

Fort Bend Ag & Natural Resources Newsletter

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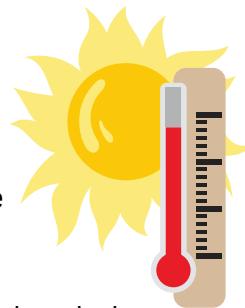


Greetings everyone and welcome to the July 2023 edition of the Fort Bend Ag News Letter!

As always I would like to start with a personal story. Last week local producer Paul Freund and Texas A&M AgriLife were featured on Fox National News! We were asked to talk about how the heatwave is affecting farmers. While it was exciting to be featured on the news with Paul and my college, Karrie Calloway, the subject matter was not so exciting. Cotton is getting stressed out due to the heat and drought conditions. Link to the interview can be found here (<https://www.fox26houston.com/video/1250666>)

Warm Weather Safety

Speaking of the current heat wave sweeping the state, below we have listed some helpful tips on staying safe during these heated times.



- Symptoms of heat exhaustion include fatigue, light headedness, and a lack of strength. If you begin to feel this way get out of the heat, remove excess clothing, cool yourself down, and drink plenty of water.
- Symptoms of heat stroke include confusion, being not responsive, and a body temperature of over 103°F. Someone experiencing heat stroke needs immediate medical attention as delay can be fatal. Move the victim to a cool environment, cool them down but do not use fans as that can make them hotter, and do NOT give them fluids.
- Avoid going outside during the hottest times of the day if you can, this usually is around 2pm-5pm.
- If you have to work outside, wear light, loose-fitting clothing, and stay hydrated. Do not forget to take breaks often when working in high temperatures.
- Water is the preferred liquid for hydration, however drinks containing electrolytes can be helpful if you are sweating excessively.
- For a more detailed article on heat safety click the following link (<https://today.tamu.edu/2023/06/22/how-can-texans-stay-safe-and-healthy-during-the-ongoing-heat-wave/>)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Agriculture Events

Row Crops Seminar- 9/5/2023- Cost \$30 - 3 CEUs

- Texas A&M AgriLife and Prairie View A&M Cooperative Extension is hosting a hybrid educational seminar hosted online and in person at the Fort Bend AgriLife office. This seminar offers three CEUs for licensed applicators and covers the following topics: Managing Drought & Pest Issues with Emerging Corn Biotechnology, Bt Transgenic Cotton Technology Update & Cotton Boll Worm's Resistance to the Technology, and Controlling Weeds in Staple Texas Row Crops. To register for this event please click the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/row-crops-seminar-tickets-680235652147>

Owning Your Piece of Texas- 9/25/2023 - Cost \$75

- We are hosting the Owning Your Piece of Texas program here in Fort Bend County! This program focuses on eminent domain, fence law, landowner liability, special use tax evaluations, and more! Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Ag Law Specialist Tiffany Dowell Lashmet and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension District Economist, as well as other local attorneys will be available to educate you and answer all your questions about ag-law and other topics! Each person in attendance will receive a copy of Lashmet's handbook. To register for this event click on this link: <https://tamu.estore.flywire.com/products/texas-ag-law-owning-your-piece-of-texas-key-laws-texas-landowners-need-to-know-september-25>

Horticulture Events

Landscape Success

- Texas A&M AgriLife and Fort Bend County Master Gardeners are wrapping up their Landscape Success series of online classes. These classes are designed to educate you on how to create and maintain a beautiful home landscape. You can register for classes at the following link: <https://fortbend.agrilife.org/landscape-success/>

Grow Your Own

- Texas A&M AgriLife and Fort Bend County Master Gardeners are finishing up their Grow Your Own series. This series teaches participants on how to plan and grow their own produce. To register for these events click the following link: <https://fortbend.agrilife.org/grow-your-own/>

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