

# LOST PINES COUNTY AGRICULTURE NEWSLETTER

---

January 2025



## THE NEW YEAR IS HERE, AND SO ARE WINTER TEMPERATURES

Dakota Kempken

After a very mild fall and early winter, cold temperatures have finally arrived. Be ready for potential freezing temperatures throughout January and February.

## THINGS TO KNOW

# SPRING LIVESTOCK SHOW SEASON TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY

This is a friendly PSA that my availability in the county will be somewhat limited during the months of February through March as I will be accompanying our Bastrop County 4-H livestock exhibitors to livestock shows around the state. I will do my best to return calls and reply to emails in the meantime. Please wish our 4-H livestock exhibitors good luck and safe travels!

## WEED OF THE MONTH: BUTTERCUP

There are multiple species of buttercup throughout Texas and range from annual to perennial lifespans. Regardless, most buttercup types look the same. Stem leaves are arranged in an alternating pattern with palm-like shapes. Basal leaves will have a distinctly different shape compared to the stem leaves. Flowers are arranged in fan-shaped clusters and consist of around 5 yellow petals. They are mostly found in East Texas, but there are a few varieties that exist in every ecoregion in Texas.



Buttercup contains a glycoside that can become toxic to animals if ingested, with higher concentrations being seen in more mature plants. The glycoside acts as a blistering agent and can cause mouth ulcers, blood-tinged milk, diarrhea, abdominal pain, convulsions, and death.

The toxic agent in buttercup is highly volatile, and does not pose a problem to hay. However it is best to avoid allowing livestock to graze on buttercup. Their bitter taste will discourage grazing, but overgrazed pastures may encourage unwanted forage. Keep forage quantities adequate and provide supplemental forage during times of need to discourage unwanted grazing on weedy broadleaf plants. Herbicides can be used to kill dense populations.

Herbicides listed for buttercup:

- Glyphosate: Roundup, Rodeo, etc.
- 2,4-D: GrazonNext HL, Grazon P+D, 2,4-D amine
- Metsulfuron-methyl: Escort XP, Patriot, Cimarron Max, Cimarron Plus

# TEXAS DROUGHT MONITOR UPDATE

## Bastrop County, TX

[Home](#) / Bastrop County, TX

Map released: Weds. January 1, 2025

Data valid: December 31, 2024 at 7 a.m. EST

### Intensity

- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data

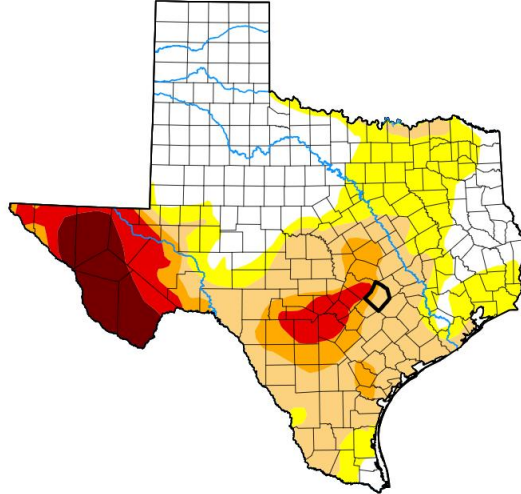
### Authors

United States and Puerto Rico Author(s):

[Rocky Bilotta](#), NOAA/NCEI

Pacific Islands and Virgin Islands Author(s):

[Brad Rippey](#), U.S. Department of Agriculture



# AUCTION BARN REPORTS

## Giddings Livestock Commission – January 6th

Weight	Steers		Heifers	
	Avg	High	Avg	High
150 – 300	\$420	\$535	\$332	\$430
300 – 400	\$347	\$430	\$312	\$385
400 – 500	\$320	\$375	\$296	\$400
500 – 600	\$291	\$345	\$261	\$325
600 – 700	\$264	\$295	\$240	\$267.50
700 – 800	\$232	\$270	\$206	\$232.50
Packer bulls				
	Top	\$145 – 160		
	Medium	\$130 – 140		
Stocker Females				
	Stocker pairs	\$1,150 – 1,900		
	Bred cows	\$1,000 – 2,500		
Packer Cows				
	Top	\$20 – 131		
	Medium	\$95 – 115		
	Thin	\$40 – 85		

## Lockhart Auction – December 12th

Weight	Steers	Heifers
<300	\$200 – 415	\$200 – 380
300 – 400	\$190 – 405	\$185 – 395
400 – 500	\$185 – 395	\$180 – 370
>500	\$180 – 335	\$170 – 290
	Packer Cows	\$60 – 124
	Packer Bulls	\$115 – 158.50
	Stocker Cows	\$950 – 2,050
	Cow/Calf Pairs	\$1,850 – 2,700

