

# Fort Bend Ag & Natural Resources Newsletter

John L. Few IV: Fort Bend ANR Extension Agent  
1402 Band Rd. Suite 100  
Rosenberg, TX 77471

TEXAS A&M  
AGRI LIFE  
EXTENSION



PRAIRIE VIEW  
A&M UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE  
AND HUMAN SCIENCES



Cooperative Extension Program

Agriculture and Natural Resources

## Future Events for Agriculture and Horticulture:

### Ag Landowner Series-Ag Appraisals 2/22/2023

- Over the last two months Fort Bend County AgriLife Extension has been hosting an Ag Landowner series covering topics that are pressing concerns and areas of interest for current, new, and future Fort Bend county agriculture landowners. One of the most common questions I get is about Ag Appraisals, commonly called Ag Exemptions. Some of the common questions agriculture landowners have about Ag Appraisals are: How do I apply for an Ag Appraisal, what are the qualifications for Ag Appraisals, how do I qualify for a wild life appraisal, how do I protest an appraisal, and more. A representative from the Fort Bend County Appraisal District will be presenting and answering these questions at our final Ag Landowner Series program for this year. For the cost of \$20 you can register for this program at this link (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ag-landowner-seminar-series-tickets-487244269727>) or register in person before or the day of with a check or cash, just visit the Fort Bend AgriLife office to register.

### Pollinator Gardens 101-Prairie View A&M University Cooperative Extension 2/23/2023

- Pollinators are integral part of our ecosystem. There will be no food if there are no pollinators. Workshop participants will learn about pollinators as well as selection of flower types for sustainable availability of pollen and nectar for pollinators. You can register for this workshop at the following link (<https://fortbend.agrilife.org/event/pollinator-gardens-101/>).

### Reduced Soil Testing Campaign 2/1/2023-2/28/2023

- Starting the year off on the right foot with a soil test is always beneficial for producers looking to get the most out of their soil or ones who are looking to make improvements to their property. Fort Bend, Brazoria, Galveston, and Harris counties are running a reduced cost soil testing campaign to encourage producers to get their soils tested. If you would like to get your soils tested at a reduced cost please click the following link (<https://fortbend.agrilife.org/files/2023/02/Flyer-Form-Soil-Campaign-2023.pdf>) or visit the Fort Bend county extension office to pick up soil testing bags and forms to get a reduced cost soil test. Producers must follow all instructions provided in the form in order to receive the reduced cost.

For Agriculture/Natural Resources information, contact:

John L. Few IV  
[john.few@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:john.few@ag.tamu.edu)

Dr. Abdul Hakeem  
[abdul.hakeem@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:abdul.hakeem@ag.tamu.edu)

For Horticulture, contact:  
Boone Holladay  
[jb.holladay@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:jb.holladay@ag.tamu.edu)



Visit our office at  
1402 Band Road, Ste. 100,  
Rosenberg, TX 77471

281-342-3034

<https://fortbend.agrilife.org>

See all events at:  
<https://fortbend.agrilife.org/events/>

# Fort Bend Ag & Natural Resources Newsletter Continued

## Future Events for Agriculture and Horticulture Continued

### Owning Your Piece of Texas 3/13/2023

- Texas A&M Extension Agriculture Law Specialist Tiffany Dowell Lashmet will be hosting her “Owning Your Piece of Texas” seminar on March 13 in Fort Bend County at the Rosenberg Civic Center. This program will cover several issues that Fort Bend landowners are facing such as: Eminent domain, landowner liability, fence law, special use tax valuation, and more! Each attendee will receive a copy of Lashmet’s handbook “Owning Your Piece of Texas: Key Laws Texas Landowners Need to Know”. This will be one of the few times many people will be able to get advice on law from a lawyer for the low cost of \$75. This program also offers 6 hours of CE’s for real estate agents! Register at the following link (<https://tamu.estore.flywire.com/products/texas-ag-law-owning-your-piece-of-texas-key-laws-texas-landowners-need-to-know-march-13>)

### Grow Your Own-Edible Garden Planning- Fort Bend Horticulture 3/4/2023

- Grow Your Own series! Next month’s class will cover Edible Garden Planning. Class will be held from 9AM-10:30AM at the Bud O’Shieles Community Center. You can register at (<https://fbmg.org/grow-your-own-2023/>).

