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Agriculture and Natural Resources

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Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter! ANR is ready to spring into another exciting season. I am looking forward to working with everyone as we continue our mission of enriching Texans.

Stay tuned for some great programs in the upcoming months.

Here to Serve,
Steven Frederick

“Agriculture is the most healthful, most useful and most noble employment of man.” -*George Washington*-

Be on the lookout for our:

**Private Pesticide Applicator
Training in the upcoming months
and**

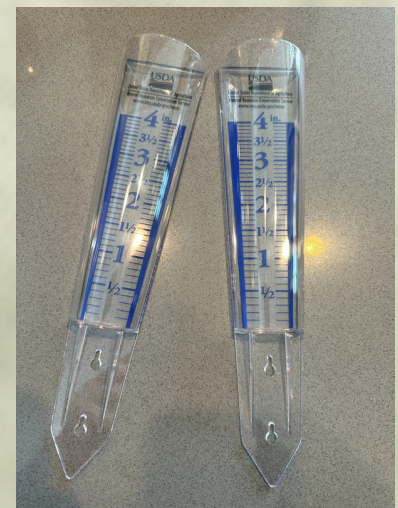
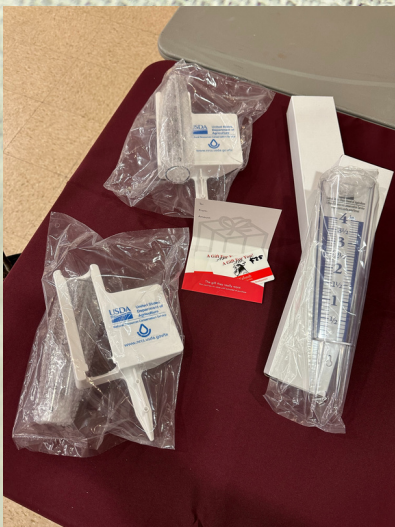
The Harris County New Landowner Series

PREVIOUS CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

2024 VEGETATION MANAGEMENT



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Conference Highlights

Special Thanks!

Conference Locations

**Trees for Houston
(Bauer Education Center)
Baytown Community Center**

Conference Meal Sponsors

**Capital Farm Credit
(February Conference)**

Door Prize Sponsors

**City of Baytown
Trees For Houston
USDA | NRCS
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Capital Farm Credit**



2024 Solar Eclipse

BE PREPARED!!!



Safety tips for watching solar eclipse in Texas

The total solar eclipse is a large-scale natural phenomenon that Texans have not seen since 2017, so make your plans.

 AgriLife Today / Mar 25

Click the link below for safety tips:

<https://agrilifetoday.tamu.edu/2024/03/25/safety-tips-for-watching-solar-eclipse-in-texas/>

AGRICULTURE IN THE NEWS



How To Keep Black Flies Away, According To Experts

Say goodbye to black flies with these effective strategies. Learn how to repel and prevent black flies from bothering you during outdoor activities.

 Southern Living / Mar 16

https://www.southernliving.com/how-to-keep-black-flies-away-8606121?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=How%20to%20keep%20black%20flies%20away%2C%20according%20to%20experts&utm_campaign=newsletter-AgriLife-Today-03-28-23

Strutting into Spring



Texas wild turkeys are strutting into spring

Discover the collaborative efforts between Texas A&M AgriLife and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in restoring and conserving wild turkey populations in Texas, from historic declines to innovative stockin...

 poultrytimes.com / Mar 19

<https://texasfarmbureau.org/winter-pasture-rangeland-conditions-vary-across-texas/>



Winter pasture, rangeland conditions vary across Texas

By Shelby Shank | Field Editor

As the new year kicks off, rangeland and pastures across Texas have a fairly good outlook, but many areas could still use moisture, according to Tracy Tomascik, Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) associate director of Commodity and Regulatory Activities.

Click the link below for additional information:

<https://texasfarmbureau.org/winter-pasture-rangeland-conditions-vary-across-texas/>

Coping with Feral Hogs Teaching, Research, Extension and Service



Home - Coping with Feral Hogs Feral Hogs in Texas

Feral hogs are a non-native animal found across the state of Texas. The management techniques on this site provide tools for land managers.

 Coping with Feral Hogs / Nov 8, 2023

Feral Hogs in Texas: An Invasive Animal

Feral hogs (*Sus scrofa*) are a non-native animal found across the state of Texas. They rely on rooting in the soil to find food, which can cause significant damage to natural resources. They are resilient animals who often compete with native wildlife for resources. Additionally, feral hog ranges overlap with agricultural operations, livestock, and human populations. In the areas where overlap occurs, feral hogs cause millions of dollars worth of damage and run the risk of spreading disease.