## Gonzales Livestock Market – January 4th

Weight	Steers	Heifers
150 – 300	\$400 – 560	\$310 – 415
300 – 400	\$285 – 370	\$285 – 370
400 – 500	\$265 – 321	\$270 – 321
500 – 600	\$215 – 305	\$215 – 305
600 – 700	\$230 – 365	\$240 – 252
700 – 800	\$235 – 261	N/A
	Yearling Bulls	\$175– 215
	Stocker Cows	\$900 – 1,800
	Pairs	\$1,500 – 3,200

## Lunch & Learn: Beef Herd Health

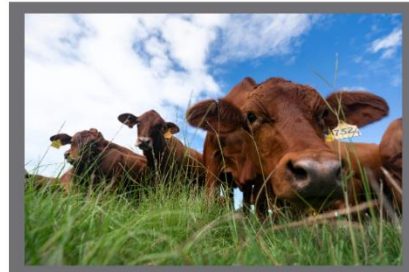
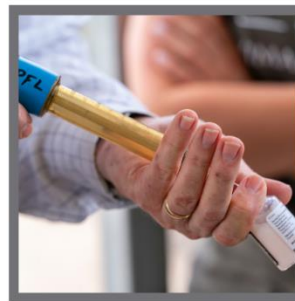
Maintaining beef cattle health at the individual and herd level

Tuesday, January 28th. 11:00am - 1:00pm

Tuesday, January 28th,  
2024  
11:00am - 1:00pm

Bastrop County  
Community Center  
15 American Legion Dr. Bastrop,  
Tx 78602

- Physical health
- Internal & External  
Parasite  
management
- Pasture health



**Bring your own lunch. Snacks and drinks will be provided.**

Please RSVP by Monday, January 27th

For more information or to RSVP by phone,  
contact the Bastrop County Extension Office  
at 512-581-7186

Scan the QR code below with  
your smartphone to RSVP



Texas A&M AgriLife Extension provides equal opportunities in its programs and employment to all persons, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating

## Tuesday Lunch & Learn: Small Acreage Livestock 101

Learn the basics of backyard/small acreage livestock production



**Tuesday, January 21st**

**RSVP by Monday, January 20th.**

**Bastrop County  
Community Center**

15 American Legion Dr. Bastrop, Tx  
78602

**Snacks and drinks provided.  
Bring your own lunch.**

**11:00am - 1:00pm**

For more information or to RSVP, please call  
the Bastrop Extension Office at 512-581-7186

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension provides equal opportunities in its programs and employment to all persons, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating

## **LUNCH & LEARN: SMALL ACREAGE LIVESTOCK 101 ON JANUARY 21st**

Come by the Bastrop County Extension Office on Tuesday, January 21st to receive an introduction into backyard and small acreage livestock production and management. This lunch and learn program will highlight popular small livestock species that can be raised in Bastrop County on properties smaller than 20 acres (but that certainly doesn't mean only 20 acres and below!) Doors open at 10:30am and will conclude at 1:00pm. This event is Bring Your Own Lunch, but snacks and refreshments will be provided as well. For more information or to RSVP, please contact the extension office at 512-581-7186.

## **LUNCH & LEARN: BEEF HERD HEALTH MANAGEMENT**

Come by the Bastrop County Extension Office on Tuesday, January 28th for information on managing the health of your beef cattle herd. This lunch and learn program will discuss beef cattle health through physical health and biosecurity, parasite management, and forage/pasture management. Doors open at 10:30am and will conclude at 1:00pm. This event is Bring Your Own Lunch, but snacks and refreshments will be provided as well. For more information or to RSVP, please contact the extension office at 512-581-7186.

# NEW LANDOWNER WORKSHOP SERIES

Hosted at the:

**Neasloney Wildlife Management Area**  
20700 TX-80, Gonzales, TX 78629

## ***Start Your Land Management Journey!***

This 3-part workshop series is perfect for new landowners eager to learn about wildlife and habitat management. Begin with the basics of land stewardship and progress to practical strategies for creating wildlife-friendly spaces and conserving your land for the future. Work alongside TPWD wildlife biologists, explore real-world scenarios, and gain hands-on experience through interactive workbook activities and field tour/demonstration.

**Scan the QR Code to Register for this FREE event hosted by TPWD.**



## **PART 1: VALUING YOUR LAND**

**Feb. 1, 2025**  
**8:30 AM-1:30 PM**

Discover your land ethics and develop your management goals and reading-the-land skills.

## **PART 2: MANAGING YOUR LAND**

**Mar. 1, 2025**  
**8:30 AM-1:30 PM**

Learn to support your goals with specific wildlife and habitat management tools and techniques.

## **PART 3: MONITORING YOUR LAND**

**Mar. 29, 2025**  
**8:30 AM-1:30 PM**

Learn how to maintain quality habitat over time. Learn how to adapt and explore other opportunities to grow with your land.