

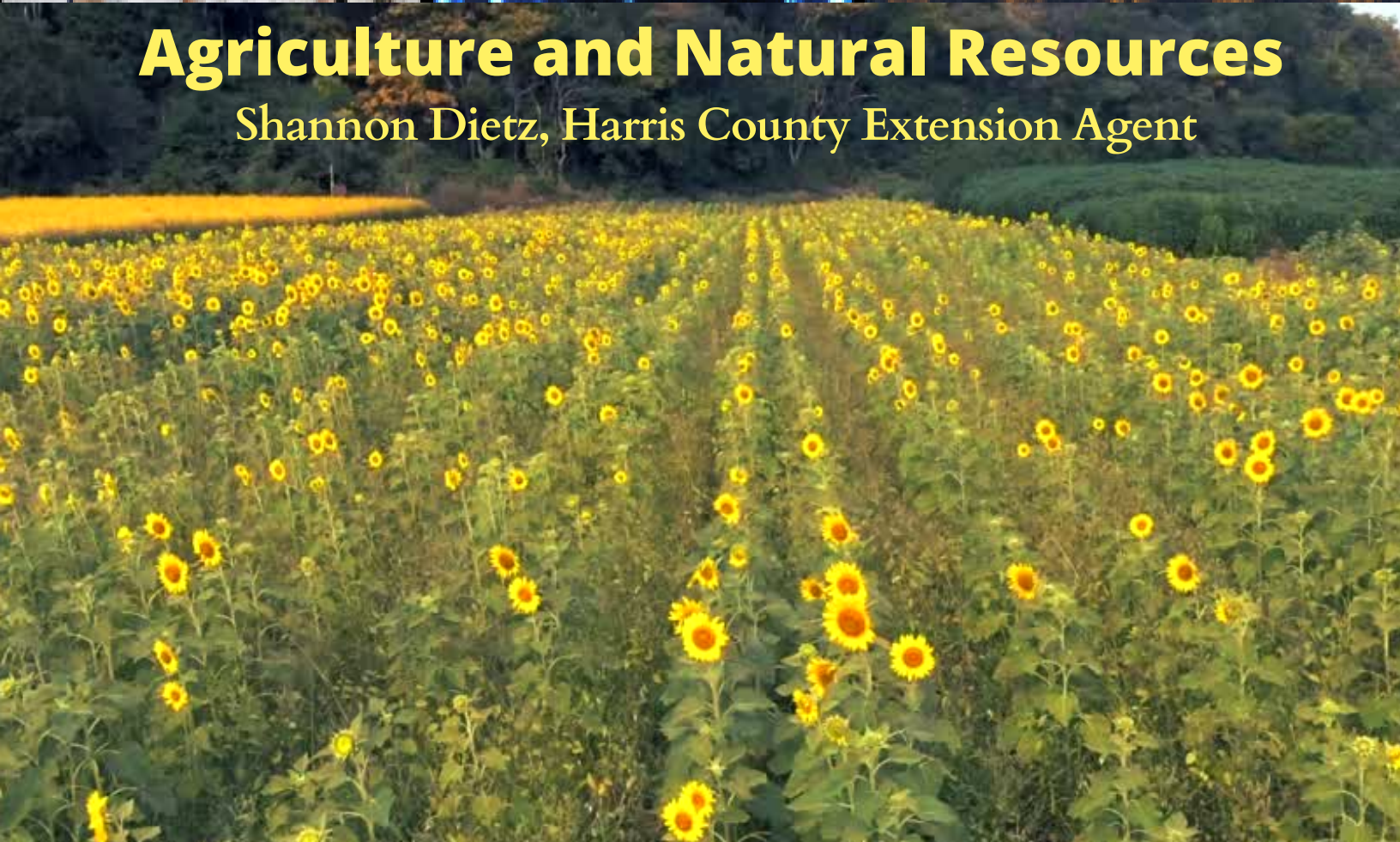


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**SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2022**

**SOUTHEAST TX  
URBAN AG AND FARM  
SAFETY SUMMIT**

**SNEAK A PEEK TOPICS**

*Farm Loan Information and Business Planning  
Livestock (Cattle and Equine)*

*Hay & Pasture Management*

*Vegetables and Crops*

*More*

*Livestock Judging contest*

*Weed Identification Contest*

*Tradeshow/ Product Demonstrations*

*Environmental and Pesticide, etc.*

<https://SETXurbanAGsummit.eventbrite.com>



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## Prickly Pasture Pests July 13, 2022 – Christine Gelley

**Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator, Noble County OSU Extension**

A couple pesky and prickly weeds that often go unnoticed until mid-summer in pastures and hayfields are common cocklebur and horsenettle. Both have the potential to cause toxicities if consumed in high enough amounts. Horsenettle is a member of the tomato family, and the berries are not safe to eat.

<https://u.osu.edu/beef/2022/07/13/prickly-pasture-pests/#more-12988>



## GOVERNOR ABBOTT ISSUES DROUGHT DECLARATION FOR TEXAS

The ongoing drought across much of Texas prompted Governor Greg Abbott today to announce a disaster declaration for 164 counties.

<https://Governor Abbott issues drought declaration for Texas - Texas Farm Bureau>



## Congress Wants to Ban Sale of U.S. Farmland to Foreign Countries By Julie Tomascik, Editor

Congressional lawmakers are looking to crack down on foreign purchases of agricultural land in the U.S. The House Appropriations Committee at the end of June voted to advance language that would ban companies from Russia, China, North Korea and Iran from purchasing U.S. agricultural land.

