas on how to utilize their land. So the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services in Wood, Rains, and Van Zandt Counties are conducting the Tri-County Landowner Workshop which will be held on May 8, 2015 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Conference Center, located at 410 Tawakoni Drive in Emory. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. with the educational program beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 12:00 p.m. There is a \$10.00 per person cost for the workshop that is payable at the door. Topics on the program are listed below:

1. Bees 101 - Bobby Eatherton - BobCats Apiary Honey Bee Removal and Relocation - Winnsboro, Texas
2. Gardening by the Square Foot - Deena Taylor, Wood County Master Gardener
3. Establishing a Home Fruit Orchard - Keith Hansen - Smith County Agent – Horticulture
4. Earth-Kind® Vegetables - Dr. Steven George - Professor and Extension Horticulturist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service - Dallas, Texas

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, 2015**. I look forward to seeing everybody at the conference!