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4-H Headlines

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Wow, where has the summer gone?! I can't believe the new 4-H year has already started! All of our clubs are up and running and our members are already participating in events throughout the state. As we begin the new 4-H year, take some time to think about a few things:

- Why do I do 4-H?
- What can the 4-H program do for me?
- Am I taking full advantage of the 4-H program?

I want everyone to have the most successful year in 4-H that they can and by answering these questions it can better prepare you to do so!



Come shell-a-brate 4-H with us at Junior Leadership Camp, October 13-14! Registration opens on 4HOnline September 11th.



2023-2024 District 5 4-H Dates at a Glance

Sep 8-9 **District Council Officer Planning Retreat Contest Planning Work Day** Sep 19 Sep 22-23 **Shooting Sports Coach Training** Oct 13-14 Junior Leadership Lab Oct 1-Mar 1 **General Photography Contest** Oct 1-Mar 1 **Entomology Photography Contest** Oct 1-Dec 15 Fall Foliage Photography & Tree ID Contest Oct 17 Gold Star and Award of Excellence Banquet Nov 11-12 **Show Star Series** Food Show Jan 12 Feb 3 **Indoor Archery Meet** Food Challenge Feb 16 Mar 1-Jun 15 Flower Photography & ID Contest Mar 15-May 27 Spring Virtual Fishing Skill-a-thon Mar 22-23 State Indoor Archery Meet 3-Position Rifle Games Apr 8 Horse Judging Apr 20 Apr 27 Apr 30 May 3-4

Multi-District Livestock & Meats Judging Ronald Barlow Memorial 3D Archery Meet Come Alive in D5 Contestant Orientation

Summer Virtual Fishing Skill-a-thon Senior Leadership Lab **District Record Book Judging** Learn Today Lead Tomorrow Program State Record Book Judging

LOCATION Pineywoods Camp - Groveton

District 5 Office - Overton Nacogdoches County Camp Gilmont - Gilmer Virtual - Submittable Virtual - Submittable Virtual - Submittable The Barn - Nacogdoches Rusk Co Youth Expo - Henderson Henderson Civic Center - Henderson Carthage Civic Center - Carthage Windham Civic Center - Center Virtual - Submittable Virtual - FishDonkey Panola Co Youth Expo - Carthage Trinity Co Fairgrounds - Groveton **Cross Brand Cowboy Church - Tyler** Brazos Co Expo - Bryan/TAMU Fairway Farms - San Augustine Virtual - Zoom Panola College - Carthage Virtual - FishDonkey **TAMU-Commerce Nacogdoches County** SFA University - Nacogdoches Virtual - Submittable



Jun 15-Aug 25

Jun 19-21

Aug 13&14

Jul 9

Jul 13



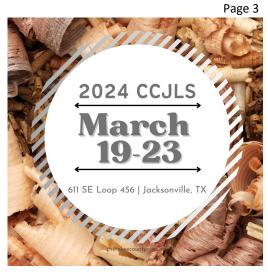


2024 CCJLS Reminders

October 7, 2023 Queens Contestant Mandatory Meeting -9 A.M. @ the Showbarn \cdot Queens contestant entry forms are due.

December 1, 2023 Entry forms due for the following divisions: · Steers (including state validated) · Heifers (Commercial & Registered) · Swine (Including State Validated) · Poultry · Horses (photographs required) · Goats (Including State Validated) · Lambs (Including State Validated) A copy of all registered and/or state validated papers must be attached to entry form. 12/2/2023 – 12/9/2023 - Late fee of \$15.00 per entry applies

December 9, 2023 VALIDATION -8:00-10:00 A.M. All market animals (except for Rabbits, Poultry, and Ag Mechanics) are required to be at the show barn. Validation will consist of ear tag or tattoo placed/verified by the validation committee and is required on all sale eligible division animals. County will allow a copy of all registered and/or state validation papers in lieu of physical county validation. Pen of Commercial Heifers will be validated at Bolton Cattle Company @ 8a.m









4-H Age /Grade Requirements Texas 4-H membership eligibility will be based on SCHOOL GRADE and not age. The eligibility rules and guidelines are: Youth may participate in 4-H year from September 1st of grade three through August 31st following completion of grade twelve, with these age restrictions: Minimum age - 8 (as of August 31, 2023 and in the 3rd grade) Maximum age - 18 (as of August 31, 2023) 4-H Member Categories Juniors: Grades 3, 4, and 5 Intermediates: Grades 6, 7, and 8 Seniors: Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12



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BREAKFAST CEU SERIES

Those in need of CEUs for their TDA Pesticide License can join us each month for our Breakfast CEU Meetings. Each meeting will be a "Dutch treat" breakfast and those in

attendance will receive one hour of pesticide CEU credit.