<https://texasfarmbureau.org/congress-wants-to-ban-sale-of-u-s-farmland-to-foreign-countries/>



## Texas Supreme Court: Texas Central Has Eminent Domain Power for High Speed Rail

This case revolves around the proposed high-speed electric-powered passenger train that would run between Dallas and Houston. In 2012, TXHS Railroad, Inc. was formed and in 2015, the company changed its name to Texas Central Railroad & Infrastructure, Inc. ("Texas Central") with a purpose to "plan, build, maintain, and operate an interurban electric railroad."

[Texas Supreme Court: Texas Central Has Eminent Domain Power for High Speed Rail - Texas Agriculture Law \(agrilife.org\)](#)



## Top 5 Reproductive Failures in Beef Operations (and How to Avoid Them)

Achieving high pregnancy rates is an important goal in every cow-calf operation. After every breeding season, we are either satisfied with the results or wondering why our pregnancy rates were so low and focusing on ways to improve them.

Traditional thinking trains us to be satisfied with our results when we have met the industry average, or are as good as, if not better than, our neighbor's pregnancy rates. Nontraditional thinking should redirect our focus more on the causes of some of these failures and on correcting or minimizing the problem

[5 Reproductive Failures in Beef Operations \(and How to Avoid Them\) \(noble.org\)](#)







## How to Manage Fields for Attracting Mourning Dove

A well-managed dove field provides the satisfaction of seeing dozens or hundreds of dove. The following characteristics seem to optimize mourning dove use of a field:

- Abundant preferred seeds lying on bare soil with minimal thatch or vegetation
- Field size of at least 10 acres
- Some trees, snags or utility lines in or adjacent to the field
- Pond or water source with shallow edges and a bare shoreline adjacent to, in or near the field
- Upland site <https://www.noble.org/news/publications/ag-news-and-views/2019/september/how-to-manage-fields-for-attracting-mourning-dove/>

## AG LAW in the Field

▶ A podcast with Tiffany Lashmet

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## Ag Law in the Field

**A podcast with Tiffany Lashmet, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist - Agricultural Law**

What types of situations cause damage to rural land? What should a landowner do in the event they see damage from spray drift or oil and gas operations? These are the questions I chatted about with Lubbock-based attorneys Amber Miller and Elliott Nixon.

[Ag Law in the Field: Episode #134 - Elliott Nixon & Amber Miller \(Property Damage in Agricultural Law\) \(libsyn.com\)](https://www.libsyn.com/ag-law-in-the-field-episode-134-elliott-nixon-amber-miller-property-damage-in-agricultural-law)

## May beef exports reach new heights; pork exports largest of 2022

WASHINGTON — U.S. beef exports set new volume and value records in May, topping \$1 billion for the fourth time this year, according to data released by USDA and compiled by the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF). While pork exports were well below last year's large totals, shipments were the largest of 2022 in both volume and value. U.S. lamb exports continued to trend higher, led by growth in the Caribbean and Mexico.

<https://www.morningagclips.com/may-beef-exports-reach-new-heights-pork-exports-largest-of-2022/>

## American Agri-Women Gather in Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C. (Apgar) June 14, 2022 – Women in agriculture from throughout the U.S. recently gathered in Washington, D.C., for the 36th Annual American Agri-Women (AAW) Fly-In to D.C. and the 27th Annual Symposium. After a two-year absence due to COVID restrictions, the group met with elected officials and policymakers to discuss critical issues, including environmental social and governance (ESG), trade and supply chain, land use, taxation, energy and mining, and the 2023 farm bill recommendations.

<https://americanagriwomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/AAW-Members-Gather-in-Washington-DC.pdf>





# BETTER LIVING FOR TEXANS

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July 2022

## Recipe of the Month

Recipe and photo source: Junior Master Garden Kitchen, <https://imgkids.us/gardenkitchen/>

### Red Leaf Lettuce and Strawberry Salad

*How the children can help: wash the produce, measure the ingredients, combine the dressing ingredients, shake the dressing, and drizzle the dressing over the salad.*

Serves: 4

#### Ingredients:

##### Dressing\*

- $\frac{1}{3}$  cup of vegetable oil
- 3 tablespoons of vinegar
- 2 tablespoons of honey
- 1 teaspoon of mustard
- $\frac{1}{8}$  teaspoon of salt
- $\frac{1}{8}$  teaspoon of cinnamon
- \*Optional: substitute  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of balsamic vinaigrette or another low-fat dressing

##### Salad

- 4 cups of red leaf lettuce greens
- $\frac{1}{4}$  pound of strawberries, sliced (about 1 cup)

#### Directions:

1. Wash your hands and clean your cooking area.
2. In a small jar with a tight-fitting lid, combine the oil, vinegar, honey, mustard, salt, and cinnamon. Cover the jar and shake it well. If no jar is available, blend the ingredients in a bowl with a fork. Chill the dressing until it's time to serve it.
3. Rinse and cut the leafy tops off the strawberries and slice them lengthwise into fourths.
4. Place the red leaf lettuce greens in the colander and run water over them. Drain them and pat them dry.
5. In a large mixing bowl, combine the lettuce and sliced strawberries. Toss them gently.
6. Drizzle the dressing over the salad as desired.

**Nutrients Per Serving:** 210 calories, 19 g total fat, 2 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 95 mg sodium, 13 g carbohydrates, 1 g fiber, 11 g total sugar, and 1 g protein

**Total Cost:** \$\$\$\$

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