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Strategic Supplementation Strategies to Enhance Texas Rangelands and Reduce Livestock Production Costs
May 12th—YO Hotel & Conference Center

Texas A&M AgriLife will be hosting a seminar on utilization of cedar as a nutritional supplementation for livestock on **May 12th** in Kerrville at the YO Hotel. This will be an informative program on an innovative approach to utilizing an abundant natural resource. **Must register by May 1 at: <http://sanangelo.tamu.edu/ss-conf>.** Registration fee is \$15/person.

Morning Session:

- How to inventory, evaluate, and maximize sustainable use of ranch resources. Dr. Doug Tolleson
- Underutilized feed resources. Dr. Travis Whitney
- Real-world experience of using ground aspen wood in cattle feed-lot diets. Dr. Kirk Mautz
- The US Forest Service and TX A&M AgriLife Research trial update: Economic feasibility of using ground juniper in livestock feed. Dr. Travis Whitney

Lunch Keynote Speaker: Mr. Sid Miller, TX Ag Commissioner

Afternoon Session

- Cowboy Nutrition and immunology. Dr. William Edmiston
- Economic supplementation programs for range beef cattle. Dr. Eric Bailey
- Putting It All Together: Economic scenarios, opportunities, and roadblocks. Dr. Bill Thompson

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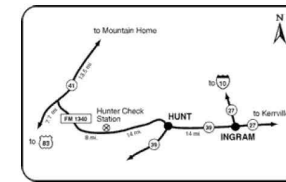
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension—Kerr County

Present Our Annual

Range & Wildlife Field Day

May 19, 2017

Location: Kerr Wildlife Management Area, Hunt, TX



Lunch Provided!

Registration starts at 8:00 a.m.

Programs start at 8:30 a.m.; Ends at 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20 / person

Topics Will Include:

Feral Swine Management & Feral Swine Research Update; CWD in the Hill Country; Using Drones in Agriculture; Fever Ticks in Texas; Field Tour including Prescribed Burning, Brush Management, & Plant ID

CEU's will be available!

Please RSVP with Name and Phone Number by May 12th to:

deanna@kerrcountyswcd.com or 830-896-4911 x 3

Our Event Sponsors:



Fish Sale & Delivery

Restock Your Pond

Delivery May 5th!

See Order Form Inside!!

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Dates of Interest:

- **April 8 : Blooms & Barrels Plant Sale; Ag Barn**
- **April 18 : Pecan Grafting Workshop**
- **April 20-21 : Bennett Land Stewardship Conference**
- **April 22 : NPSOT Native Plant Sale; Riverside Nature Center**
- **May 5 : SWCD Fish Sale Delivery**
- **May 12 : Utilization of Cedar Seminar**
- **May 19 : SWCD Field Day**

From Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Kerr County—



Landowner Survey

I would appreciate your help in completing the following survey. The purpose of this survey is to gather data based on individual landowner needs, preferences and concerns about owning, operating and managing land and natural resources in Texas. This information will not be tied back to

your property or you as the owner. This is an anonymous survey. You will want to take this survey at a computer terminal rather than on an Ipad or phone due to the formatting.

If you have already completed this survey, thank you. There is no need to complete it again. Thank you for your help.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BNPNBXR>

Grass & Wildflower Seed Sales

Kerr SWCD can take care of your seed needs! From custom grass mixes, wildlife/deer/dove mixes, tank dam mixes or specific species seed, we can order exactly what your needs call for!

Call the office to discuss what you are looking for & get your seed

in time for the fall planting season!

We also have a limited number of One Pound Bluebonnet Seed bags & One Pound Starburst Wildflower Mix bags, perfect for fall planting or gifting!

USDA-NRCS & TSSWCB Programs Available

Several programs are available for Kerr County residents to apply for and receive assistance in implementing management practices for agricultural land.

The Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) is designed to assist agricultural producers in enhancing their land with certain management practices. Practices that address and improve water quantity and domestic animals are given high priority in Kerr County and include such practices as brush management, livestock water systems, fencing, and seeding.

The NRCS office accepts applications for this program year round and more information can be gained by contacting the Kerrville office at 830-896-4911 x 3 or visit the NRCS Texas homepage at: www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

The Water Quality Management Program (WQMP) is a stated-funded program made available through Senate Bill 503. It is a site-specific plan developed through and approved by the local soil and water conservation district for agricultural or silvicultural lands. The main goal of these plans is to abate agricultural and/or silvicultural nonpoint pollutant contributions to impaired or threatened waters as prioritized. A WQMP covers the entire operating unit and includes required practices applicable to the planned land use. The first step in obtaining a WQMP is to contact the Kerr County SWCD. There is no charge for the development of a WQMP, but there may be costs for implementing required practices outlined in the WQMP.