There will be a one-time \$10 fee for attending the yearlong Breakfast CEU Series.

The following dates, times and locations have been set. (Please note the 7 a.m. start time for the November meeting.)

Oct 17th	6:30 a.m.	Beverly's Café, Jacksonville
Nov 21st	7:00 a.m.	Miss Mollie's Diner, Alto
Dec 19th	6:30 a.m.	Cherokee Co Ext Office, Rusk

Farm Service Agency Reminds Texas Livestock Producers of Available Drought Assistance

Contact: joshua.coleman@usda.gov
Producers in more than 200 counties may be eligible

COLLEGE STATION, Texas, Sept. 12, 2023 – USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds drought impacted producers that they may be eligible for financial assistance through the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP), Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) and Emergency Haying and Grazing on Conservation Reserve Program to provide financial assistance to eligible producers for 2023 grazing losses due to a qualifying drought or fire and provide water for impacted livestock.

"Producers across Texas have been faced with another significant drought year causing considerable economic hardship as they go to great lengths to provide adequate feed, forage and water for their livestock," said Kelly Adkins, State Executive Director for FSA in Texas. "Producers who are eligible for the much-needed disaster recovery assistance are encouraged to contact their local FSA office to schedule an appointment to apply."

Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program

For eligible producers in qualifying counties, the ELAP provides financial assistance for:

- the transportation of water to livestock;
- the above normal cost of mileage for transporting feed to livestock; and
- the above normal cost of transporting livestock to forage/ grazing acres.*

*No payment for "empty miles."

Eligible livestock include cattle, bison, goats and sheep, among others, that are maintained for commercial use and located in a county where qualifying drought conditions occur. A county must have had D2 severe drought intensity on the U.S. Drought Monitor for eight consecutive weeks during the normal grazing period, or D3 or D4 drought intensity at any time during the normal grazing period. Producers must have risk in both eligible livestock and eligible grazing land in an eligible county to qualify for ELAP assistance.

Transporting Water, Feed and Livestock

For ELAP water transportation assistance, producers must be transporting water to eligible livestock on eligible grazing land where adequate livestock watering systems or facilities were in place before the drought occurred and where water transportation is not normally required. ELAP covers costs associated with personal labor, equipment, hired labor, and contracted water transportation fees. Cost of the water itself is not covered. The ELAP payment formula uses a national average price per gallon.

ELAP also provides financial assistance to livestock producers who incur above normal expenses for transporting feed to livestock and who are hauling livestock to a new location for feed resources due to insufficient feed or grazing in drought-impacted areas. For transporting feed or hauling livestock, the payment formula excludes the first 25 miles and any mileage over 1,000 miles.

Reimbursement Rates

The reimbursement rate for transporting water, feed, and livestock is 60% of the costs above what would normally have been incurred during the same time period in a normal (nondrought) year. Eligible underserved producers with a CCC-860 underserved producer certification form on file with FSA may qualify for a 90% reimbursement rate.

An online tool is now available to help ranchers document and estimate payments to cover feed and livestock transportation costs caused by drought and view the demonstration video.

Reporting Losses

Producers must submit a notice of loss to their local FSA office within 30 calendar days of when the loss is apparent. Producers should contact FSA as soon as the loss of water or feed resources are known.

For ELAP eligibility, documentation of expenses is critical. Producers should maintain records and receipts associated with the costs of transporting water to eligible livestock, the costs of transporting feed to eligible livestock, the costs of additional feed purchases, and the costs of transporting eligible livestock

to forage or other grazing acres.

The deadline to apply for 2023 ELAP is Jan. 30, 2024.

Livestock Forage Disaster Program

The Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) provides payments to eligible livestock producers and contract growers who also produce forage crops for grazing and suffered losses due to a qualifying drought or fire during the normal grazing period for the county. Eligible livestock include alpacas, beef cattle, buffalo/bison, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, ostriches, reindeer, or sheep that have been or would have been grazing the eligible grazing land or pastureland during the normal grazing period.

More than 200 Texas counties have met the drought severity levels that trigger LFP eligibility for the 2023 program year. For LFP, qualifying drought triggers are determined using the U.S. Drought Monitor. A list of eligible counties and grazing crops can be found on the FSA Texas webpage.

To expedite the application process, producers are encouraged 1 to gather and submit records documenting 2023 losses. Supporting documents may include information related to grazing leases, contract grower agreements, and more.

The deadline to apply for 2023 LFP assistance is Jan. 30, 2024.

Emergency Conservation Program

FSA offers cost-share assistance to livestock producers experiencing severe drought conditions where water available for livestock has been reduced below normal to the extent that, without access to additional water, livestock survival is threatened.

Approved practices may include installing pipelines or other facilities for livestock water, constructing and deepening wells for livestock water, installing portable electric pumps and developing springs or seeps for livestock water.

