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OUR BACKYARD

An agricultural newsletter by Hardin County AgriLife Extension



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From the Agent

Howdy!

I can tell y'all have been at home more this summer cause you have kept the office busy with calls! This month the most frequent calls have been about your trees. As we get into this time of year we start to see our trees show signs of heat stress, which can look pretty similar to a host of different ailments, but don't worry! Try watering them deeply once or twice a week.

Also, we are starting to see a lot of trees that are showing stress finally from Harvey and Imelda floods. Again, this is normal and your tree should bounce back next spring.

Stay Safe,

Katie A. Pace | Hardin County Extension Agent



HORTICULTURE *CORNER*

In the Garden

Start gathering materials for creating fall beds

Plant bulb type plants for fall blooms

Continue to water beds deeply but infrequently

Protect your fig trees from squirrels and birds to ensure your last harvest of the season is a great one

What should I plant this month?

Plant Fall Transplants:

Broccoli

Eggplant

Cabbage

Cauliflower

Seed for Fall :

Bush and Pole Beans

Cantaloupe

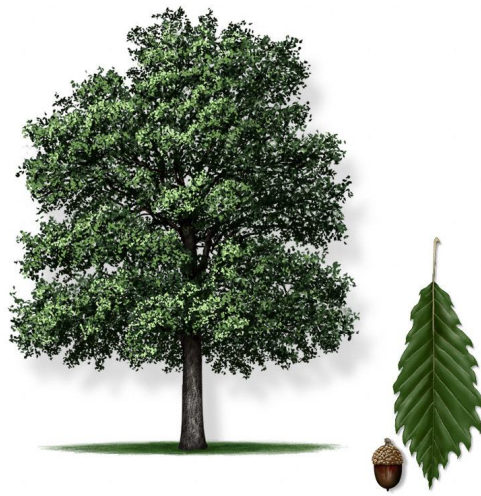
Collards and Kale

Cucumber

Irish Potatoes

Summer Squash

Native Texans



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Possibly one of the most underutilized native oak is the Chinkapin Oak, but you probably know it by one of its many other names, like Chestnut Oak. Often in our area we see a Swamp Chestnut Oak that is similar too.

Growing to be anywhere from 30 to 50 foot tall, the Chinkapin Oak actually fits into most residential scales very nicely. If you are looking for something to provide beautiful fall color, this is the tree for you. As always you need to make sure this tree is going to have an area for well drained soil. However, be warned the sweet acorns from this tree are loved by native wildlife!

GOOD read

Opening a Whole Cow of Worms

Since the onset of the pandemic there has been a huge increase in homegrown cattle being taken to slaughter. In the same breath I can also tell you there has also been a huge increase in carcasses that are being condemned due to liver flukes. Most of us that have cattle can admit we might not be the best at keeping up with parasite control methods. After all, we are all human and sometimes life gets in our way of getting everything we want done with our herd. I am going to help you though by giving you a few options to try and help with parasite control.

The first thing is rotational grazing. If you haven't been rotating your grazing area then it is completely possible that you are throwing money away that, quite literally, will end up on the ground. When we deworm cattle we are attempting to kill off any parasites inside them, but sometimes parasites make their way out of the body alive. Cattle poop, then graze, all in the same areas and never break the life cycle of the parasites because they are just ingesting them again.

Secondly, find a good vet that you like! Taking in fecal samples is the last thing anyone wants to do, but in the long run it can save you money and create more productive cattle. This will also let you know if the dewormer you are using is effective, or if there is a problem with parasite resistance. If you have been using the same dewormer for 10 years, chances are you have parasite resistance.

Upcoming Programs for *Nardin County*

All face-to-face programs have been canceled until further notice by the county or Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

The entire agency has been working together in an effort to bring you CEUs and great online programs! I have included just a few that might be of interest to you, but there are so many more coming up on agrilifeextension.tamu.edu

There are also many different programs on agrilifelearn.org



TDA has allowed AgriLife to create a completely online Texas Private Pesticide Applicator Training. This training is \$75 on the AgriLife Learn Portal agrilifelearn.tamu.edu



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STOP!!! PLEASE DON'T PLANT THEM!!

If you or someone you know has received seeds from China labeled as Jewelry or other items and did not order them Please take the time to report them or bring them by our office.



OPTIONS FOR REPORTING :

Seeds can be brought to the Extension Office at 1135 Redwood, Kountze TX Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. - 12 & 1-5.

When you arrive in the parking lot, **please call 409-246-5128**, and we will come to your vehicle to get them. Please bring the original packaging, mark through your address and provide us with your name and phone number.

OR

You can email Tammy Goodman at tammy.goodman@ag.tamu.edu to get the USDA -APHIS Contact Information.

GARDENING ON THE GULF COAST

Join our Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Horticulture agents and specialists online as they discuss gardening in the Gulf Coast Region of Texas.

