



Ag & Natural Resources

GILLESPIE COUNTY

FALL 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are moving!
See page 3 for details!

Soil Testing Webinar
September 10

Wildlife Webinar
September 26

**HC Landowner
Online Workshop**
October 2

**Livestock Guarding
Dog Workshop
Webinars**
Sep 25 & Oct 21

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SMALL ACREAGE BIG OPPORTUNITY

A wildlife management program especially
for landowners with small properties.

SEPT. 26, 2020 - WEBINAR

Edwards Plateau, Cross Timbers,
and Blackland Prairie

\$25 registration fee

*includes exclusive access to online
presentations and resources*

Join us to learn:

- Brush management
- Soil health
- Creating wildlife habitat
- Earning 1-d-1 wildlife tax valuation
- Cost-share opportunities
- Meet landowners who are doing the work
- And more!

REGISTER TODAY:

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Agriculture News

2020 Gillespie County Hay Show

Thank you to all those that participated! If you missed it this year, please enter next year!

Please remember to pick up your hay bales by September 20!

Beyer Feed & Fertilizer: 3446 N State Hwy 16, Fredericksburg TX

Reclamation Soil Testing Campaign Webinar

September 10, 2020

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Participants will need to register and submit payment for the webinar. If you participated in our Soil Testing Campaign held in July 2020, the webinar is free. For those who did not participate, registration is through Eventbrite and cost is \$12.24. You can search for the event through Eventbrite by typing Gillespie County Soil Testing Webinar.

The URL to register for the event is:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gillespie-county-soiltesting-webinar-tickets-117656416509>

Ranchers Leasing Workshop

September 14, 2020

CANCELLED

Bennett Trust Women's Conference

October 5-6, 2020

CANCELLED

Hill Country Landowner Online Workshop

October 2, 2020

9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

During this online event, learn from regional experts on land stewardship tools and resources, conservation easements, and what to expect in terms of eminent domain and other rural landowner issues in the upcoming legislative session. To register or learn more, contact Daniel Oppenheimer, Hill Country Alliance Land Program Manager, at 210-287-0478 or daniel@hillcountryalliance.org.

Livestock Guardian Dog Workshop - Webinars

September 25, 2020 - 3:00 p.m.

October 21, 2020 - 1:30 p.m.

Check out the AgriLife LGD Facebook Page @TAMUlivestockguarddog to register for the events.

Need a Private Pesticide License?

This online course is designed for pesticide applicators in Texas, who will learn crucial information that will prepare you to take the Private Applicator Exam administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

<https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/product?catalog=AGCH-015>

Need CEU's?

Please call Donna at the Gillespie County AgriLife Office. She is taking a RSVP list for CEU's that will be offered about Mid-October. More info to come!

5 Hour CEU Class

November 19, 2020

Please call Donna at the Gillespie County AgriLife Office. She is taking a RSVP list for CEU's that will be offered in November. More info to come!



Gillespie County Agricultural Commodity Association Membership Information

The primary objective of the GCACA is to control predators (coyotes, red fox, bobcats and feral hogs) to protect domestic animals, desirable wildlife and birds, prevent damage to field crops, eliminate the outbreak of diseases associated with controlled predators, and reduce pollution of the county's water resources.

Who can become a member?

Landowners in Gillespie County or anyone wanting to support the objectives of the Gillespie County Agricultural Commodity Association. Yearly dues are 20 cents per acre or a minimum of \$75.00, whichever is greater.

Predators (coyotes, red fox, bobcats, & hogs) will only be accepted on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month. ~95 Frederick Rd, FBG TX~

Time: 11:00am—1:30pm.

The annual meeting is in October and the year runs from October 1 through September 30.

Annual Meeting for 2020 is CANCELLED!

To apply for membership, please come by the Extension Office, 95 Frederick Rd, and complete the membership form and pick up a packet.
830-997-3452

Additional Info

WE ARE MOVING!

Our office will be moving to our new location:
38 Business Court (off of Tivydale Rd/FM 2093) starting in October.
We will post on social media and the local newspaper when we get moved and settled in.

WMAA Association Members

Donna Maxwell will be mailing your Harvest Books for this years hunting season.
If you wish to not have it mailed, please call her at 830-997-3452 or email donna.maxwell@ag.tamu.edu

Axis Deer Control Project

This year, hunters and landowners are encouraged to participate in the Control Project by helping increase our understanding of free-range Axis Deer biology and community ecology. To learn more about the project and collecting population data, please visit <https://www.hillcountryalliance.org/Wildlife>.

Upcoming Horticulture Programs

Texas Strawberry Growers Virtual Training Webinar

September 17, 2020 @ 1:00 pm

Limited to 100 attendees.

Pre-register at:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/9093520122670179855>

Once registered, you will receive an email with the information to join the webinar.

For questions on registration, call Susie Marshall at 972-814-0928 or email Susie@grownorthtexas.org

2020 Texas Fruit Conference virtually on Zoom!

September 21 & 22, 2020

Registration: <http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/fruit>

(Note that the Texas Fruit Conference is listed on AgriLife Register under Webinars tab)

Registration Deadline: September 19th

Fees:

Day 1-Intro to Fruit Workshop \$50;

Day 2-Texas' Fruit Future, Virtual Fruit Tree Nursery Field Trip,

and Panel Discussion

(3 sessions)-\$35.

Combined Package Price (Both Days) - \$70

Gillespie County Pecan Show

December 10, 2020

Entries due December 9 by NOON.

Pecans will be judged based on weight, kernel size & shape, damage/disease, presence, & color

Categorized according to variety

Pecans must be from the 2020 crop

For more
information
about these
programs,
please contact
Beth McMahon
at the Gillespie
County AgriLife
Extension
Office at
830-997-3452



Please Note!
Our office will be closed on the following dates:

- * September 7 - Labor Day
- * November 11 - Veterans Day
- * November 26 & 27 - Thanksgiving



Hours of Operation Until Further Notice:
We are open from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm (closed from noon – 1:00 pm for lunch)
Monday through Friday.

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~ Gillespie County ~**

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**Gillespie County Extension
Agents**

Brad Roeder is the Ag & Natural Resources (ANR) CEA which encompasses hay production, wildlife management, predator control, farming, pest management, CEU's, livestock production, water conservation, brush management, and economic development.

Beth McMahon is the Horticulture agent who works alongside Gillespie County residents and business owners with plant and pest related inquiries.

Shea Nebgen is the Family and Community Health (FCH) Agent who provides programming in areas like nutrition, sewing, food safety, child safety seats, and healthy living.

Taylor Osbourn is the 4-H & Youth Development Agent who oversees the 4-H program as a whole in Gillespie county.

The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife.

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