

Hopkins County Beef tips

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A new year faces us with new challenges!

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The winter brought us severe effects in our hay production and a significant amount of adjustment needed from our livestock producers. The Winnsboro cow-calf clinic conducted in January brought more than 100 producers from the region with the attendance of several Hopkins County residents which did not attend last year. Is my intention to include as many people as possible in Hopkins County in our

mailing list to maintain us informed and assisting to our program. 2011 has brought many challenges already. Budget adjustments at the Texas AgriLife Extension Service headquarters has suggested several changes to compensate budgetary shortfalls. You will see some of those adjustments during the year. We are getting familiar with the new procedures and trying to find the best approach to maintain competitive trainings with the most effective cost. I have already implemented some of those adjustments later last

year by requesting you response to my mailing and making this newsletter electronic. A new e-mail system at the Extension Service will make us more efficient and better adapted to future implementations. Is my intention to maintain an effective mailing list with members interested in our programs. Please do not hesitate and call me at 903-885 3443 to sign you in and keep you involved. I am confident that the current economic situation will make us more efficient, more creative and better prepared for the future to come.

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Estate planning Conference Scheduled

The Independent Cattleman's Association of Texas in collaboration with NETBIO, Boeringer Ingelheim, and Texas Heritage Bank has scheduled the Estate planning conference for March 4th 2011 at the Heritage Hall from the Best Western Trail Dust

Inn Hotel , located at 1521 E. Shannon Road in Sulphur Springs. Dr. Wayne Hayenga professor emeritus with Texas A&M University, attorney and nationally recognized speaker will be in Sulphur Springs to share his wit and wisdom about protecting as-

sets for individuals, the family and heirs. The program will start at noon with a lunch and will include a presentation of the economic impact of NETBIO. The conference cost is \$15 lunch included. Please call 512-620-0262 to register.

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East Texas Pasture Management Program

March 19, 2011
Overton Research and Extension Center
1710 N. Hwy 3053
Overton, Texas

4 Pesticide CEUs Available

(1 laws, 1 IPM, and 2 general; TDA Course#0588704)
Preregister at: <https://agrilifevents.tamu.edu>
Cost: \$15/ person (Register at the door: no credit cards)
7:30 Registration (coffee, bottled water, and donuts provided)
8:00 Save Money by Under-

standing Active Ingredients, Residual Control, and Herbicide Cost (Dr. Jason Banta, Assistant Professor and Extension Beef Cattle Specialist)
9:00 Weed Identification and Effective Weed Control with Proper Timing and Herbicide Selection (Dr. Vanessa Corriher, Assistant Professor and Extension Forage Specialist)
10:00 Break (coffee, bottled water, and donuts provided)
10:15 Grasshopper and Armyworm Control (Dr. Vanessa Corriher)
11:15 Practical Suggestions to Get the Most Out of Your Spraying Equipment (Dr. Jason Banta)

12:15 Adjourn
Want to improve the efficiency of your hay production or cattle operation? Ever wondered what the most effective and most economical options for controlling weeds and forage insects are? Ever wondered about the different spray tip nozzles available and which ones might be right for your situation? This program will answer these questions and many more and provide you with valuable information, practical suggestions, and the knowledge needed to select economical and effective herbicide and insecticide products.

International oil prices could affect our food prices

Fallout from the crisis in Libya and the Middle East could put pressure on U.S. agricultural production due to escalating fuel costs, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service economist. "Libya has the largest crude oil reserves in Africa, and it's a flash point," said Dr. Parr Rosson, AgriLife Extension economist and di-

rector of the Center for North American Studies at Texas A&M University. "The concerning thing is what it's going to do at a time when we've gone through a couple of years where (crude) prices have been relatively stable. This could put some real economic pressure on costs in agriculture." If sustained, higher petroleum prices

would result in higher agricultural commodity prices as well, Rosson said. That would be passed on to the consumer resulting in higher food prices. "The whole overarching issue of instability in that region is interesting and amazing at the same time," Rosson said.

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