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OUR BACKYARD

An agricultural newsletter by Hardin County AgriLife Extension



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From the Agent

Howdy!

Approaching the end of the year we are starting to slow down, just a little at least, here at the office. With this time of year I always reflect on some of the things I am most thankful for. After being in Hardin County for the last two years, I can tell you I am extremely thankful for the relationships I have build with so many of you. I would not trade a single minute. Here's to family, friends, and turkey!

Happy Thanksgiving!

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Katie A. Pace".

Katie A. Pace | Hardin County Extension Agent



HORTICULTURE *CORNER*

In the Garden

Mulch fallen leaves and use in your beds for an added boost of organic matter

Fertilize trees and shrubs to promote size and height

Discontinue using landscape sprinkler systems since our cool moist season has arrived

Native Texans



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While we don't have the climate for the beautiful White Birch trees that we see in western parts of the states, we do have an opportunity to grow Red, or River, Birch trees. Native to the swamps, ponds, lakes, and other wet areas of East Texas, the

medium sized tree normally reaches approximately 40 feet in height, with fairly small trunks that are usually split into two. This fairly fast growing tree thrives in wet conditions, so low spots are completely fine. It will also thrive in full or partial shade in our acidic sandy soils. Also, don't let the peeling sheets of papery bark distress you, this is completely normal.

What should I plant this month?

Landscape Transplant:

Trees

Shrubs

Vines

Spring Blooming Perennials

Last Chance for:

Beets

Cabbage

Carrots

English Peas

Mustard

Onion (seeds)

Spinach

GARDEN HARVEST

Cooking

Cheese Broccoli Ranch Mashed Potatoes

Ingredients

- 3 medium russet potatoes
- 1 1/2 cups broccoli florets
- 3/4 cup cottage cheese
- 6 Tbs ranch dressing
- 3/4 cup milk
- Salt and Pepper

Instructions

1. Scrub and peel potatoes, then placed in a microwave safe bowl.
2. place broccoli on top of potatoes in the bowl and cover with a microwave safe plate. Cook on high in the microwave for 12 minutes, or until potatoes are tender.
3. Carefully remove bowl from microwave and use potato masher to combine ingredients.
4. Stir in cheese, ranch, and milk. Adding salt and pepper to taste.
5. Top with additional cheese if desired.



Roasted Rosemary Sweet Potatoes

Ingredients

- 3 lbs (6 cups) sweet potatoes
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 4 sprigs rosemary chopped
- 3 gloves garlic minced
- 1 red onion sliced

Instructions

1. Preheat sauté pan to medium heat on stovetop
2. Combine sweet potatoes and olive oil in the pan. Sauté potatoes until they are bright and tender.
3. Add Rosemary to the pan and continue to stir.
4. Lastly, add garlic and onion. Cook until soft and aromatic.



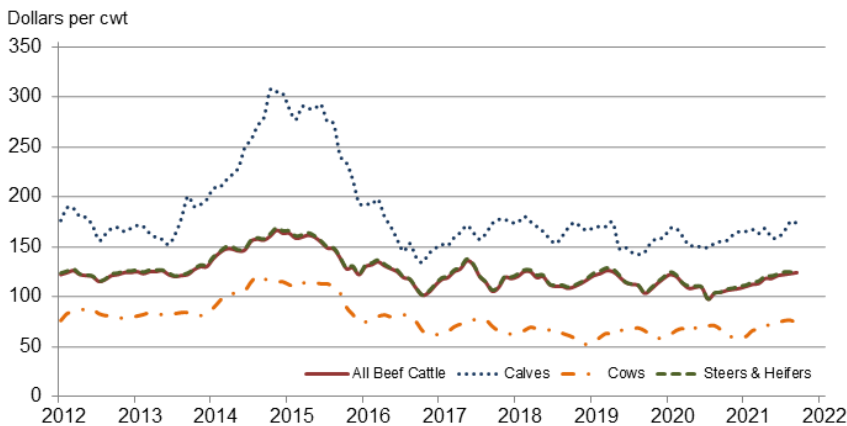
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Cattle Market

Prices Received for Cattle by Month – United States



Location	Forage Quality Grade		
	Premium	Good	Fair
----- \$ per ton -----			
Alabama	110-340	90-110	N/A
California	240	N/A	N/A
Colorado	N/A	N/A	N/A
Idaho	N/A	245	225
Iowa	180-190	135-160	103-128
Kansas	125-140	70-140(d)	50(d)-65
Minnesota	165-185	135-220	100-185
Missouri	140	80-100	60
Montana	360	N/A	N/A
Nebraska	140-200	125-160	75-120
Oregon	200-350	N/A	N/A
Pennsylvania	315-320	180-290	125-165
South Dakota	165-175	150-155	120-140
Texas	160-330	120-275	120-235

What to do with the herd this month?

We are coming to the time for lice, keep an eye out and treat as needed.