A producer qualifying for ECP assistance may receive cost shares not to exceed 75% of the approved payment scenario rate. Eligible underserved producers with a CCC-860 underserved producer certification form on file with FSA may qualify for a 90% reimbursement rate. Cost-share assistance is limited to \$500,000 per person or legal entity per natural disaster.



EAST TEXAS BEEF & FORAGE CLINICage 5

Friday, November 17th
Rusk Co Expo | 3303 FM 13 W | Henderson
Registration Fee: \$25
5 TDA CEU Credits (2 Gen, 2 IPM, 1 Laws & Regs)

8:00am	Registration
8:45am	Welcome
	Grant Davis, Rusk CEA-AG/NR
9:00am	Herbicide Update (1 Gen)
	Darren Rozell, Rozell Sprayer
	Manufacturing
10:00am	Fire Ant Control Methods (1 IPM)
	Robert Puckett, Extension Specialist
	Entomology
11:00am	BREAK
11:15am	Laws & Regulations Update (1 L&R)
	Mark Matocha, Extension Specialist
	Agriculture & Environmental Safety
12:15pm	LUNCH
1:00pm	Sprayer Calibration Demo (1 Gen)
	Justin Hale, Johnson Co CEA-Ag/NR
2:00pm	Forge Insect Pest Control (1 IPM)

RSVP to the Rusk County Office at 903.657.0376 by November 13th.

Extension Specialist

ADJOURN

3:00pm

Vanessa Corriher-Olson, Forage

Program Sponsors Include: Heritage Land Bank, Shelby Savings Bank, Rozell Sprayer Manufacturing, Carl Pool Superior Fertilizer, Azelis Agricultural & Environmental Solutions, El Dorado Agricultural Products

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact Rusk County AgriLife Extension office at least a week in advance of the meeting or event to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.



Garden of Learning

Cherokee County Horticulture Newsletter



Kimberly Benton, County Extension Agent—Horticulture kim.benton@ag.tamu.edu

Fall gardening checklist:

- Sustaining adequate moisture in the garden and landscape is the #1 priority for late summer and fall, 2023. Water trees
 and shrubs by giving them at least one inch of water per week, delivered slowly, around the plants as far out as the
 "dripline" extends.
- Replenish mulches around trees and shrubs
- Rejuvenate heat-stressed geraniums and begonias for the fall season by lightly pruning, fertilizing, and watering.
- Don't allow plants with green fruit or berries to suffer from lack of moisture. Hollies will frequently drop their fruit under drought conditions.
- Prune out dead or diseased wood from trees and shrubs. Hold off on major pruning until midwinter. Pruning now may stimulate tender growth prior to frost.
- Divide spring-flowering perennials such as irises, Shasta daisies, gaillardias, cannas, day lilies, violets, liriope, and ajuga.
 Reset divisions into well prepared soil with generous amounts of organic material worked into the top 8 to 10 inches.
 Water in thoroughly.
- Prepare the beds for spring-flowering bulbs as soon as possible. It is important to cultivate the soil and add generous amounts of organic matter to improve the water drainage. Bulbs will rot without proper drainage.
- Chill tulip and hyacinth bulbs in the refrigerator until mid or late December before planting. The lower part of the refrigerator is best. Do not leave bulbs in airtight plastic bags during refrigerated storage.
- Plant bulbs in well prepared beds in October so the base of the bulb is at a depth that is three times the diameter of the bulb. In sandy soil, set slightly deeper and in clay soils less deeply.
- Plantings at this time can provide landscape color for three seasons in East Texas. Annuals set out early enough will bloom as soon as Thanksgiving, and frequently last until Memorial Day. Annuals that should soon be available in nurseries and garden shops include petunias, calendulas, pansies, snapdragons, stock, sweet peas, and violas (from seed).
- Christmas cactus can be made to flower by supplying 12 hours of uninterrupted darkness and cool nights (55° F) for a month, starting in mid-October. Keep plants on the dry side for a month prior to treatment. They should also be kept in total darkness from 5:00 pm until 8:00 am for about 30 days in October to initiate flower buds. After the dark time, keep them in a sunny spot where night temperatures can be kept below 65° F. Buds will drop if you all ow night temperatures to go above 70° F or if you allow the plant to become excessively dry. (check out my class on 10/30) to hear more about this!)
- If you have saved seeds of your favorite plants, allow them to become air dry, then place them in an airtight container and store in the refrigerator. Be sure to label each packet carefully. Remember, seed from hybrid plants will seldom resemble the parent plant.
- Start cool-season vegetables, such as mustard, lettuce, arugula, broccoli, carrots, and turnips, from seed in well prepared beds.