Click the link below for additional information:

<https://feralhogs.tamu.edu/>

U.S. MEAT CONSUMPTION REMAINS STRONG



Study shows U.S. meat consumption remains strong

A recent study shows that meat consumption among Americans remains high, with 80% of Americans saying they eat meat.

★ Texas Farm Bureau / Mar 28

<https://texasfarmbureau.org/study-shows-u-s-meat-consumption-remains-strong/>

AGRICULTURE IN THE NEWS



<https://texasfarmbureau.org/u-s-texas-economy-driven-by-food-agriculture-sectors/>

AGRICULTURE IN THE NEWS



The Panhandle Wildfire Aftermath - Resources for Producers & Landowners

The damage and devastation left in the wake of the Panhandle wildfires is unimaginable and will continue to impact landowners, agricultural producers, families, and communities for years to come. As those...

 Texas Agriculture Law / Mar 8

<https://agrilife.org/texasaglaw/2024/03/08/the-panhandle-wildfire-aftermath-usda-programs-for-producers-landowners/>



Wheat production looks better than in years past

Wheat production across Texas looks better than in years past, providing producers some optimism despite low wheat prices.

 AgriLife Today / Mar 26

<https://agrilifetoday.tamu.edu/2024/03/26/wheat-production-shaping-up-better-than-past-two-years-but-prices-are-low/>

BETTER LIVING FOR TEXANS

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE



March 2024

Recipe of the Month

Recipe adapted from Healthy Seasonal Recipes, <https://www.healthyseasonalrecipes.com/slow-cooker-chicken-gumbo/>

Mardi Gras Gumbo

Serves 6

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil (substitute: oil of choice)	2 cups fresh or frozen okra, sliced
1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breast	2 cups celery, diced
1 (28-ounce) can no-salt-added crushed tomatoes	2 cups green bell peppers, diced
1 large onion, diced (about 1 cup)	½ cup long-grain brown rice
1 tablespoon rosemary, chopped (substitute: 1 teaspoon dried rosemary)	1 tablespoon dried sage (substitute: dried thyme or dried oregano)
4 cups low-sodium chicken broth	2 tablespoons chopped garlic (about 4 cloves)
4 ounces sausage cut into 1/2-inch slices	1 teaspoon salt

Directions:

1. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken and cook until browned, 2 to 4 minutes per side. Transfer the chicken to a large slow cooker.
2. Add crushed tomatoes into the slow cooker, including any remaining liquid from the can. Then, add onion, rosemary, broth, sausage, okra, celery, bell peppers, rice, sage, garlic, and salt into the slow cooker.
3. Turn to low heat for 8 hours or 4 hours on high. Allow the gumbo to cook, covered and undisturbed, until the time is up. Ladle into bowls to serve.



Nutrients Per Serving: 170 calories, 5 g total fat, 1.5 g saturated fat, 35 mg cholesterol, 390 mg sodium, 17 g carbohydrates, 4 g fiber, 5 g total sugar, 0 g added sugar, and 13 g protein

Estimated Total Cost for Recipe: \$13.32



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WOMEN OF THE LAND



AGENDA

APRIL 12,
2024



- 9:00 AM : *Arrival & Check in*
- 9:15 AM : TWA Youth Education Programs
- 9:45 AM : Backyard Wildscapes
- 10:30 AM : Prescribed Burning
- 11:15 AM : USFWS Landowner Programs
- 12:00 PM : *Break for Lunch*
- 1:00 PM : Heavy Machinery Demonstration
- 1:45 PM : Prescribed Burn Demonstration
- 2:30 PM : Tour of Harrison Long Point
- 3:15 PM : Wildlife Habitat Management
- 4:00 PM : *Wrap up and Depart*



SPOTS ARE LIMITED
REGISTER NOW



<https://www.texas-wildlife.org/wotl/>



8200 FM 1994 Richmond, TX 77469

You're Invited!

**Tuesday
April 23, 2024**

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: United Way of
Greater Houston
50 Waugh Drive
Houston, Texas 77007

Catered dinner at 6:00 PM with the
forum to begin immediately
following dinner.

Please **RSVP** by **April 12th** by calling
the Harris County extension office.

713-274-0950

or emailing

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Our ability to meet the educational needs of our community depends on knowing what our community members see as the issues that impact their lives. To learn what those issues are, we rely on community members like you to help us identify the problems and issues facing Texans today.

Your opinion is highly valued, so we hope you will be able to help us shape the future of Extension programming in Harris County! We cordially invite you to join us on Tuesday - April 23, 2024, to help us identify the problems and issues facing Harris County residents today.

**You must RSVP by April 12th to attend,
walk-ins cannot be accepted.**



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