



WISE COUNTY AG NEWSLETTER

Staying Wise with AgriLife

September 2025

TEXAS A&M
AGRILIFE
EXTENSION

2025 Wise County Hay Show

Join us for our annual Wise County Hay Show!

Date: Thursday, September 25th

Time: 7:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: Wise County Fairgrounds Women's Building

Cost: \$20

We're excited to host another great Hay Show, and this year we're offering 3 CEUs for those with a Private Pesticide Applicator License.

Register by September 18th by calling the Extension office at (940) 627-3341.



2025 Wise County Hay Show

Thursday, September 25, 2025

Cost: \$20

Place: Fairgrounds Women's Building

Time: 7:30am - 1:00pm (lunch served at noon)

3 CEU's (2 Gen, 1 IPM)

To register, please call the Extension office
at 940-627-3341 by September 18th.

Topics and Speakers

Let's Talk Hay Equipment - Sponsors

Managing Johnsongrass in Bermudagrass Pastures

Chris Meador, Valent Senior Regional Manager, Field Market Development

Managing Native Pastures in North Texas

Megan Clayton, Ph.D., Professor & Extension Range Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Maximizing Hay Quality: The Role of Production Practice, Nutrition, and Weather

Vanessa Corriher-Olson, Ph.D., Professor & Forage Extension Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Program Sponsors



Hay Contest

Enter the Hay Contest by dropping off your hay samples in a gallon zip lock bag at the Extension office by September 5th. Test cost is \$22 per sample.

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WISE COUNTY AG ROUNDUP



formerly known as

RANCHERS GATHERING



Monday, October 13, 2025

5:00 pm – Doors Open to Visit Vendor Booths

6:00 to 8:00 pm – Dinner and Program

First Baptist Church Decatur
1200 W. Preskitt Road

Cost: \$25 per person

Includes Steak Dinner

Lots of Vendor Booths & Door Prizes

Effective Supplementation Based on Hay & Forage Quality

Dr. Jason Banta

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Beef Cattle Specialist

*Whether you're just starting out or looking to improve
your operation, this event will provide valuable
insights and practical guidance to help you maximize
the potential of your land and livestock.*

To register, come by the Extension office at
206 S. State Street in Decatur by
Wednesday, October 9th. Space is limited.

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PRIVATE PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TRAINING

Save the Date

Cost is \$60
Includes Training Materials

2025 Training Dates
(1:00 - 5:00 pm)

Class 1: Friday, January 10
Class 2: Friday, January 31
Class 3: Friday, March 7
Class 4: Friday, August 15
Class 5: Friday, September 19
Class 6: Friday, October 10

**Class size is limited, so call and
save your spot.**

Class Information

- A four hour training that provides participants the needed information to take the private applicator license test.
- Private Pesticide Applicator Licenses are for agricultural producers and land owners who apply restricted use pesticides to their own property.
- Tests are administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture at one of their testing locations by PSI Exams. The nearest one to Wise County is Fort Worth. Instructions and forms for testing will be given at the end of the training.

**For more information
or to register, contact the
Wise County Extension office.**



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GRAZING FOR WATER WORKSHOP 10.17.2025

Join us for the Grazing for Water Workshop on October 17th. Lunch is provided, and participants can earn 2 CEUs (1 GEN, 1 IPM).

Please look out for more upcoming information regarding this event.



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Wise County Horticulture Club



Next Meeting:

Thursday, September 18, 2025 from 6pm-7pm
Wise County Fairgrounds
3101 S. FM 51, Decatur, Tx 76234

Agenda

1. Welcome/Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Pledge to the United States Flag
4. Pledge to the Texas Flag
 - a. Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible
5. Call to Order
7. Report of the Secretary (Kim McCurdy)
9. Report of the Treasurer (Joni Pritchett)
10. Report of Committees (Monica Lopez)
11. Unfinished Business
 - a. 'A Garden Affair' 2025
 - b. New Venue
12. Guest Speaker- Diana Hatch Texas Master naturalist, Elm Fork, Entomology; "Good Bugs in the Garden". Diana Hatch has been a Texas Master Naturalist since 2007, and specialize in entomology. She has been a 4-H leader in Kansas and in Texas while raising four sons with her husband. She has sixteen grandchildren (with another due any day). She enjoys rambling outdoors with the kids, getting them excited about nature.
13. Open Discussion
14. Next Meeting October 16, 2025, Wise County Fairgrounds, Women's Building. Prepare for the Garden Affair
15. Adjournment



