

Brazos County Agriculture News and Events

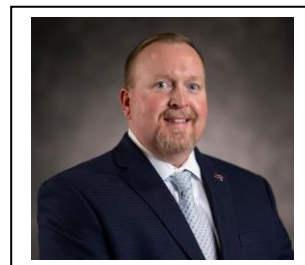
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Brazos County Extension Agent- Ag and Natural Resources

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Greetings from the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension office!

“To be a farmer is to be a student forever, for each day brings something new.” **-John Connell**



“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.” – **John 12:24**

Upcoming Events

- **Brazos, Robertson, Burleson Counties & others**
 - **O.D. Butler Field Day May 19th Multi County Event @ Camp Cooley to register call 979-823-0129 or 979-828-4270**
 - **TAMU Beef Cattle Short Course, Aug 7-9**
 - **Livestock Guardian Dog Program, June 10th in Caldwell**

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Swarms of Bees...

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With spring comes lots of new plants, flowers, budding trees and Bees. Yes, the Bees are out. It's the best time of year for bees and they are all out collecting nectar and pollen to bring back to the hive in order to make honey. They also use it to feed bee larvae to replenish the colony. The average life span of a bee is only a couple of weeks, and it is spent pollinating the local flora aiding in the reproduction of thousands of plants, trees and shrubs.

But with the growth of the colony and abundance of nectar and pollen available some colonies outgrow the room they have available in the hive. This growth results in what we call "swarms". You may have noticed them turning up lately. They will continue to do so throughout the year.

Swarming is a natural and necessary event for colonies in which the existing Queen takes a third of the colony and takes off to find a new home suitable to start a new hive. When this happens, you will often see bees balled or clumped up just sitting in one spot for a period of time.

What most people don't realize is that in this instance the bees are generally pretty docile and non-aggressive if left undisturbed. The ball of bees is actually surrounding the queen to protect her until another home is found.

Once a suitable spot is found the ball of bees will take off and begin the process of drawing new comb, laying eggs for more bees and eventually making honey.

The site of swarms is a good sign meaning that there are healthy hives in the area which are crucial to the production of most plants.

Beekeepers love swarms and actually set out empty hives to attract and start new colonies for honey production. So, if you see these swarms, please do not try to eliminate them. There are always beekeepers who love to collect the balls of bees and try to establish new hives for honey production.

Our office has many contacts for local beekeepers who will be glad to come remove the swarms. So, if you find one that you are unable to leave because it is a hindrance to you or others, please call our office and we will do our best to help you.

For more information on bees or any other topic related, please call the Brazos County Extension office at 979-823-0129.



36th Annual Dr. O.D. Butler Forage Field Day Friday, May 19, 2023

3 CEU's
1 L&R
1 IPM
1 General

Circle X Land & Cattle Company
Camp Cooley Division
4297 Camp Cooley Ranch Rd, Franklin, Texas



To register visit:

[https://
www.eventbrite.com/
e/2023-dr-od-butler-
forage-field-day-
tickets-619897950457](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-dr-od-butler-forage-field-day-tickets-619897950457)

**Payment is required
when registering.**

If you have a pesticide
license, you will need this
number when you register.

To register & pay
by cash or check,
call or visit the
Robertson County Office
(979) 828-4270
or the
Brazos County Office

Counties Involved

Brazos
Burleson
Falls
Grimes
Leon
Limestone
Madison
McLennan
Milam
Robertson
Washington

Program Agenda

8:00 am-9:00 am	Registration & Sponsor Booth Visitation (<u>\$35 Registration fee</u>)
9:00 am-9:15 am	Welcome, Introductions & Instructions Chris Duewall –Chairman, Brazos Area Hay Producers Association
9:15 am-11:30 am	Tour Demonstration Plots and Program Stops <u>Stop #1</u> – Hay Cutting Height Comparisons <u>Stop #2</u> – Feral Hog Trapping (Boar Buster/Pig Brig) <u>Stop #3</u> - Weed Control on Hay Fields/Pastures
11:30 am –12:15 pm	Vendor Presentations— Farm Equipment Highlights
12:15 pm–1:00 pm	Lunch, Sponsor Booth Visitations and Contest
1:00 pm-1:55 pm	Laws & Regulations Effecting Pesticide Applicators
1:55 pm –2:45 pm	Hay Producers Panel—Managing hay meadows, dealing with high input prices, fertility demands, and storage
2:45 pm - 3:00 pm	Evaluation, Final Door Prizes, Announce Contest Winner and CEU Certificate Distribution
3:00 pm	Adjourn



