

# LOST PINES COUNTY AGRICULTURE NEWSLETTER

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June 2023



## 4-H EVENTS HEAVY IN JUNE

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June is a very busy time for our 4-H youth. This month, our county 4-H'ers will travel to a host of competitions and leadership development events across much of central Texas. Please wish our county 4-H'ers good luck and safe travels during this busy time!

## **JOIN THE BASTROP COUNTY AG/HORT COMMITTEE**

Do you have an investment or want to make a difference in Bastrop County's Agricultural and natural resource industries? The Bastrop County Agriculture and Horticulture Committee would like to extend an invitation to you to become a part of this important organization!

Made up of fellow Bastrop County producers and stakeholders, the Bastrop County Ag/Hort Committee helps guide education and outreach efforts that will help producers and landowners make the most out of their agriculture operations/natural resource management endeavors.

If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact me at [Dakota.kempken@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Dakota.kempken@ag.tamu.edu)

## **VOLUNTEER LANDOWNER NEEDED FOR EXPANDED BEEF CATTLE NUTRITION STUDY**

The ongoing beef cattle nutrition study will be expanding to study the effects of different grazing systems on nutrition and body condition. If you manage a mid-sized (at least 10 head of cattle) on unfertilized pasture on a rotational system, I would be interested in hearing from and having the opportunity to work with you.

The trial will be run until March 2024 and will involve monthly visits to collect fecal samples and evaluate body condition scoring of the cattle herd. If you are interested in participating, please contact me!

## **WEED OF THE MONTH – TEXAS BULL NETTLE**

A truly nasty plant found throughout much of Texas. Texas Bull Nettle (*Cnidoscolus texanus*) is a perennial forb that can be a severe nuisance weed for most agricultural operations. Bull Nettles average 1.5 to 3 feet tall with large, palmate leaves. Every part of the plant, except for the large, showy, white flower, is covered in stinging hairs that cause painful irritation when touched. I can speak from experience that these hairs are very painful, and not even jeans will protect you from them!

### **Control:**

Bull Nettle is a hardy weed that thrives in sandy soils and overgrazed/disturbed areas, so control will be difficult. Proper herbicide application can provide effective control.



**Flatonia Livestock  
Commission**

June 5th, 2023

Wt	Rng	Avg
<b>Steers</b>		
100 -199	52.00-270.00	161.00
200 -299	120.00-315.00	243.56
300 -399	120.00-320.00	259.19
400 -499	110.00-307.00	240.02
500 -599	178.00-259.00	222.45
600 -699	170.00-226.00	208.37
700 -799	170.00-212.00	197.75
800 -899	169.00-190.00	180.54
900-999	148.00-168.00	158.44
<b>Heifers</b>		
100 -199	152.00-285.00	235.80
200 -299	130.00-285.00	229.32
300 -399	133.00-267.00	226.40
400 -499	75.00-262.00	217.26
500 -599	127.00-265.00	203.91
600 -699	130.00-207.00	190.15
700 -799	148.00-200.00	176.64
800 -899	143.00-170.00	156.50
900-999	97.00-111.00	104.00