WISE COUNTY HORTICULTURE CLUB



Garden Affair

9:00-9:45

Omar Martinez: "The Scenario of Honey Bees: Understanding the Challenges and How We Can Help"

10:00-10:45

Joe Masabni "Gardening as a Hobby"

12:00- 12:45

Jill Garcia "Recent Legislation and Changes in Texas Related to Water"

1:00-1:45

Adrienne Barnes "How to Choose the Right Native Plant for Your Yard"

1:00-1:45

October 18, 2025
8 am till 3:30 pm
Church of Christ
2602 S. FM 51
Decatur, TX 76234
\$5 Admission

2:30-3:00

Sign Up for a
Breakout Session \$15

*Secrets of Plant Propagation

*Worm Farming

*Soil Blocking

*Succulent Recipe

Look for details on our
FaceBook Page





New World Screwworm:

From Sonja L Swiger | AgriLife Professor/Extension Specialist

Livestock/Veterinary/Medical Entomologist

I wanted to start a way where I can share information with each of you on the New World Screwworm front. I thought maybe a newsletter would be helpful.

Please find the 1st Edition of the 'New World Screwworm Update' at the following link:

[New World Screwworm Update](#)

Mexico-New World Screwworm:

Mexico reports 53% increase in NWS cases since July. For more information, go to the following link:

[Mexico - New World Screwworm](#)

Cool-Season Forage Legume Management Guide:

It's that time of year to plant. Go to the following link for some good information:

[Cool-Season Forage Legume Management Guide](#)

Keep an eye out for Fall Armyworms again:

They're BACK! There are so many insecticides to choose from so check out the "Armyworm Fact Sheet" with the ones that are tested and "Managing Insect Pests of Texas Forage Crops" at the following links:

[Armyworm Fact Sheet](#)

[Managing Insect Pests of Texas Forage Crops](#)

Also, see my attached article "The Battle with ALL Armyworms" at the following link:

[The Battle with All Armyworms](#)



Poison Ivy:

For some great information on getting ahead of the spread of Poison Ivy, go to the following:

[3 Things You'll Want to Waste No Time Cleaning After a Run-In with Poison Ivy](#)

Will the Bull Market in Cattle Ever End?:

Market analysts agree there are only a handful of factors that could slow down or stop the incredible rally in the cattle market. Go to the following link for more information:

[Will the Bull Market in Cattle Ever End](#)

Four Options to Capitalize on During a Booming Calf Market:

Cow herd expansion is not the only option to consider when the markets are strong, and producers have profit to invest. Go to the following link for more information:

[Four Options to Capitalize on During a Booming Calf Market](#)

A Storm Is Gathering in American Agriculture:

By [Beth Ford](#), CEO and President of Land O'Lakes

<https://time.com/7310865/storm-gathering-american-agriculture/>

Forage/Plant Testing Labs:

Go to the following link to see list of testing labs with all their information you need to send off samples, and the costs:

[Forage and Plant Testing Labs](#)



Three websites I keep handy, you should too!!!
When in doubt, check em out!

Plants of Texas Rangelands: Identify Grasses

<https://rangeplants.tamu.edu/>

Database for Pesticides Labels:

Read all about the product directly from the Label—such as directions for use, ingredients, hazards, grazing restrictions, etc...

<https://www.cdms.net/LabelsSDS/home>

Web Soil Survey:

Explore your land and see what you have, or don't have! From soil type, pH, erosion, to much more.

<https://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/>

Our next Newsletter will focus on weaning calves and preg checking your cows.



Please check our website at <https://wise.agrilife.org/> for more great information on these subjects above and other topics concerning Agriculture, Gardening and Horticulture. It's all located under the Ag and Natural Resources tab.

Also, under Upcoming Events, News, and Marty's Toolbox, you will find information on upcoming programs, Monthly Newsletters and Updates with relevant information and resources you may need.

Holler if you have any questions. I am here to help you.

If you have a topic that you would like covered in the next Wise County Ag Newsletter, let me know!

As always, feel free to call, email or stop by!



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