

HARRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES NEWSLETTER

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Articles of Interest

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Warmer, drier weather expected for Texas

Although most Texans had an exceptionally wet 2020 and great precipitation throughout the 2021 growing season, conditions have dried out significantly over the past several months.

And it looks like more of the same is in store, according to National Weather Service Dallas-Fort Worth Meteorologist-in-Charge Tom Bradshaw. The La Niña pattern is expected by the National Weather Service to continue through March 2022, with forecaster consensus anticipating it to remain in place through April-June before finally dissipating.

To read more of the article from the Texas Farm Bureau, [click here.](#)



Serving Prime Rib for Your Christmas Dinner

With the Christmas holiday meal prep planning in full swing and everyone is tired of the leftover turkey from Thanksgiving, why not focus on Beef!

Prime Rib is an excellent choice nutrition wise and for presentation. **[Check out these interesting facts about this favorite holiday choice!](#)**



Poinsettias: A Texan's Favorite Christmas Flower

The poinsettia is a beloved symbol of the Christmas season. Much like the Christmas tree, wreaths, mistletoe, and holly it is used to bring natural beauty into homes, offices, and places of business throughout the month of December. While the red poinsettia remains the top selling variety each year, new breeding techniques have added many new shades to match almost any holiday décor. Today, one can find shades of white, yellow, pink, orange and salmon as well as many with marbled patterns.

[Read the entire article from Texas Agriculture Matters!, the Texas Department of Agriculture newsletter.](#)

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The most important asset on your farm or ranch is YOU!

It's been a tough year. You know working in agriculture is often stressful. Things like the economy, finances, weather, and even a pandemic increase our stress levels and can leave us feeling defeated and hopeless. The Southwest Center for Agricultural Health, Injury Prevention and Education (SW Ag Center) is working alongside the Texas Department of Agriculture to produce a multimedia campaign with hopeful messages, stress assistance resources and training for farmers and ranchers faced with the challenges of extreme weather and the pandemic.

[Click here to view the entire article from the December 2021 issue of Texas Agriculture Matters!](#)



All Texas Cattle Brands Must Be Renewed by February 28, 2022

All Texas cattle brands, marks and tattoos are set to expire after Aug. 30 and must be renewed by Feb. 28, 2022.

"Brand owners have a six-month grace period in order to re-register their brands, and that's beginning Aug. 31 through Feb. 28, 2022," said Michelle Carlile, assistant director of Law Enforcement, Brand and Inspection Services for the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA). "If they fail to re-register their brand during those six months, then their brand is open for anyone to take."

[Click here to view the entire article.](#)



Conservation – The Gift that Keeps on Giving

By Dana Rogge, USDA Dec 07, 2021

We're counting down to the holidays by highlighting the gifts given to us every day through conservation efforts. These gifts don't come in packages wrapped in pretty paper with a shiny bow on top, but they do keep giving all year long. When we conserve our natural resources, these gifts can be re-gifted for generations to come. Follow #12GiftsOfConservation as we head into this holiday season and highlight how these gifts contribute to the things you value and rely on most.

[Click here to view the entire article at farmers.gov](#)

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Nutsedge & Kyllinga Control for Homeowners

Matt Elmore, Assistant Professor and Extension Turfgrass Specialist
Casey Reynolds, Assistant Professor and Extension Turfgrass Specialist
Department of Soil and Crop Sciences, The Texas A&M University System

Nutsedge and kyllinga can be difficult to control in lawns because they are perennials that grow from underground rhizomes and/or tubers. Like many other warmseason perennial weeds, they emerge in late spring/early summer when soil temperatures increase, grow throughout the summer months, and disappear at first frost in the fall/winter. One exception is annual sedge, which is a true annual and does not develop rhizomes and tubers—it emerges from seed and persists throughout the warm-season months.

[Click here to view the entire article.](#)

Better Living for Texas

Lora Jorgensen, Harris County Extension Agent, BLT
Kristina Brown, Harris County Extension Agent, BLT

Better Living for Texans (BLT) provides research-based nutrition, health, and wellness information to empower individuals, families, and communities to make positive changes for healthier lives. We provide community programs on nutrition, physical activity, and gardening. Check out our programming brochure, [click here](#).

Apple Cranberry Salad Toss

Enjoy the flavors with this sweet and tart green salad. Light yet crisp!

Serves: 8

Ingredients:

10	cups of chopped lettuce, about 1 head
2	sliced apples
½	cup chopped walnuts
1	cup dried cranberries
½	cup sliced green onions
¾	cups vinaigrette dressing

Directions:

1. In a large bowl, toss lettuce, apples, walnuts, cranberries, and onions.
2. Add dressing and toss to coat.
3. Serve immediately.



