

# LOST PINES COUNTY AGRICULTURE NEWSLETTER

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November 2024



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM  
BASTROP COUNTY AGRILIFE!**

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# BASTROP COUNTY FERAL HOG CAMPAIGN IS OVER

The feral hog bounty has reached its funding limit and is now closed for the fiscal year. **2,039** hogs were harvested this year! While this certainly puts a dent in Bastrop County's feral hog population, I highly encourage landowners and stewards to continue your efforts in controlling these nuisance animals.

## FERTILIZATION OF WINTER PASTURE

*Vanessa Corriher-Oleson – Extension forage specialist*

Fertilization of winter pasture should be based on a [soil test](#) to maximize forage production and prevent applying more fertilizer than is needed. Nitrogen fertilization of small grain and small grain-ryegrass mixtures can be split in 2 to 4 equal applications during the growing season. Two applications are often sufficient in Central Texas with lower rainfall and heavier textured soils. Three or four applications are required on the sandy soils in East Texas because of low nutrient holding capacity and high rainfall. Phosphorus and potassium can be applied at planting. If more than 75 to 80 lbs/acre of potassium are needed on sandy soils in East Texas, it is recommended to split into an autumn and late winter application because of leaching.

Nitrogen fertilization of overseeded ryegrass is usually split in 2 to 3 applications. Phosphorus and potassium, if needed, can be applied at planting. The initial N application should be delayed until after the ryegrass is established to reduce N utilization by the warm season grass and possible leaching in sandy soils. Additional N can be applied in mid winter and early spring.



Overseeded clover-ryegrass may not receive any N or up to 2 applications, depending on the amount of early forage needed. Without N, sufficient forage for grazing will not likely be available until February or early March, depending on location. The most common program is a single application in December to enhance ryegrass production during the winter when there is very little clover growth. Maximum forage production is obtained with 2 applications of N, one after the ryegrass and clover are up and a second in midwinter. Nitrogen should not be applied in the spring if there is a good clover stand. Phosphorus and potassium can be applied at planting or shortly after planting.

# WEED OF THE MONTH: DALLISGRASS



Dallisgrass is an introduced warm-season bunchgrass that is found frequently in grazing land and degraded rangeland, but can easily colonize domestic lawns and hay pastures. Dallisgrass typically grows in a radial pattern with short, knotted rhizomes. Leaf blades are more broad at roughly ½ inch or broader in width. Seedheads are solitary spikelets that

typically grow in an alternating pattern up the stalk and are covered in fine, silky hairs.

Dallisgrass can provide decent grazing for beef cattle and wildlife, but can become a nuisance in hay fields or lawns by competing with preferred grass. Additionally, dallisgrass seedheads can become covered with a honey dew-like fungus that can cause ergot poisoning in cattle when consumed. Keeping preferred grass/forage dense and healthy can prevent Dallisgrass from colonizing unwanted areas. Control may also be warranted to mitigate the risk of ergot poisoning.



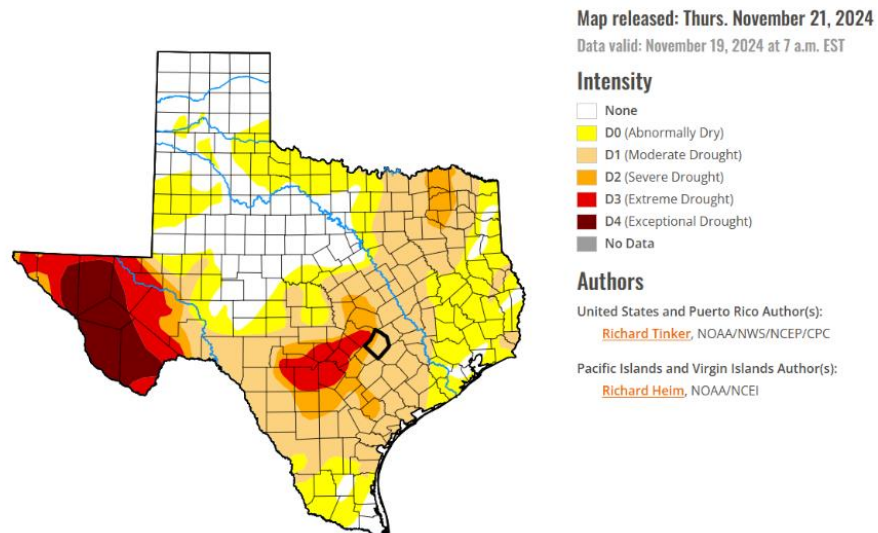
Herbicides listed for Dallisgrass:

- Glyphosate: Roundup, Rodeo, etc.

