

Fort Bend Ag & Natural Resources Newsletter

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Nothing to Wine About!

In this edition of the Fort Bend Ag News Letter I would like to let you in on one of my newest hobbies, WINE MAKING!

I recently made my first batch of mead, honey wine, and had a lot of fun with it. Mead is primarily made of honey, water, and yeast though you can add spices and fruit to it. Just like cooking there are a million and one ways to make a wine or mead recipe as there is to cook almost anything and everyone thinks they know the right way of making it, but for me I think that experimenting with all kinds of different ingredients and techniques is what makes the process the most fun.

As I currently think of my next wine recipes, I think about how all of the ingredients that I use to make it have come from a farm from somewhere around the world and how much work the producers have had to put into make a quality product that will be used to make food and beverages for all to enjoy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CEU Programs:

- **Utilizing Apps for Weed ID CEU Program 3/7/2024** - This virtual class is hosted by Brazoria County AgriLife Extension and will give an overview on resources to assist in identifying weeds in pastures and hay fields and will give 1 General CEU. Register by noon on the day of class at <https://weed-control-pasture-hay.eventbrite.com>
- **Landscape CEU Workshop 3/20/2024** - The Landscape CEU Workshop is a workshop for landscape professionals looking for CEUs that covers topics relevant to their field. The program offers 3 General CEUs and covers the topics of Irrigation Best Practices and Chemigation Management, Turf Grass Management, and Disease Management for Home Lawns. You may register for this workshop in person at the Fort Bend Extension Office or at the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/landscape-ceu-workshop-tickets-848844134657?aff=oddttdtcreator>
- **Vector Management CEU Program 3/28/2024** - This is a recertification program that will educate personnel in cities and municipalities in the field of vector abatement on mosquitos, trap usage, ticks, surveillance, fleas and bugs, virus testing, control tactics, and mosquito control. This program offers 5 CEUs in the areas of agriculture, structural, animal control CE's, registered sanitation, and code enforcement. You can register for this program at the following link: <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/ereg/newreg.php?eventid=779984&>

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<https://fortbend.agrilife.org>

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

Agriculture Events

- **Crop Productive & Utilization: Hemp Production 3/7/2024** - Growing hemp is a risky business. You need to know and strictly follow laws and regulations. This workshop will teach you about hemp production and processing as well as laws and regulations. You can register for this program at the following link: <https://pvpanther.zoom.us/j/6511017mr6Y1LOa5#/registration>
- **Are You Fire Aware? 3/15/2024 @4:30pm** - Come see the benefits of engaging in a Prescribed Burn Association for your area. This event will be hosted by Brazoria County Extension, Texas Parks & Wildlife, and The Nature Conservancy. This meeting will be at 21017 CR 171, Angleton, TX 77515. Dinner is provided and the meeting is FREE! Please RSVP by 3/15/2024 by contacting Calan Coleman (361)-741-8066 or by email at calan.coleman@tnc.org
- **Herd Health Series 3/15/2024 & 2/22/2024** - Prairie View A&M University's Cooperative Extension Program of Wharton County is hosting a 2-week, Herd Health Series that will consist of a hands-on cattle vaccination demonstration and developing a health management plan for your cattle herd. Descriptions of each event are found below. You can register for this program at the following link: https://pvamu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3RhlzkqPzwHYTmm
 - Session 1:
 - Date: Friday, March 15, 2024
 - Time: 10:00 am – 11:30 am
 - Location: Wharton County Extension Office (315 E. Milam St., Wharton, TX 77488)
 - Topic: Developing a Health Management Plan (Dr. Thomas Hairgrove, TAMU Professor & Extension Specialist)
 - Session 2:
 - Date: Friday, March 22, 2024
 - Time: 8:30 am – 12:00 pm
 - Location: Mary A Ranch (2480 Exxon Rd., Wharton, TX 77488)
 - Topics: Cattle Vaccination Basics (Dr. Cody Pohler, Wharton Veterinary Clinic)
 - Cattle Squeeze Chute Demonstration/Safety (Marcos Borges, Arrowquip)
- **Grow without soil: Aquaponics & Hydroponics 3/22/2024** - If you like gardening, homesteading, and being self-sufficient but do not have the land to grow all the vegetables and herbs you want then this program is for you. This program will cover the basics of aquaponics and hydroponics, the practical aspects of these systems, and how to build them. If you want to grow food soil free then register for this program at the following link: <https://pvpanther.zoom.us/j/6511017mr6Y1LOa5#/registration>
- **Agricultural Pesticide Waste Collection Event 4/4/2024 @ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm** - Dawson County will host an Agricultural Pesticide Waste Collection Event on Thursday, April 4, 2024 from 8 am to noon. The flyer will indicate the materials accepted and those not accepted. Flyer can be found below or at the following link: https://fortbend.agrilife.org/files/2023/12/2024_04_04-Dawson_Co_Pesticide_Waste_Collection_Event.pdf