Nutrients Per Serving: 174 calories, 10 g total fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 227 mg sodium, 22 g carbohydrates, 3 g fiber, 17 g total sugar, 9 g added sugar, and 2 g protein

Upcoming Events

Harris County ANR Annual Vegetation Management Conference

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022

9:00am - 3:00pm (*Light breakfast & Lunch included*)

**Baytown Community Center
2407 Market Street
Baytown, TX 77520**



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022

9:00am - 3:00pm (*Light Breakfast & Lunch included*)

**Harris County Precinct 4
Tomball Service Center
14444 Holderrieth Rd
TOMBALL, TX 77377**



Each location will offer 5 CEU credits (*Pending TDA approval)

Check-In Time: 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Classes start promptly at 9:00 AM

**Early Bird registration begins on December 6th
with a reduced price of \$50.**

Regular registration price of \$60 begins on December 26th.

**Click here to register for Baytown on 1/14/22
<https://vegmanagementconf-baytown2022.eventbrite.com/>**

**Click here to register for Tomball on 1/19/22
<https://vegmanagementconf-houston2022.eventbrite.com>**

Upcoming Events

JANUARY 10 - JANUARY 24, 2022

REDUCED COST SOIL TESTING CAMPAIGN

SPONSORED BY: BRAZORIA, FORT BEND, GALVESTON, & HARRIS COUNTIES

FORAGE PRODUCERS

You can't manage what you don't measure. Livestock and forage producers can take advantage of reduced cost soil samples in this campaign. *NO samples from lawns or gardens.*

COST & INSTRUCTIONS

Soil testing forms for THIS campaign, collection bags, & sampling instructions can be picked up from Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, or Harris County Extension Offices. NOTE: Each office has different payment instructions

\$8 Routine Analysis

\$15 Routine+ micronutrients

HOW TO SUBMIT

Submit campaign sample forms, soil samples, and payment by **January 24** to the participating Extension Offices below

For More Info Contact Your Local Extension Office Below

Brazoria Extension Office

21017 County Road 171
Angleton, TX 77515
979-864-1558
Jean.godwin@ag.tamu.edu

Galveston Extension Office

4102-B Main Street
La Marque, TX 77568
281-309-5064
Phoenix.rogers@ag.tamu.edu

Fort Bend Extension Office

1402 Band R, Suite 100
Rosenberg, TX 77471
281-342-3034
brandy.rader@ag.tamu.edu

Harris County Office

13105 Northwest Fwy Suite
1000, Houston, TX 77040
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HOME GROWN UPCOMING LECTURES

2022 HOME GROWN LECTURE SERIES

Lectures will be presented on the first Thursday of each month on Microsoft Teams and include live demonstrations. Register now so you don't miss one!

Winter

STARTING PLANTS FROM SEEDS

Paul Winski - Texas A&M AgriLife Harris County Extension Agent-Horticulture

January 6, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

BASIC GRAFTING TECHNIQUES

Shannon Dietz - Texas A&M AgriLife Harris County Extension Agent-Agriculture and Natural Resources

February 3, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

TOMATOES FOR THE PATIO

Brandi Keller - Texas A&M AgriLife County Extension Agent-Horticulture

March 3, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

Summer

IDENTIFYING PEST & DISEASE ISSUES IN THE GARDEN

Paul Winski - Texas A&M AgriLife Harris County Extension Agent-Horticulture

July 7, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

SAFETY IN THE HOME GARDEN

Shannon Dietz - Texas A&M AgriLife Harris County Extension Agent-Agriculture and Natural Resources

August 4, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

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Brandi Keller - Texas A&M AgriLife County Extension Agent-Horticulture

September 1, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

Spring

STARTING PLANTS FROM CUTTINGS

Paul Winski - Texas A&M AgriLife Harris County Extension Agent-Horticulture

April 7, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

HOME BUTCHER: MAKING BOUDIN

Shannon Dietz - Texas A&M AgriLife Harris County Extension Agent-Agriculture and Natural Resources

May 5, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

10 REASONS FOR YELLOWING LEAVES

Brandi Keller - Texas A&M AgriLife County Extension Agent-Horticulture

June 2, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

Fall

PROPER PRUNING IN THE LANDSCAPE

Paul Winski - Texas A&M AgriLife Harris County Extension Agent-Horticulture

October 6, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

HOLIDAY MEATS - NOT JUST TURKEY!

Shannon Dietz - Texas A&M AgriLife Harris County Extension Agent-Agriculture and Natural Resources

November 3, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

PLANTABLE CHRISTMAS TREE ALTERNATIVES

Brandi Keller - Texas A&M AgriLife County Extension Agent-Horticulture

December 1, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

Registration



homegrown2022.eventbrite.com



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Harris County AgriLife Website

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