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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 24, 2017** at the Rains County 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:

- Brush Control in Pastures - Ethan Westfall, DOW Agrosiences
- Use of Summer Annuals - Dr. Vanessa Corriher-Olsen, Associate Professor and Extension Forage Specialist, Overton Research and Extension Center
- Getting the Highest Value Out of Your Hay - Dr. Blake Bennett Associate Professor and Extension Economist, Dallas Research and Extension Center
- Weeds and Insect Management in Pastures and Hay Meadows - Dr. Vanessa Corriher-Olsen, Associate Professor and Extension Forage Specialist, Overton Research and Extension Center
- Specialist and Agents Panel Discussion

Three (3) continuing educational units (CEU's) will be given for those in attendance. One (1) hour in the general category and Two (2) in Integrated Pest Management (IPM) category.

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 **2-17-17**. This will enable us sufficient time for 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 seeing everybody at the conference!