

LOST PINES COUNTY AGRICULTURE NEWSLETTER

October 2023



THURSDAY COLD FRONT BRINGS SOME RELIEF

Dakota Kempken

Thursday's cold front was a welcome sign with most of the county finally seeing rain after months with hardly a drop. While it is going to take a lot more moisture to break the drought, the relief from the high temperatures are still beneficial for plants, livestock, and wildlife. Here's hoping we will see more as Fall progresses.

PLANTING FALL LEGUMES

Cool season legumes can offer great benefits for hay and livestock producers during a time when not much warm-season plant activity happens. On top of being an excellent cover crop to suppress weed growth, legumes, such as white clover, arrowleaf clover, crimson clover, etc. provide additional Nitrogen into the soil to be used in the warm season by converting atmospheric Nitrogen into usable nitrates with the help of soil-borne *Rhizobium* bacteria. Utilizing clover this way can help offset Nitrogen fertilizer costs, which often make up the bulk of fertilizer requirements for grasses. Keep in mind that Phosphate and Potassium fertilization is still required.



TDA HAY HOTLINE

Dry conditions continue to degrade range and pasture conditions and is forcing a high demand for hay to feed livestock. If you are in need of help finding hay, you can use the Texas Department of Agriculture's Hay Hotline to locate hay for sale within your budget. You can reach the hotline at <https://www.texasagriculture.gov/Home/Production-Agriculture/Hay-Hotline> or by calling the hotline directly at 877-429-1998.

COLLECTING DEER HARVEST DATA TO HELP IMPROVE YOUR HERD

Jacob Dykes - Extension Wildlife Specialist

As deer season is getting fired up, I figured it would be a good opportunity to talk about the power of harvest data. We are all interested in knowing how the deer herd in our neck of the woods is doing and harvest data can provide some insight, especially if collected over the long term.

Post-harvest data such as age, lactation status (does only), body weight, and antler size are easy to collect and can provide insight into things like age structure, reproductive rates, and nutrition/deer numbers. Collecting these data over the long term is an easy way to identify trends and determine if your management strategy is working. Checkout the info below on how to record post-harvest data and let me know if you have any questions.

Flatonia Livestock Commission

October 2nd, 2023

Wt	Rng	Avg
Steers		
100 -199	180.00-240.00	210.00
200 -299	120.00-310.00	222.29
300 -399	100.00-310.00	253.73
400 -499	100.00-300.00	233.59
500 -599	60.00-254.00	224.37
600 -699	42.00-243.00	205.81
700 -799	180.00-213.00	205.54
800 -899	160.00-199.00	187.00
900-999	160.00-170.00	165.00
Heifers		
100 -199	205.00-220.00	212.50
200 -299	110.00-270.00	207.29
300 -399	96.00-292.00	209.38
400 -499	76.00-252.00	207.99
500 -599	130.00-230.00	200.98
600 -699	170.00-223.00	201.59
700 -799	94.00-203.00	165.25
800 -899	70.00-170.00	131.43
900-999	135.00-160.00	145.00

WEED OF THE MONTH – COMMON BROOMWEED

Common/Annual Broomweed (just about the only plant that is still green in most pastures) is a native, warm-season broadleaf forb found throughout most of Texas. Named for the single erect stem and fine, bushy head forming a broom shape, this is a very aggressive plant that prefers disturbed and overgrazed areas, creating dense stands that can cause problems when trying to promote forage.



Control:

Properly maintaining dense stands of forage can help prevent seeds from germinating, however using appropriate herbicides can prove effective for controlling established broomweed. Because of its large surface area, leaf spray treatments can be effective at control.

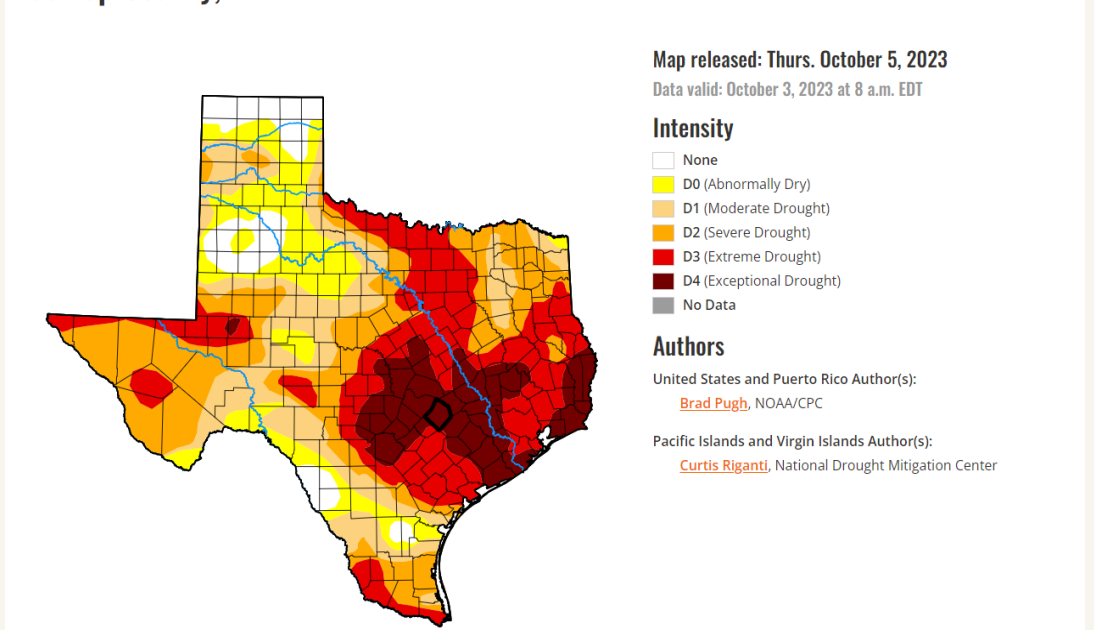
Herbicides labeled for Broomweed:

- 2,4-D
- Grazon P+D
- Cimarron
- Escort

TEXAS DROUGHT MONITOR UPDATE

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**Giddings Livestock
Commission**

October 2nd, 2023

Wt	Avg	High
Steers		
150-300	220	325
300-400	241	315
400-500	248	310
500-600	228	257.50
600-700	210	237
700-800	183	212.50
Heifers		
150-300	205	275
300-400	226	275
400-500	212	290
500-600	215	245
600-700	199	222.50
700-800	180	205
Yearling bulls		
700-850	140-212.50	
850-1000	120-202.50	
Packer cows		
Top	90-110	
Med.	65-85	
Thin	20-60	

**BASTROP/FAYETTE
AG CONFERENCE**

NOVEMBER 3, 2023

Fayette County Fairgrounds
400 W. Fair Grounds
La Grange TX 78945

Pre-registration - \$40/person

By October 31

Paid to:

Fayette County Extension Office at
255 Svoboda Ln, #134 in La Grange

or

Bastrop County Extension Office at
901 Pecan in Bastrop.

LATE REGISTRATION ON SITE IS \$50/PERSON



Scott Willey - Fayette County Extension Agent
Agriculture & natural Resources
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(979)968-5831

Registration -- 8:00-8:30 am
Program -- 8:30 am

Feral Hogs

Sandbur Management and Drought
Recovery

Livestock External Parasite
Management

Farm Service Agency Updates

Laws and Regulations

Rodent Management on the Farm

5 CEU's include:

3 General, 1 IPM Drift, 1 Laws & Regs
FOR PRIVATE, COMMERCIAL &
NON-COMMERCIAL APPLICATORS



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AROUND THE COUNTY

Gonzales Livestock Market

September 30th, 2023

Wt	\$ Range
Steers	
150-300	305-310
300-400	285-300
400-500	255-275
500-600	240-245
600-700	225-232
700-800	172-195
Yearling bulls	
700-900	80-115
Heifers	
150-300	242-255
300-400	232-235
400-500	229-231
500-600	222-225
600-700	181-210
Stocker Cows	
750-1,700	
Cow-Calf pairs	
1,100-2,600	

FERAL HOG BOUNTY IS BACK ON

Dealing with a feral hog infestation? Bastrop County will pay you for their tails! Bastrop County has issued a bounty on feral hogs at \$5.00 per tail until funds run out. Tails can be submitted to official check stations at Smith Supply, Elgin General Store, and Paige Tractor Company during normal business hours or by submitting a receipt from a certified feral hog holding facility to one of the listed check stations.

New for 2023: Any hog tails harvested prior to October 1st, 2023 **ARE NOT ELIGIBLE** for payout and will not be accepted. This is to ensure the funds can be maximized as much as possible to ensure the greatest participation for Bastrop County landowners.

SOIL, WATER, AND FORAGE TESTING CAMPAIGN ON NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 25TH

Bastrop County's annual soil, water, and forage testing campaign is currently on through Wednesday, October 25th. If you are needing soil, well water, or hay/forage tested, now is a great time to take advantage of discounted rates for select tests. Water bacteriology tests can only be submitted by noon on October 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th. For any further information, please contact the Extension Office.

FALL AG PRODUCERS CONFERENCE ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD. 5 CEU'S OFFERED

The annual Bastrop/Fayette County Fall Ag Producers Conference will be held on Friday, November 3rd at the Fayette County Fairgrounds (400 W. Fair Grounds La Grange TX 78945). 5 CEU's will be offered for pesticide applicators, including 3 general, 1 IPM, and 1 Laws and Regulations CEU.

Pre-registration for the event is \$40 per person, due to the Bastrop County (901 Pecan St. in Bastrop) or Fayette County Extension office (255 Svoboda Ln, #134 in La Grange) by Tuesday, October 31st. Late/on-site registration is \$50 per person.