# TEXAS DROUGHT MONITOR UPDATE

Bastrop County, TX

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# AUCTION BARN REPORTS

## Giddings Livestock Commission – November 18th

Weight	Steers		Heifers	
	Avg	High	Avg	High
150 – 300	\$295	\$405	\$280	\$325
300 – 400	\$296	\$395	\$270	\$310
400 – 500	\$280	\$360	\$242	\$305
500 – 600	\$247	\$292.50	\$225	\$270
600 – 700	\$232	\$262.50	\$218	\$245
700 – 800	\$209	\$237.50	\$202	\$232.50
Packer bulls				
	Top	\$140 – 156		
	Medium	\$120 – 135		
Stocker Females				
	Stocker pairs	\$1,525 – 2,650		
	Bred cows	\$11,200 – 2,650		
Packer Cows				
	Top	\$105 – 123		
	Medium	\$90 – 100		
	Thin	\$50 – 85		

## Lockhart Auction – November 20th

Weight	Steers	Heifers
<300	\$200 – 460	\$180 – 330
300 – 400	\$185 – 385	\$175 – 310
400 – 500	\$175 – 365	\$175 – 285
>500	\$170 – 315	\$165 – 280
	Packer Cows	\$60 – 128
	Packer Bulls	\$108 – 156
	Stocker Cows	\$950 – 2,250
	Cow/Calf Pairs	\$1,850 – 1,650

## Gonzales Livestock Market – November 16th

Weight	Steers	Heifers
150 – 300	\$310 – 450	\$285 – 375
300 – 400	\$265 – 380	\$245 – 325
400 – 500	\$295 – 340	\$215 – 290
500 – 600	\$215 – 282	\$215 – 282
600 – 700	\$210 – 252	\$210 – 252
700 – 800	\$217 – 235	\$217 – 235
	Yearling Bulls	\$165 – 202
	Stocker Cows	\$900 – 3,250
	Pairs	\$1,500 – 2,700

# Wildlife & Woodlands Pine-Oak Savannah Landowner Workshop

Bastrop, Texas  
Friday, December 6, 2024  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Lost Pines Scout Reservation  
785 FM 1441 Bastrop, TX 78602

Meet a  
Houston Toad!



## Topics & Information:

- Learn about the Lost Pines ecosystem
- Planning Pine-Oak Savannah habitat restoration
- Pollinator biology and habitat management
- Habitat restoration and conservation cost-share opportunities for private landowners
- Tools for implementing prescribed fire
- Field tour of restoration project areas
- Talk with wildlife biologists & land managers
- Meet local organizations
- Get wildlife and habitat advice
- ...and more!



## Registration required:



**\$20 Registration**  
Lunch, drinks, and snacks  
included

Questions? Contact:  
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## Partners & Sponsors:



## **FALL AG PRODUCERS CONFERENCE ON NOVEMBER 1ST**

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will be hosting a Pine-Oak Savannah Landowner workshop on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the Lost Pines Scout Reservation. 785 FM 1441, Bastrop, Tx 78602. This landowners' workshop is catered to landowners, land managers, and stakeholders interested in planning savannah habitat restoration, prescribed fire, pine-oak savannah ecosystem management, and much more! For private pesticide applicators, 1 general CEU will be awarded.

\$20 Registration is required for this event, and registration can be found by scanning the QR code found on the flyer on page 4. For more information or for an alternate registration, please contact Rachel Patterson, TPWD wildlife biologist, at 512-332-7280 or by email at [Rachel.patterson@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:Rachel.patterson@tpwd.texas.gov).