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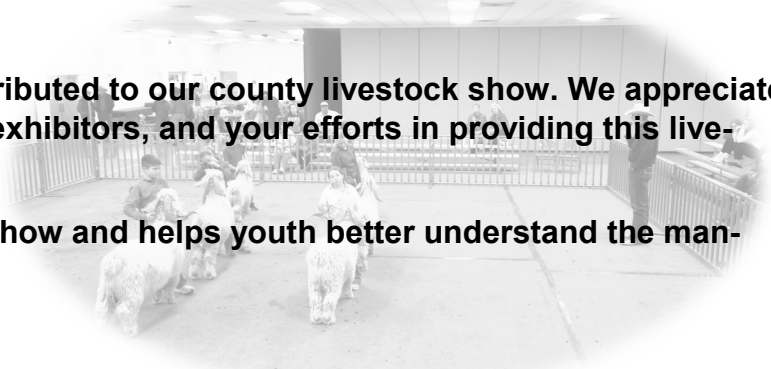
Sutton County Agriculture/Horticulture Newsletter

Stock Show Thanks

We'd like to thank those of you who contributed to our county livestock show. We appreciate the support you continue to provide our exhibitors, and your efforts in providing this livestock experience to young people.

Your help makes for a successful stock show and helps youth better understand the management challenges that producers face.

THANK YOU!!!



Upcoming Programs

Wildlife Tax Valuation Workshop

February 12, 2026 at the Sutton County Civic Center from 8 AM - 12 PM

Wildlife tax valuation, often referred to as a wildlife exemption, is a property tax assessment method that enables landowners to qualify for agricultural tax rates while managing their land for wildlife conservation.

This workshop is beneficial for those interested in learning more about the wildlife tax valuation.

TOPICS

- Local AgriLife, TPWD, & NRCS Updates
- Overview of Wildlife Tax Valuation
- Wildlife Management Principles and Terms
- The 7 Wildlife Management Practices
- Filling out the Wildlife Management Plan & Annual Review
- Help with Individual Plan Preparation

NO COST TO ATTEND.

To Register:

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Educational Opportunities on the Horizon

Pesticide Applicator Training– March 29

Ranchers Roundup– May 13

Current Topics

Sutton County Predator Management Association

For those that may not be aware, it is time to pay annual dues. What is the Sutton County Predator Management Association?

The Sutton County Predator Management Association supports efforts to protect our livestock, wildlife, crops, landscapes, and pets. The SCPMA is continuously looking for ways to improve its effectiveness in helping the community. Its sole support comes from membership dues and donations.

Funds collected go towards support equipment for our county trappers. This includes the upkeep of such equipment (4-wheelers, radios, hog traps, etc.).

These are a few of the ways that SCPMA funds protect Sutton County and Sonora resources:

1. It subsidizes the county trappers' salaries. Therefore relieving burden on county budgets and taxpayers; and supporting the living expenses of the employees.
2. It provides equipment to the trappers that is necessary for their success. This includes repairs, upgrades, and reimbursement for supplies.
3. It sponsors the Hog Tail contest that is open to all hunters for hogs harvested in Sutton and surrounding counties.
4. It supports a bounty program for predators harvested from properties within our membership.
5. It campaigns to increase staffing that is necessary to protect our county.

The SCPMA Membership Year is January 1-December 31. Membership dues are \$100 per section (640 acres) with a \$100 minimum. For more information, email Patti Prather at scpma.sonora@outlook.com.



Pesticide Applicator License Renewal

This time of year, many licensed pesticide applicators are seeking continuing education units (CEUs) to meet Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) requirements. All TDA private applicator license holders are required to earn 15 continuing education units in specific categories over the five-year period the license is valid. Commercial and noncommercial applicators are required to earn five units yearly.

Older licenses renew at the end of February, though more recently-issued licenses renew on the anniversary of the date they were originally issued.

We will try to keep a list of any work-shops in the area which offer CEUs. However, some of these may require driving a few miles. If you just need one or two CEUs, you may consider an online course. You can take up to 10 hours online.

You should receive a renewal notice about a month before the license expires. You simply return your renewal notice with an indication of having satisfied the 15 CEU renewal requirement (at least 2 of which must be Laws & Regulations, and 2 in Integrated Pest Management).