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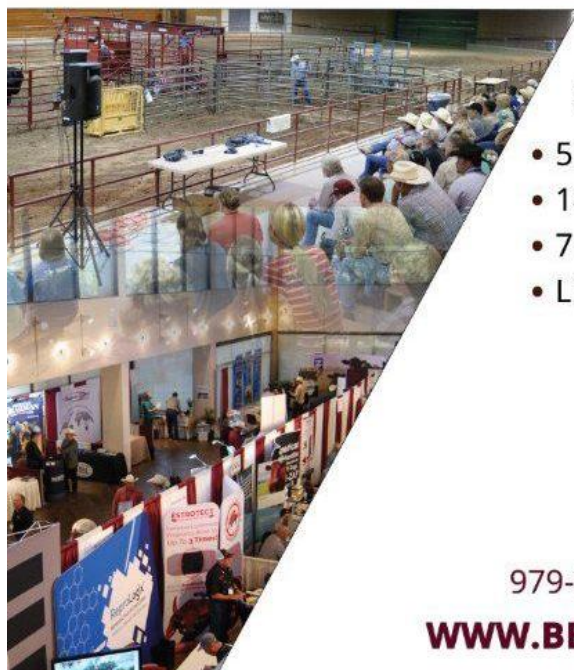
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- 7+ Pesticide CEUs
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(\$300 after August 2nd)

Online - \$160
(\$200 after August 2nd)

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WWW.BEEFCATTLESHORTCOURSE.COM

**Be on the lookout for details regarding the
upcoming Livestock Guardian Dog Program.
June 10th in Caldwell.**

This program will be open to the public for a small registration fee and includes lunch. Details are still being worked out, but we will have a flyer available soon.



Walker
County Appraisal District

TEXAS A&M
AGRILIFE
EXTENSION

AG, TIMBER, WILDLIFE SPECIAL USE VALUATIONS



DATE/TIME:

6:00 pm
Thurs. March 23, 2023

WHERE:

Walker County Storm Shelter

FEE:

\$10 per person, \$15 couple

RSVP:

936-435-2426 or
walker-tx@tamu.edu



TEXAS FARM BUREAU®
WALKER COUNTY

Basics of Tax "Exemptions"

How Do I Qualify?

- Ag
- Timber
- Wildlife

How Do I Apply?

**How Do I get an Ag/Timber
Registration Number?**
(not related to property tax)



Register here!

TEXAS A&M
AGRILIFE
EXTENSION

PRESERVING THE HARVEST

CAN NOW- EAT LATER

Madisonville, TX

10:00AM- 2:00PM

YOU TAKE HOME WHAT YOU MAKE!!!

3 PART SERIES:

May 24 - Jams & Jellies

May 25 - Pickles & Salsa

May 26 - Canning Veggies

LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE

Topics Covered:

Pressure Canning ■ Dehydrating
Hot Water Bath Canning
Fermentation ■ Pickling

**\$100 for all
3 classes +
LUNCH**

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REGISTER NOW
www.Eventbrite.com

**Contact the Walker County
Extension Office for more info**

936.435.2426

LOCATION TBD



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Agriculture and Natural
Resources

SAVE THE DATE

New Landowner Program April 6th 2023

Possible Topics Include

Bee Keeping For Ag Exemption

Correct Stocking Rates

1-D-1 Ag Exemption

Pasture, Rangeland, & Forage Insurance

Building a relationship with a Veterinarian

FSA & NRCS Updates

Selecting Proper Equipment for Ag



Please call the Number Below or Email Ty Jordan or Allen Homann for more information on attending this program

Cost

\$20

Lunch is included

EMAIL

tljordan@pvamu.edu

Allen.Homann@ag.tamu.edu

Number

(936) 348 -

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Small Farm Institute

Farm Financial Resource Management Program Tax Appraisal/Assessment and Ag Tax Exemptions

Topics and Speakers:

- **Ag Tax Madison County**
Matt W. Newton
Chief Appraiser Madison County Appraisal District
- **Understanding 1-D-1 Wildlife Management Form**
Mason Conley
Wildlife Biologist - Texas Parks & Wildlife



Date:

03.08.23

**Wednesday
10 AM-12 PM CST**

Free

Location: Virtual Workshop

[CLICK HERE](#)

Or Scan QR Code to Register

**A Link to Join will be Emailed After Registration*



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