Digging Deeper Into Gardening

DATE CHANGE FOR OCTOBER!

10/30 6:30pm—Fall fun—wildflowers (when and how to plant) amaryllis, poinsettias, and Christmas cactus. 11/20 6:30pm—Tree pruning: when, how, and why

Programs will be held via zoom. To register each month for the zoom, please click here: https://agrilife.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEkcumgpzwoGdwpWR4zzarADnsC-JsoVxiL

Big Bend and the Chihuahuan Desert

During our Horticulture Program Planning Conference, we had the opportunity to visit Alpine and get to know the horticulture of the area, including Sul Ross University, Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute and Big Bend.





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Better Living For Texons ? 🐓 🥌

Get in the autumn spirit with this cozy chicken soup! This month we will be posting delicious autumn-inspired recipes!



Workout Wednesday! Let's workout to be healthy & fit!

Ask about Joining our "Work Out Wednesday" Facebook Group, for great healthy meal ideas, short work out videos. It is the perfect fit for those with a busy

schedule to participate and work on your best you.



MINDFUL LIVING —— EXERCISE ——

Being aware of your posture can help prevent pain and injuries. A good reminder is to sit or stand as if someone was gently pulling you up by the ears.

> GRILIFE EXTENSION



LIFE & HEALTH

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has a variety of materials, programs and resources for promoting the lives and health of Texans. These include an array of nutrition, health and wellness materials and programs for both youth and adult audiences, including many community-driven programs.

Related Departments: <u>Food Science & Technology, Nutrition</u>
<u>Disease Management</u>, <u>Health, Nutrition & Wellness</u>, <u>Disease Prevention</u>
<u>Nutrition</u>, <u>Physical Activity Aging</u>, <u>Cooking & Food Safety</u>

Passenger Safety in Cherokee County



Cherokee County has been busy with Passenger Safety over the past year holding car seat inspection events. The proper use of child safety seats reduces the risk of injury and death, leading to reduced medical costs, avoidance of lost future earnings, and improved quality of life. These economic benefits are an estimated \$2,859 per child age 0 to 4 and \$3,250 per child age 4 to 7 for new seats distributed, and \$766 per child for seat misuse corrected with an assumed 75% continued use. Based on this formula, the total economic impact for the Cherokee County Inspections September 2022 through August 2023 is \$194,101.

Save The Dates Support Cherokee County 4-H Youth.







September

- 28 Dogwood Patch TEEA Club Meeting, Rusk, 10:30am
- 28 Fun in the Kitchen Series, County Ext Office, 10:30am

October

- Cherokee County 4-H Banquet, Jacksonville—Cherokee Co Expo 1
- 2 Canning Workshop, Alto—Hilltop Baptist Church
- 3 Ponta TEEA Club Meeting, Jacksonville, 12:00pm
- 9 CEO Closed—Columbus Day
- 17 Breakfast CEU Series, Jacksonville—Beverly's Café
- 18 Cherokee County Junior Hay Judging, Jacksonville—Cherokee Co Expo
- 18 Central High TEEA Club Meeting, Alto, 10:30am
- 21 CCMGA Scarecrow Trail Opens, Jacksonville—Ruth B Nichols Arboretum
- 24 Cherokee County Hay Show, Jacksonville—Cherokee Co Expo
- Dogwood Patch TEEA Club Meeting, Rusk, 10:30am 26
- 30 Digging Deeper Into Gardening Series: Fall Fun-Wildflowers, Amaryllis, Poinsettias & Christmas Cactus, Online Zoom
- Last Day to Enroll in 4H Online Before Fees Increase 31

Movember

- 4H Online Enrollment Increases to \$30 per member
- Last Day for CCMGA Scarecrow Trail, Jacksonville—Ruth B Nichols Arboretum
- Ponta TEEA Club Meeting, Jacksonville, 12:00pm 7
- 10 CEO Closed—Veterans Day
- 11 ETSSS Clinic, Henderson—Rusk County Expo
- 12 ETSSS Show, Henderson—Rusk County Expo
- 15 Central High TEEA Club Meeting, Alto, 10:30am
- 17 East Texas Beef & Forage Clinic, Henderson, Rusk County Expo
- 20 Digging Deeper Into Gardening Series—Pruning: When, How & Why, Online Zoom
- 21 Breakfast CEU Series, Alto-Miss Mollie's Diner
- CEO Closed—Thanksgiving Holiday 23-24
- 27 TEEA Festive Christmas Craft Market Opens, Rusk—Cherokee Co Extension Office

December

- 5 All You Can Eat! Pancake & Waffle Supper, Rusk—Rusk Public Library Meeting Room
- 19 Breakfast CEU Series, Rusk—Cherokee Co Extension Office
- 25-26 CEO Closed—Christmas Holiday



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