Remember to report any mailing address changes to be sure to receive the renewal notice

Research Study 2025-1389 Weed Management Survey

Texas A&M University is interested in better understanding weed management tactics and resources available for farmers and ranchers. This is a research study (Study 2025-1389), and your participation is voluntary. *You can choose not to participate entirely or stop participation at any time.* Your view and the views of other Texas farmers and ranchers about a range of weed management issues as provided by the following survey will guide educational and research efforts across the state.

Your responses are very important. Please consider taking 8 minutes to provide your unique perspective into weed management issues. All survey results will be available to the public upon completion of data analysis.

Your individual responses will be completely confidential.

The survey can be found at https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6RMQGFN4ZfWstVk

Thank you for your assistance.



Forages Survey

February Horticulture Tips



Plant:

- Plant cool season vegetables, in relation to average last freeze dates: onions(6-8weeks prior) broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, brussels spouts (4 wks prior) spinach, lettuce, radishes, turnips, chard (2-4 weeks prior).

- Finish planting pecan and fruit trees.
- Transplant established landscape shrubs and trees while they are dormant.

Prune:

- Prune roses in mid-February. Wait to prune climbing roses until late spring. Remove dead, dying and weak canes.

Prune trees and evergreen shrubs before new growth begins. DO NOT TOP shade trees.

Fruit trees should be pruned. Peach, apricot, and plum trees should be pruned to a bowl shape. Pears and figs should be pruned little if at all.

Fertilize:

- Don't fertilize newly transplanted trees or shrubs until after they have started to grow, and then only very lightly the first year.

Miscellaneous Chores

Apply pre-emergent weedkiller granules late in the month to prevent germination of crabgrass and grassburs. Repeat application 90 days later.

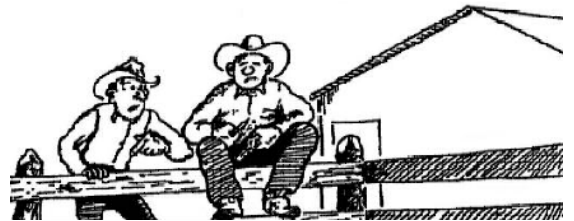
Parting Thoughts.....About Valentine's Day

"If love is the answer, could you please rephrase the question?" —Lily Tomlin

"The whole Valentine's thing is fine, but you don't back it up right next to the biggest gift-giving holiday of the year. Unbelievable. And we find it acceptable." —Lewis Black

"I didn't fall for you, you tripped me!" — Jenny Han

"Love is grand; divorce is a hundred grand." — Unknown



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Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Rabbit Awards: *Will & Lauren Griffin (Banners & Buckles)*
Junior Showmanship Award: *3B Shearing/Brister Family (Buckle)*

Market Lamb Show

Thank You - *Sonora Bank* for sponsorship of the Lamb prize money.
Champion & Reserve Champion Finewool Awards: *Sonora Bank (Banners)*
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Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb Award: *Oak Hill Ranch (Buckles)*
Senior and Junior Showmanship Awards: *Capital Farm Credit (Buckle)*

Market Meat Goat Show

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Market Meat Goat Award: *Morris Ranch (Buckles)*
Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Market Meat Goat Award: *B-D Live Oak Ranch/Billy & Bobby Ann Dictson (Banners)*
Senior Showmanship Award: *Cliff & Danine Brister/3B Shearing*
Junior Showmanship Award: *Bobbi Whitney & Terry Shawver (Buckle)*

Pee Wee Show Sponsored by: Sonora Bank

Angora Goat Show

Grand Champion Angora Goat Award: *Stewart Family (Buckle)*
Reserve Grand Champion Angora Goat Award: *Mr. & Mrs. Lee Bloodworth (Buckle)*
Champion & Reserve Champion Registered Angora Doe Award: *The Bank & Trust (Banners)*
Champion & Reserve Champion Registered Buck Awards: *Rough Creek Taxidermy & Processing (Banners)*
Senior and Junior Showmanship Awards: *Baker Ranch & L.W. Ranch; CWC Ranch/Livestock (Buckles)*

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Committee: Terry Owen, Brian Snyder, Justin Rogers, Kyla Bell
Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion: *Terry & Kelly Owen (Banners, Buckles)*
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