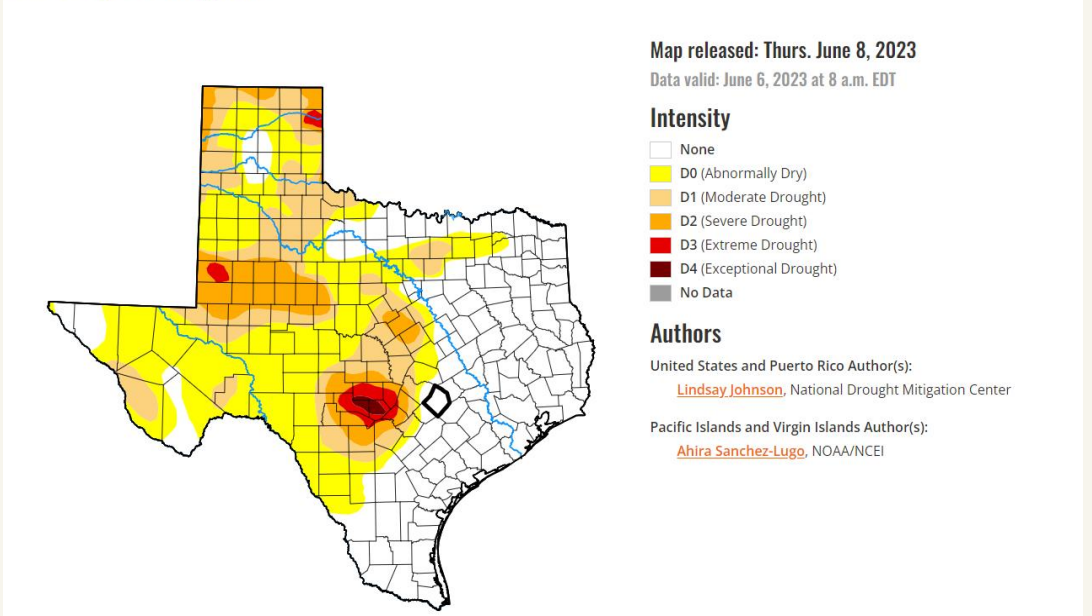
**Herbicides labeled for bull nettle:**

- Picloram + 2-4,D - Grazon P+D, Gunslinger, GrazonNext HL
- Picloram + Fluroxypyr - Surmount
- Aminopyralid + metsulfuron-methyl - Chaparral

**TEXAS DROUGHT MONITOR UPDATE**

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**Giddings Livestock  
Commission**

June 12th, 2023

Wt	Avg	High
Steers		
150-300	249	285
300-400	248	280
400-500	232	265
500-600	219	245
600-700	204	230
700-800	186	222
Heifers		
150-300	231	285
300-400	226	282.50
400-500	218	280
500-600	198	227.50
600-700	182	235
700-800	159	190
Yearling bulls		
700-850	165-222	
850-1000	135-202.50	
Packer cows		
Top	90-108	
Med.	71-89	
Thin	40-70	



**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION:  
XERISCAPING**

**CREATING IRRIGATION-FREE LANDSCAPES**

- Tuesday, June 27th
- Bastrop Public Library - Pressley Meeting Room
  - 1100 Church St. Bastrop, Tx 78602
- 9:00am - 10:00am



**RSVP by Friday, June 23rd.**

**For more information or to RSVP, please call the Extension office at 512-581-7186.**

# Beginning a Gardening Adventure

## Gardening for New Landowners



Friday, July 7th

Bastrop County Courthouse  
Annex - downstairs Conference  
Room

- 804 Pecan St. Bastrop, Tx 78602

Registration begins at 8:30am.

Program starts at 9am.

**Pre-Registration: \$30**

**At the Door: \$40**

**Lunch will be provided!**

**Pre-Register by Friday,  
June 30th.**

For more information or to pre-register: Contact Bastrop County AgriLife Extension at  
512-581-7186 or email [bastrop-tx@tamu.edu](mailto:bastrop-tx@tamu.edu)

## AROUND THE COUNTY

### Gonzales Livestock Market

June 10th, 2023

Wt	\$ Range
Steers	
150-300	310-315
300-400	300-305
400-500	259-290
500-600	228-245
600-700	215-220
700-800	185-212
Yearling bulls	
700-900	80-115
Heifers	
150-300	260-285
300-400	245-255
400-500	225-235
500-600	205-219
600-700	183-198
Stocker Cows	
750-1700	
Cow-Calf pairs	
1100-1900	

## BEGINNING A GARDENING ADVENTURE WORKSHOP ON JULY 7<sup>TH</sup>

If you or a neighbor are interested in beginning a garden in your backyard or property, a great opportunity is coming in July! Beginning a Garden Adventure: Gardening for New Landowners is a program geared towards anybody with a growing interest in horticulture, whether for yourself or for beginning a small business or Ag tax valuation.

This program will be held on Friday, July 7th, 2023 at the Bastrop County Courthouse Annex Conference Room, next to the Elections Office. Attendees can expect an in-depth overview of basic horticultural production centered around fall vegetables with opportunity to see and learn more about local horticultural operation and the challenges and opportunities of beginning one. Check-in for the program will begin at 8:30am with the program starting at 9:00am, and will wrap up around 3:00pm. Lunch will be provided!

Pre-registration fees will be \$30 until **Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**, and \$40 at the door. To pre-register, please contact the Bastrop County Extension office at 512-581-7186 or drop off fees in-person. For any questions, please contact the Extension office.

## COFFEE AND CONVERSATIONS: XERISCAPING ON JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup>

Landscape irrigation consumed up to 60% of household water use, and in times of drought, this can cause problems for well owners and the regional water table. This short morning program will provide participants with the knowledge of how to begin the practice of xeriscaping, a landscape principal designed for water conservation.

Come enjoy breakfast and coffee on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at the Bastrop Public Library Pressley Meeting Room at 9:00am! Please RSVP by calling the Extension office by Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.