Take your forage analysis from last month and modify plans for your winter supplementation strategy

Monitor for our cool-season weeds to catch them early for treatment

BQA Tip

Research from OSU has showed animal performance was reduced when heifers were fed the same amount of feed per week, but at different frequencies. When providing energy it is best to feed those daily.

When will she calve?

Nov 1-22 → Aug 10-31

Nov 23-30 → Sep 1-8



Fertilizer prices skyrocket, worry Texas farmers

By: Jennifer Whitlock

In recent weeks, farm input costs have soared to record highs, leading farmers and ranchers in the Lone Star State to become increasingly worried.

During an interview with RFD-TV, Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) President Russell Boening relayed fertilizer costs have jumped anywhere from 50-90%. “There are some alternatives, like possibly going to a different crop,” he said. “But you can only cut back so much. When you start shorting your crops on fertility and crop protection products, you usually pay for that in the long run.”

Boening is a fourth-generation farmer who grows feed grains, cotton, watermelons and wheat, as well as operates a 450-cow dairy with his brother and father, and a beef cattle operation near Floresville.

Tariffs on raw phosphate from Russia and Morocco and urea ammonium nitrate from Russia and Tobago related to U.S. anti-dumping investigations combined with factory slowdowns and shutdowns and rising energy costs for fertilizer producers are contributing to the price increases. It’s what Boening called the “perfect storm.”

Some Texas farmers have completed harvest, while others are just entering their harvest season. But Boening said all are keeping an eye on input costs for the next crop year. Supply chain tensions continue to be a concern, but he noted, thankfully, Texas Gulf ports don’t appear to be facing the same backlog as those on the West Coast.

“We have heard of supply chain issues in our area, especially trucking issues,” he said. “It really doesn’t matter if you’re talking about trucking product out or trucking inputs in, we’re having a difficult time getting enough truck drivers and so that impacts how many trucks we can get to move things.”

In addition to fertilizer, corn and soybean seed costs are expected to rise anywhere from 5-15% in 2022 due to supply chain issues.

Upcoming Programs for
Hardin County

To all those that donated to HCYPS

Thank you



Hardin County 4-H

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service - District 9 Southeast Texas

6th Annual Town & Country 5-Hour CEU Recertification Seminar

Registration

\$50 by December 2nd

\$70 after December 2nd

Mail check and form to:

“Montgomery Co. Horticulture”

9020 Airport Rd

Conroe, TX 77303

Credit Cards/Online Option:

<https://ceus.eventbrite.com>

Location

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension—

Hardin County

Hardin County Annex Conference Room

1135 Redwood

Kountze, TX 77625

More Information

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December 9, 2021

Schedule

Check-in and refreshments, 7:30 - 8:15 a.m.

Program, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Topics & Speakers

5 CEU's pending approval

Livestock Vector Control & Housefly Management

Dr. Sonja Swiger, Extension Specialist

Stephenville Center, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

1 TDA IPM, 1 SPCS Pest

Weed Control in Pasture & Hay Meadows

Dr. Vanessa Corriher-Olson, Extension Forage Specialist

Overton Center, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

1 TDA General, 1 SPCS General

Laws & Regulations

Brad Tullis, Inspector, Texas Department of Agriculture

1 TDA L/R, 1 SPCS General

Pesticide Labels & Sprayer Calibration

Dr. Matt Matocha, Extension Program Specialist

Soil & Crop Sciences, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

1 TDA L/R, 1 SPCS General

Managing Soil Fertility for Weed Control

Dr. Tony Provin, Extension Specialist

Soil & Crop Sciences, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

1 TDA General, 1 SPCS Lawn/Ornamental

Town and Country CEU Recertification

December 9, 2021

Registration Form



Please complete one form per attendee.

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

TDA License Number: _____

SPCS License Number: _____

Registration: \$50 per attendee by December 2nd, \$70 after December 2nd

Payment Method: Cash Check

Please make checks payable to Montgomery County Horticulture Committee

Please send or bring completed form and payment to:

Montgomery County Horticulture Committee

9020 Airport Rd

Conroe, TX 77303

Questions? Call 936-539-7822 or email Brandon Gregson at brandon.gregson@ag.tamu.edu.

Register by December 2, 2021

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

We will seek to provide reasonable accommodations for our events for persons with disabilities. Please contact our office at least two weeks in advance to request any auxiliary aid or service that you require.

JANUARY 28, 2022
8:00 AM- 12:00 PM

1135 REDWOOD
KOUNTZE, TX 77625

PRIVATE PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TRAINING

TRAINING
COST \$60

The three and a half hour training will give participants the needed information to take the private applicator license test which is administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Private Applicator License is for producers or land owners who wish to apply restricted use pesticides to their property.

PLEASE RSVP BY JANUARY 20, 2022-
HARDIN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE AT (409) 246-5128

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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