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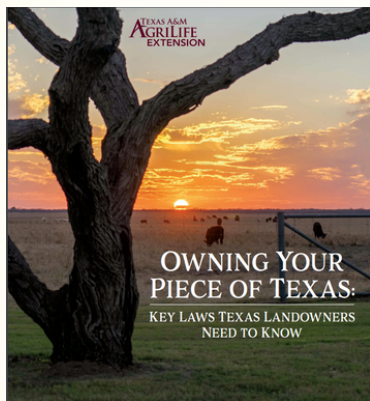
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Happy Fall to All,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that played a role in the success of our 2022 Southeast Texas Urban Ag & Farm Safety Summit!!

Hats off to our amazing sponsors! We are looking forward to seeing everyone next year! The "2023 Southeast Texas Urban Ag& Farm Safety Summit" **Save-the-date coming soon!**

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Owning Your Piece of Texas: Key Laws Texas Landowners Need to Know

This is a must-have for rural Texas landowners and agricultural producers. "I offer an overview of the laws you are most likely to encounter from water law to fence law, landowner liability to property tax valuation" (*Tiffany Dowell Lashmet*).

Click the link below to download a free PDF:

Author: *Tiffany Dowell Lashmet Assistant Professor & Extension Specialist Texas A&M AgriLife Extension The Texas A&M University System*

<https://agrillife.org/texasaglaw/files/2020/11/Owing-Your-Piece-of-Texas-Key-Laws-Texas-Landowners-Need-to-Know.pdf>



Where's the Beef?

Legal & Economic Considerations for Direct Beef Sales

Whether you are just considering adding direct beef sales to your operation or you've been involved in selling beef directly to the consumer for years, this handbook is for you!

Justin Benavidez, PhD | Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, JD | Garrett Reed, JD
Elizabeth Rumley, JD | Sarah Patterson, JD

To download your free PDF, click the link below:

<https://cdn-de.agrillife.org/extension/departments/agec/agec-pu-184/publication/files/wheres-the-beef-legal-and-economic-considerations-for-direct-beef-sales.pdf>



Texas timber fuels the economy

By Julie Tomascik The tall, tall trees in East Texas

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The tall, tall trees in East Texas stretch to the sky and are cared for by timber farmers and foresters. In fact, growing trees is similar to growing row crops like corn, wheat and grain sorghum. It just takes a lot longer.

Click the link below for details:

<https://tabletop.texasfarmbureau.org/2021/10/texas-timber-fuels-the-economy/>



Wholesale Turkey Prices Rise as Thanksgiving Approaches

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Turkey prices have been on the rise with Thanksgiving Day still more than a month away, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Click the link below for details:

<https://www.morningagclips.com/wholesale-turkey-prices-rise-as-thanksgiving-approaches/>



Boll Weevil Monument

Enterprise, Alabama

Why is there an Italian statue of a Greek lady holding a Mexican boll weevil in the middle of Main Street in a small Alabama town?

Click the link below for details:

<https://mailchi.mp/623ff91f7b50/bugs-eye-view-no-32-boll-weevil-monument?e=ad55fd017e>



Livestock and the Farm Bill

Every five years Congress passes legislation that sets national policy on agriculture, nutrition, conservation and forestry. The first real farm bill was the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933, part of the government's New Deal response to the Great Depression, following a decade of failed efforts to address low crop prices after World War I.

Click the link below for details:

<https://www.fb.org/market-intel/livestock-and-the-farm-bill>

How Candy Corn Became a Halloween Staple



In 2020, Candystore.com surveyed 20,000 customers and determined that candy corn was America's least favorite candy. Case closed? Not so fast: A separate report from the same site back in 2017 found that it's the top Halloween candy in six states, according to sales data. How much of the candy corn that's sold each year actually gets eaten remains unknown.

Click the link below for details:

<https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/648356/candy-corn-history>

USDA Releases Details for Upcoming Census of Agriculture



America's farmers and ranchers will soon have the opportunity to be represented in the nation's only comprehensive and impartial agriculture data for every state, county and territory. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will mail the 2022 Census of Agriculture to millions of farmers and ranchers across the 50 states and Puerto Rico this fall.

Click the link below for details:

<https://texasfarmbureau.org/usda-releases-details-for-upcoming-census-of-agriculture/>

Playing With Fire: When Manageable Risk Delivers Great Reward



Putting fire to prairie is a little like, well, pouring gas on a fire. It results in explosive native grass production but also can be a bit risky. Liability concerns and sacrificing current forage to the flame — especially during severe drought — keep many land managers from using this powerful regenerative management tool.

Click the link below for details:

http://campaigns.noble.org/noble-rancher-october-11-2022?ecid=ACsprvVCaLJO30n0atn6RhBj7NDEbjlbV30LIY92CX8_vRvVhnQFXuYrD33CDh1cHVdMkTz7vHV&utm_campaign=Noble%20Rancher&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=229126242&hsenc=p2ANqtz-_mFVHKG_w61xQjZya5fYDMeuNslOtTj_sQh7jK6MCnt5IV7fac0ssA8sBeEnHh7OHhIkiju6gQzRa4sq4oY-R6ctNrFH-w68Tli3yxolGpxGI6Gpg



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Four Simple Ways to Move More During the Holidays

The holiday season is approaching which often means a busier schedule. From planning family meals to cleaning or decorating, when our schedules pick up, it is easy to skip one thing that we all need, physical activity! Below are four ways to move more during this holiday season.



1. Dance Party

Play your favorite holiday music and share your favorite dance moves while cleaning, decorating, cooking, or putting the finishing touches on the house. Make it a dance contest and see who has the best dance moves in the house!

2. Walk Around

Walk around the neighborhood with family and friends and enjoy the different holiday

decorations. Additionally, bring together a group for a community holiday themed run or walk. Many communities offer several distances for all ages and skill levels.

3. Create Your Own Obstacle Course

Plan out a holiday obstacle course for the whole family and neighbors to enjoy. All ages can be included. This activity provides a fun opportunity to meet new neighbors and connect with old ones.

4. Flag Football

Instead of sitting and watching a football game, become part of one! Take the game outdoors by playing flag football. Assemble teams in creative ways like 'boys vs girls,' or 'kids vs adults!' Add to the competition, losing team does the dinner dishes!

Remember to include physical activity during your holiday celebrations. Whether it is badminton, horseshoes, a cornhole game, croquet, or a game you create on your own, you will be surprised how much fun it can be!

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Private Pesticide Applicator License Training



Required training class for anyone applying for a Private Pesticide Applicator License with the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Cost: \$65, includes required training manuals

When: Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Where: Harris County
Extension Office
13105 Northwest Fwy.
Houston, TX 77040
1st Floor Conference Room

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Thank you for reading our ANR Newsletter!

Our next edition is scheduled out
January 2023!

We would like to take this opportunity
to wish everyone a **safe**
and **happy** holiday season!

Shannon and the ANR Committee



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