### Spring Vegetable-Herb Plant Sale-Fort Bend Horticulture 3/11/2023

- Fort Bend County Master Gardeners announce their Spring Vegetable-Herb Plant Sale to be held on Saturday, March 11, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon or until sold out. The sale will be held at the Bud O’Shieles Community Center, 1330 Band Road, Rosenberg, TX 77471.

### Landscape Success-Turf Grass-Fort Bend Horticulture 3/13/2023

- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Fort Bend County Master Gardeners are offering a Landscape Success Program Series! Next month’s class will cover Turf Grass. Class is online and from 2PM-3:30PM. You can register at (<https://fbmg.org/landscape-success-2023/>).

### Hemp Production, Processing & Marketing Workshop-Prairie View A&M University Cooperative Extension 3/2/2023

- Workshop participants will learn hemp production, processing, U.S. policy and market overview. You can register at the following link (<https://fortbend.agrilife.org/event/hemp-production-processing-marketing-hybrid-workshop/>)

### The 2023 Hemphill County Texas A&M AgriLife Beef Cattle Conference @ Jones Pavilion, Canadian, Texas 4/25-26/2023

- Texas A&M AgriLife will be hosting its 2023 Hemphill Co. Beef Conference from 4/25-26/2023. This year’s theme is “It’s All About the Numbers”! With lingering drought issues, high input cost, and a zooming beef cattle market, now is a vital time to attend this conference! This conference will be loaded with beef cattle industry leaders, ranchers, and experts, as well as an experience from Willie Robertson of Duck Dynasty! You can register at the following link (<http://www.hemphillcotxbeef.com/>).

*See the following pages for 4-H Youth and Family & Community Health News and Events!*

# Fort Bend Ag & Natural Resources Newsletter

## 4-H & Youth News and Events:

### Fort Bend Entomology Club

- Fort Bend County has recently started a youth entomology club! Members of the club can expect to learn about insects, arachnids, millipedes, centipedes, and other arthropods! We also teach how to members how to properly identify insects and how to create an insect display! For more information on how to join please contact Fort Bend County 4-H Youth Development Agent Danielle Prihoda-McLure ([danielle.mclure@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:danielle.mclure@ag.tamu.edu) or 281-342-3034)

### February Vet Science Meeting 2/21/2023

- Come join Fort Bend County 4-H for their monthly Vet Science Club Meeting. This meeting is open to youth of all ages. Register to attend at (<https://agrilife.org/ftbend4h/projects/veterinary-science/>). The meeting will start at 6:45 PM at Fort Bend County Extension Office.

### Livestock Coalition Meeting-Virtual 3/13/2023

- If you enjoy livestock and livestock related events then Fort Bend County 4-H would love for you to join our Livestock Coalition. If interested please contact our office at 281-342-3034 or [fortbend4h@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:fortbend4h@ag.tamu.edu).

### March Vet Science Meeting 3/21/2023

- Come join Fort Bend County 4-H for their monthly Vet Science Club Meeting. This meeting is open to youth of all ages. Register to attend at (<https://agrilife.org/ftbend4h/projects/veterinary-science/>). The meeting will start at 6:45 PM at Fort Bend County Extension Office.

## Family & Community Health Events:

### Children's Book Drive 2/18/2023-3/17/2023

- The Fort Bend AgriLife Extension Office is looking for new or gently used children's books to be donated for the Father/Families Reading Every Day program which encourages dads and families to read to their children! Books can be dropped off at the Fort Bend County Extension Office.

### Walk Across Texas 3/13/2023- 5/7/2023

- Come join Fort Bend County Extension in our annual Walk Across Texas program. You can register at (<https://fortbend.agrilife.org/fch/walk-across-texas/>). Registration ends 3/12/2023.

### Home Décor Design Camp for Kids 3/14/2023

- The purpose of a Home Décor Design Camp is to teach youth how to create decorative décor and accents for their bedrooms. The camp will provide specialized information to individuals wanting to decorate, design, and organize their bedroom on a limited budget. This workshop will help you learn how to save money, time, and resources, and enhance the child's decorative creativity. Those interested can register at (<https://fortbend.agrilife.org/fch/youth-camps/>) for \$75.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension provides equal opportunities in its programs and employment to all persons, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas cooperating. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in any Extension activities, are encouraged to contact the Fort Bend County Extension Office at 281-342-3034 for assistance five working days prior to activity.