

Windmillin' Taylor County Newsletter



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Texas Farm, Ranch & Wildlife Expo

Mark your calendars for February 22 & 23, the two biggest days of educational opportunities ever provided by the Taylor County Extension Office. That is the 2005 edition of the **Texas Farm, Ranch & Wildlife Expo**. This event will be held on the Taylor County Expo grounds and we will be using every bit of available space. In addition to the many booths, producers will have the opportunity to attend several programs.

Here is a rundown of what will be going on:

Texas Farm, Ranch & Wildlife Expo Seminar Schedule/Topics

Tuesday, February 22

"Tool Box for Success" - Registration Fee Western Heritage Ranchhouse

Morning Moderator:

Tamara Trail -Texas Wildlife Association

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| 8:00 AM | Registration |
| 9:00 AM | Reading the Land - Steve Nelle |
| 9:45 AM | Goals for the Land Wildlife Manager - Chuck Kowaleski |
| 10:30 AM | Co-op's "Do They Work" - Mike Krueger |
| 11:15 AM | Legislative Updates Affecting Wildlife - David K. Langford |
| Noon | Catered Luncheon |

Afternoon Moderator:

Tom Blackwell -Taylor Co. Ag Committee

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| 1:00 PM | Panel Discussion - Nature Tourism
Debbe Hudman
Rob Hailey
Homer and Earlene Hutto |
| 2:00 PM | What It Takes to Develop Deer Genetics - Kathy McGinty |
| 2:45 PM | The Rio Grande Turkey Potential - Mike McMurry |

- 3:30 PM Break
- 3:45 PM Texas Quail Index - Dale Rollins
- 4:30 PM Low Down on Hogs "Making a Silk Purse out of Sow's ear" - Johnny Hudman
- 5:15 PM Social/Meet the Speakers
Lytle Land & Cattle Company

**Town and County Women's Fair
Modern Living Mall**

- 8:30 AM Registration & Coffee
- 9:00 AM Scrapbooking - Summer Armistead
- 10:00 AM Break
- 10:15 AM Perenials - Debbie Benge-Frost
- 11:15 AM Cajun Cooking - Gary Soloski
- noon A Sample of Cajun Cooking - TDA
- 12:30 PM Natural Fibers Fashion Show - Stein Mart
- 1:00 PM Break
- 1:15 PM Quilting - Jeanie Davis, Patchwork Garden

Basic Deer Management - Extension Classroom

- 8:00 AM Registration
- 9:00 AM Basic Deer Management - Kathy McGinty, Biologist
Texas Parks and Wildlife
- 10:30 AM Texas Brigades

Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Annual Meeting - Big Country Hall

9:00 AM

Native Pasture Development - Extension Classroom

- 1:30 PM Registration
- 2:00 PM Native Pasture Development - Charles Anderson - Zone Range Specialist , NRCS

Cotton Conference - Big Country Hall

- 1:30 PM Registration
- 2:00 PM Cotton Production Outlook for 2005 - Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension Agronomist - TCE
- 2:45 PM Insect Management in 2005 Cotton Crop - Dr. Chris Sansone, Extension Entomologist -TCE
- 3:30 PM Texas Herbicide Update - TDA Representative
- 4:15 PM Adjourn

Hunter Education - Extension Classroom

- 5:00 PM Registration
- 5:30 PM Texas Parks and Wildlife Hunter Education Course - Jimmy Caughron, Texas Parks and Wildlife Rodney Sturdivant, Certified Instructor

Wednesday, February 23

Cargill "Record Rack" Seminar - Modern Living Mall

- 8:00 AM Registration
- 8:30 AM The Fawn's First Year - Kirby Vanover, Cargill
- 9:00 AM Aging the Deer - Lewis Etzel, Cargill
- 9:45AM Nutrition and Habitat of the Whitetail Deer - Bobby Deeds, Cargill

TDA Applicator Recertification Seminar - Big Country Hall

- 8:00 AM Registration
- 8:30 AM IPM Approach to Wildlife Enhancement - Lee Knox, NRCS
- 9:30 AM Texas Herbicide Update - TDA Representative
- 10:15 Adjourn

**Beef Cattle Seminar
Western Heritage Ranchhouse**

Moderator:

Randy Carson - Taylor Co. Ag Committee

- 8:30 AM Registration
- 8:45 AM Herd Management to Improve Animal Identification Update - Dr. Ted McCollum, TCE, Amarillo
- 9:45 AM Break
- 10:00 AM Herd Management Options in Entomology - Dr. Jeffery Tomberlin, TCE, Stephenville, Tx

- 11:00 AM Herd Management to Improve the Value of the Calf Crop - Dr. Bruce Carpenter, TCE, Ft Stockton
- 12:00 PM Beef Quality Assurance Question and Answers - Todd McCartney, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association

Range Management Seminar - Big Country Hall

- 1:30 PM Registration
- 2:00 PM How to Avoid Common Mistakes In Applying Herbicides - Dr. Allan McGinty, TCE, San Angelo
- 3:00 PM Prescribed Burn as a Range Management Tool - Alan Herman, Natural Resource Conservation Service in Anson
- 4:00 PM Range Seeding for Livestock/Wildlife - Darcy Turner, Turner Seed Company in Breckenridge

Hunter Education - Extension Classroom

- 5:00 PM Registration
- 5:30 PM Texas Parks and Wildlife Hunter Education Course - Jimmy Caughron, Texas Parks and Wildlife
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CEU Breakdown for Expo

For those needing continuing education credits, here is a breakdown by seminar:

Seminar	Date	Gen	L&R	IPM	Total
"Tool Box"	Tues			3	3
Basic Deer Management	Tues			2	2
Cotton Conference	Tues	1	1	1	3
Native Pasture	Tues	2			2
TDA Recertification	Wed		1	1	2
"Record Rack"	Wed			2	2
Beef Conference*	Wed			1	1
Range Management	Wed	2		1	3

*** Beef Quality Points will be given with Beef Conference**

Other Seminars with the Expo

This year's lineup is the best ever for the Texas Farm, Ranch, & Wildlife Expo. I invite everyone to take part, all programs will be packed with information that everyone can use. There will be something for everyone!

Make note that a separate Beef Seminar has been included this year. This is a trial program for Beef Quality Points needed to maintain the status of a Beef Quality Producer. This seminar will be addressing topics current to the Beef Cattle Industry.

The Cotton segment will address the current items which could and will impact the future. Both Dr. Warrick and Dr. Sansone will bring back data from the National Belt-Wide Conference held in January to our local producers.