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Horticulture Events

- **Landscape Success: March- August** - The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Fort Bend County, along with the Fort Bend County Master Gardeners are offering Landscape Success, a six-class online program to help create and maintain beautiful home landscapes. You can register at the following link: <https://fortbend.agrilife.org/landscape-success/>
- **Grow Your Own: March- August** - The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Fort Bend County, along with the Fort Bend County Master Gardeners, present a six-class program on creating a productive edible garden in the home landscape. Participants will learn how to start a garden, the keys to success, what to plant and when, and how to reap the benefits of year-round food production in Fort Bend County. You can register for this program at the following link: <https://fortbend.agrilife.org/grow-your-own/>


******See flyers at the very end of this newsletter!******

If you have any suggestions or recommendations for Ag programs in the future, please feel free to reach out to us!

NOTICE OF OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Please note that our office will close at 3:00 pm on Thursday, March 28 and we will be closed for the day on Friday, March 29, 2024 for the Good Friday Holiday.

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Earn 3
CEUs!

LANDSCAPE CEU WORKSHOP

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

8:00 am - 12:30 pm

The Lodge at Jones Creek Ranch Park
7714 FM 359, Richmond, TX 77406

*Private Pesticide Applicators can **earn 3 general CEUs** at this workshop! (CEUs are not available for Structural Licenses.)*

Registration:

To register and pay by credit card, visit:

https://landscape_wkshop.eventbrite.com
or scan the QR code.

*fees will be incurred for credit card payments.



Cost: \$30 per person

Topics:

- Irrigation Best Practices and Chemigation Management
- Turf Grass Management
- Disease Management for Home Lawns

OR, Register in person with check or exact cash at :

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension-Fort Bend County (Annex Bldg.)
1402 Band Road
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TEXAS A&M
AGRILIFE
EXTENSION

Rosenberg, TX

March 28, 2024

8am - 3pm

**Fort Bend County
Fairgrounds-Club Room**

**4310 TX-36S
Rosenberg, TX 77471**



2024 VECTOR MANAGEMENT CEU PROGRAM

\$50 Registration Fee Required

Pesticide CEU's Offered:

- **5 Agricultural**
- **5 Structural**
- **5 Animal Control CE's**
- **5 Registered Sanitation**
- **5 Code Enforcement**

INFORMATION:

This is a recertification program that will educate personnel in cities and municipalities in the field of vector abatement on mosquitoes, ticks, flies, fleas & bugs, control tactics, trap usage, surveillance, virus testing, and mosquito control.

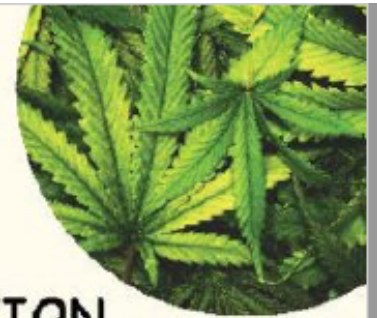
**REGISTRATION
REQUIRED**

**LUNCH
PROVIDED**



Registration is OPEN!
Aim your phone's camera at the QR code above for more information.

**FREE
WORKSHOP**



CROP PRODUCTION & UTILIZATION **HEMP PRODUCTION IN TEXAS:** **KNOW BEFORE YOU GROW**

- **Hemp Production and Processing**
Dr. Aruna Weerasooriya
Professor & Hemp Researcher - PVAMU
- **Hemp Production: Know Before You Grow**
Jeff Claxton
Seed Quality Manager
Texas Department of Agriculture

Growing hemp is a risky business. You need to know and strictly follow laws and regulations. This workshop will teach you about hemp production and processing as well as laws and regulations. You don't want to miss this FREE workshop!