August 2020 Schedule

- August 5 at 10:00am - Blueberry Production: Ground and Container
 - by David Oates, AgriLife Extension Horticulture Agent in Jefferson County
- August 12 at 10:00am - Beneficial Insects in the Landscape
 - by Paul Winski, AgriLife Extension Horticulture Agent in Harris County
- August 19 at 10:00am - Understanding Soils on the Texas Gulf Coast
 - by Stephen Janak, Extension Program Specialist
- August 26 at 10:00am - Ginger for Tropical Flair
 - by Stephen Brueggerhoff, AgriLife Extension Horticulture Agent in Brazoria County

Online via Microsoft Teams
[Register Here](#)

Registration Questions? Please email Lindsey Munyon at lindsey.munyon@ag.tamu.edu

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Ag in the Evening

Program Series

Brought to you by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Offices of:
Houston County, Gregg County, Tyler County

July 7

Bermuda Stem Maggot & Fall Armyworms

Zoom Meeting

<https://agrilife.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAuceyrrD0qGNSCB2wpmEdNOzVQsu8p4kXn>

SPEAKER:
Dr. Vanessa Olson

July 21

A Year on a Ranch: A Management Guide

Zoom Meeting

<https://agrilife.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjYude2tpzMpHdT82xiwN2LoN432tGXyd5SG>

SPEAKER:
Dr. Jason Banta

August 11

Bermudagrass Decline

Zoom Meeting

<https://agrilife.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjMudOyvpzgsGNKK3kuSeBX7AcpuQ8-HpvQ5>

SPEAKER:
Dr. Vanessa Olson

August 25

Chute Side Basics Virtual Demonstration

Zoom Meeting

<https://agrilife.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjwvce6opjMuGNP3mq82tl7Le-DNfM2Inkt>

SPEAKER:
Dr. Jason Banta

**All Programs
Start at 6pm**

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links to
register for
each

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Virtual Aggie Beef 706

August 11, 12, and 13, 2020

6:30pm – 8:45pm each night

August 11, Tuesday 6:30-8:45pm

- 6:30 pm Introduction – Jason Bagley, Texas Beef Council
- 6:40 pm Beef Carcass Grading – Dan Hale
- 7:15 pm Market Cattle Evaluation – Jason Cleere
- 8:00 pm Carcass-Based Marketing of Cattle – Dan Hale
- 8:30 pm Review Video of the Market Cattle – Dan Hale
- 8:45 pm Adjourn

August 12, Wednesday 6:30-8:45pm

- 6:30 pm Recap Previous evening Cattle – Dan Hale
- 6:40 pm Carcass Data and Grid Value of Cattle – Dan Hale
- 7:00 pm Fabricate the Forequarter – Davey Griffin
- 7:30 pm Fabricate the Hindquarter – Davey Griffin
- 8:00 pm Boxed Beef Value – Davey Griffin
- 8:45 pm Adjourn

August 13, Thursday 6:30-8:45pm

- 6:30 pm Finished Steer to Boxed Beef Value Recap – Dan Hale
- 6:45 pm Genetic Selection Considerations – Joe Paschal
- 7:30 pm Feeder Calf Beef Quality Management – Ron Gill
- 8:15 pm What is really Important to the Ranchers? – Rick Machen¹
- 8:45 pm Adjourn

Through the generosity of the Texas Beef Council there is no charge to attend this virtual program.

Registration Easy, Free, and is Required

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Texas Sheep and Goat Expo

Aug 14-15, 2020

This unique sheep and goat event provides producers and other interested persons the opportunity to attend educational presentations from experts in the industry

****NEW** - Two Ways to Attend: In-Person or Virtually**

REGISTER AT: <https://agrilife.org/agrilifesheepandgoat/>

Day 1 Agenda

(In-person or Virtually)

- 8:00 a.m. Sheep and Goat Field Day
to
11:00 a.m. Move to Expo
11:30 -1:00 p.m. - Lunch at Expo
1:15 p.m. - Expo Opening Session
Where does Lamb/Goat Meat Fit into
Overall Industry
1:45 p.m. - Direct Marketing Panel
3:00 p.m. - Live Animal Mock Auction
4:30 p.m. - Breakout Sessions
Business and Marketing
Parasite Management
Farming with Sheep
6:00 p.m. - Closing Session
International Viewpoint*

Day 2 Agenda

(Virtually Only)

- 8:00 a.m. - Welcome
8:30 a.m. Youth Program
Sheep and Goat Skill-a-thon
Program/Contest
Consecutive Sessions
8:30 a.m. Wool Sheep
9:30 a.m. Hair Sheep
10:30 a.m. Club Lambs
11:30 a.m. Meat Goats
12:30 a.m. Angora Goats*

Preserving Family Heritage

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Estate and Legal Planning Seminar

Featuring Tiffany Dowell Lashmet and Stephanie Bradley Fryer

Hosted by:
Brazos and Washington
County Extension

Join Us Online August 18, 2020

Registration 8:30am
Program 9:00am -12:00noon

Online Pre-Registration **ONLY**
By **August 14th**
\$20.00/person

Program Topics:

- Overview of Estate and Transition Planning
 - Business Entities and Trusts
- Understanding Probate & Alternatives

For additional information please contact your local County Extension Office:
Brazos County (979-823-0129) — Washington County (979-277-6212)

To preregister and pay online please visit <https://washington.agrilife.org/estate>

All preregistered attendees will be sent details to attend the online meeting on Monday, August 17, 2020.
Please note, we will not admit anyone into the meeting who has not preregistered and paid online.

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Get involved with Hardin County Extension

Please consider joining the Hardin County Agriculture Committee to provide leadership and suggestions for upcoming programming. You don't have to make a large time commitment, with as few as four meetings per year, but we would love to hear your ideas and for you to share input on your county!

Please contact the office to update your email address, or if you know someone that would like to be added to this list, at (409) 246-5128, or by email katie.pace@ag.tamu.edu. We also welcome suggestions for upcoming newsletters!

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