Financial assistance is available at this time in the form of a cost-share program for WQMPs in Kerr County. You may read more on this program at TSSWCB's website at: www.tsswcb.texas.gov (click on Programs, then select WQMP). You may also contact the Kerr County Soil and Water Conservation District's office at 830-896-4911x3 and ask for Deanna (SWCD) or Laura (NRCS) for assistance or to start the application process.

NRCS is an equal opportunity provider & employer.

Pecan Grafting and Production Workshop



A Pecan Grafting and Production Workshop is scheduled for April 18th at 9:00 a.m. at Bill Hathaway's Orchard. This will be an informative and educational opportunity for those pecan producers interested in grafting pecans. Early season insect and fertilization management will also be discussed by Dr. Larry Stein, Extension Horticulturist from Uvalde.

The orchard is located on Texas highway 173, approximately 4 1/2 miles from Kerrville-Schreiner State Park. Turn left on Center Point River road and enter the first gate on the right; signs will be posted. Three hours of CEU's will be offered to Private, Commercial and Non-Commercial applicators. Anyone interested in learning more about pecan production will benefit from this field-day. Registration for the field-day is \$10.00 and is payable at the field-day. Please contact the Kerr County Extension office to pre-register for the field-day at 830-257-6568.

4th Hill Country Land Stewardship Conference

April 20-21, 2017 - YO Hotel & Conference Center

The 4th annual Hill Country Land Stewardship Conference is scheduled for **April 20-21** at the YO Hotel and Conference Center in Kerrville. The conference is funded by the Ruth and Eskel Bennett Endowment and hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, said Dr. Larry Redmon, co-chair and Bennett Trust AgriLife Extension Specialist.

Cost of the 2 day conference is \$75 and includes all meals, break refreshments and tour transportation costs. Register online at <http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/BennettTrust> or call **979-845-2604**. The conference will open with registration at 7:30 a.m. April 20th and the program will begin at 8 a.m.

The following topics & speakers will fill the morning program:

- Getting to Know Your Resources—Dr. Megan Clayton, Extension Range Specialist, Corpus Christi
- Managing Deep Rooted Invaders—Dr. Bob Lyons, Extension Range Specialist, Uvalde
- Top Laws Texas Landowners Need to Know—Dr. Tiffany Lashmet, Extension Real Estate Attorney

Following lunch, concurrent sessions will be offered:

- Master Naturalist Program—Michelle Haggerty
- Landscaping for Wildlife
- Livestock Options for Smaller Acreage
- Rainwater Harvesting Options—Billy Kniffen
- Edwards Plateau "Where We Have Come From & Where We are Going" - Dr. Barron Rector

The second day of the conference will be dedicated to tours. Individuals will pick from a tour of the Hillingdon Ranch in Kendall County, a "Wine and Roses" tour in Gillespie County or a Kerr Wildlife Area tour. For more information, contact Redmon at l-redmon@tamu.edu, Machen at r-Machen@tamu.edu or Roy Walston at RWalston@ag.tamu.edu or call 830-257-6568.

Native Plant Society of Texas - Kerrville Chapter
&
Riverside Nature Center invite you to...

2017
SPRING
Native Plant Sale
& Festival
Saturday
April 22nd
9am - 2pm
Free Family Fun



Native Plant Sale

- Native Plants selected to thrive in our climate & soil
- Plant experts to answer questions & offer advice
- Save! One day tax-free shopping for plants & gifts

All net proceeds benefit RNC & NPSOT education efforts.

Ham: Znobía Wootan
Native American Seed

• Support Pollinators! Become native to your place •
Learn how bees and other pollinators are essential to the well-being of living things and to our quality of life; we can help through stewardship and learning. Znobía "Z" Wootan leads Customer Care at Native American Seed and has spent the last 10 years helping people restore the earth. She and her sister manage their early 1900's family homestead on the South Llano River with honey bee apiary, organic garden and orchard, free-range chickens and dairy goats using sustainable Holistic management practices. Znobía was elected to the City Council of Junction, Texas, has an Education degree from Texas A&M University and has taught in public and private Montessori schools for many years.

Informative Displays

Ask the Plant Expert
Hill Country Master Naturalists
Hill Country Master Gardeners
UGRA - Water Quality & Conservation
Texas Public Radio * Glory Garden
Monarch Watch * Gardens at the Ridge
Hill Country Archeological Association
Texas Hill Country Beekeepers * Buck Wild
RNC * NPSOT-Kerrville Chapter

Kids' Activities
Check Website for Details **9am-1:30pm**

For More Details: 830-257-4837
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