For Additional Information: Contact PVAMU Extension Agent, Dr. Abdul Hakeem - Fort Bend/Brazoria County Office Ph: (281) 342-3034 or Email: abhakeem@pvamu.edu

3-7-24
Thursday
9 AM to 12 PM

FREE!!!
Hybrid Workshop
1402 Band Road
Rosenberg, TX 77471
[Click Here to Register](#)

SCAN TO REGISTER



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Are You Fire Aware?

Come see the benefits of engaging in a
Prescribed Burn Association for your
area!

- Education
- Neighbor Helping Neighbor
- Fire Equipment
- Sharing Rx Fire Experience

Where-21017 CR 171, Angleton, TX 77515

When- Monday, March 18th @4:30 pm

Cost- FREE

****Dinner provided**

Please RSVP by March 15

Register with Calan Coleman-(361) 741-8066/ email: calan.coleman@tnc.org



FORT BEND COUNTY URBAN AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

Grow Without Soil: Learn the Basics of Aquaponics & Hydroponics

Like gardening but have no access to land? Are you located in a setting with limited space? Did you know it's possible to grow vegetables without soil AND you can garden in a space as small as 2'X3'? To learn how, register for this HYBRID (in-person AND online) FREE aquaponics and hydroponics workshop.



TOPICS:

- ❖ An Introduction to Aquaponics and Hydroponics
- ❖ Practical Aspects of Aquaponics and Hydroponics
- ❖ How to Build an Aquaponics System at Home



*Workshop format: In-person and virtual

Date: 3.22. 2024 Friday 9 am -12 pm	Click Here To Register Location: 1402 Band Road, Rosenberg, TX 77471	Scan To Register Here 
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Agricultural Pesticide Waste Collection Event

Thursday, April 4, 2024 | 8 AM - Noon

**Leeroy Colgan Building
901 S Houston Ave
Lamesa, TX 79331**

Unwanted or Surplus Agricultural Pesticides?
Dispose of them Free and Anonymously without leaving your Vehicle!

MATERIALS ACCEPTED

Outdated, Discontinued or Unwanted:

- Pesticides
- Insecticides
- Herbicides
- Fungicides
- Rodenticides
- Nematicides
- Growth Regulators
- Treated Seed

Keep pesticides in original containers. If damaged,
place into a larger chemical resistant container.

MATERIALS NOT ACCEPTED

- Dioxins (2,4-5T, Silvex, TCDD, etc.)
- Empty Totes
- Fertilizers
- Fumigant Canisters
- Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW)
- Methyl-Bromide Cylinders
- Motor Oil
- Paint
- Pesticide Rinsate
- Phostoxins
- Propane or Butane Cylinders
- Radioactive Substances
- Tires

For questions or additional information, contact the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) at (512) 463-7622, TDA Lubbock Regional Office at (806) 799-8555, or the Dawson County AgriLife Extension office at (806) 872-3444



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**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
COMMISSIONER SID MILLER**



Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Fort Bend County Master Gardeners are offering Landscape Success, a six-class online program to help create and maintain beautiful home landscapes.

2024 Class Schedule

1:00 - 2:30 pm

Classes are virtual via Zoom

Landscape Basics – February 23

Growing a Great Lawn – March 22

Flowering Plants for 4 Seasons – April 26

Using Irrigation Wisely – May 24

Shade Gardening - Ideas and Tips – June 28

Tree Care Basics – August 23

Register On-Line:

<https://fbmq.org>
<https://fortbend.agrilife.org/landscape-success/>



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Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Fort Bend County Master Gardeners are offering Grow Your Own, a six-class program on creating a productive edible garden in the home landscape.

2024 Class Schedule

9:00 – 10:30 am

Classes are in-person at the
Bud O'Shieles Community Center
1330 Band Road, Rosenberg, TX 77471

Fruit Trees – January 20

Creating Healthy Garden Soil – February 17

Warm Season Vegetables & Herbs – March 23

Vegetable Pest and Disease Management – April 20

Growing Plants from Seeds/Cuttings – May 4

Cool Season Vegetables & Herbs – August 3

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