

Samantha's Bushel to Barnyard Ag Report

Upcoming Events

January.

14th - Commercial Heifer
Show

16th - Commercial Heifer Sale

23rd-27th - WCJLS

28th - WCJLS Sale

February.

22nd - Watershed Program

**More information coming!*

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Happy 2023! While we close the chapter to 2022, I hope 2023 provides all of you with the things you specifically need.

Cheers to a New Year, New Opportunities, and All the Good!

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Gardening & Lawn Care

January

*Roses! Purchase and plant your roses now. BUT make sure these roses are bare-root!

*Clean up your beds! Remove the dead leaves, twigs, and other materials unwanted in the beds!

*Plant Bluebonnets from transplants.



February

*Add mulch to your gardens and landscapes - the mulch will help retain moisture.

*February is a tricky month for us so before you throw off the towel and put those outdoor plants back outside make sure you continue to pay attention to the weather forecasts.

While shopping these next couple of months look for these fruits & vegetables which should be in season now!

Produce Spotlight

Bell Peppers
Cabbage
Grapefruit
Broccoli

Beets
Greens
Oranges
Celery



Gardening & Lawn Care

Tree Care

***Prune**

Prune trees for various reasons like promoting plant health, maintaining their intended purposes, improve the aesthetics of the trees, protect people and property, increase visibility, improve security.

***Mulch**

Mulch or "refresh" beds around trees before winter to help the soil maintain a warmer temperature and retain moisture for the tree. A 1-2-inch layer will do the trick.

***Water**

Trees still need water even though they start to go dormant. If there is not rain in the forecast for the next two week a rule of thumb is to provide your tree with 10-15 gallons of water within that two-week span.



[How to Care for Your Tree During the Winter - Texas Trees Foundation](#)

Livestock

2023 Wilson County Junior Livestock Show



This year the Wilson County Junior Livestock Show & Sale will be January 23rd - 28th.

Currently we have the following shows and contests available for the kids – Market Steers, Market Swine, Market Lambs and Goats, Rabbits, Poultry, Baked Food Show, Photography Contest, Farm Projects, and Horses!!!

There might be a diversity in projects but at the end of the day we are here to support agriculture and our youth!

There really is something for everyone to participate in!

I hope to see most of y'all come January to help support the youth of Wilson County!

Our official show dates are January 23rd - 28th, 2023.



Helpful Links!

[Wilson County Junior Livestock Show](#)
[Wilson County AgriLife Extension \(4-H Livestock\)](#)

Livestock

2023 Wilson County Junior Commercial Heifer Show & Sale

Wilson County
Junior Livestock Show
Commercial Heifer Show & Sale



Open & Bred Commercial Heifers
19 pens (38 hd) Will Be Sold

Saturday, January 14th Commercial Heifer Show 9:00am
(Carr Ranch) 6720 Hwy 97 West. Floresville

Sunday, January 15th Commercial Heifers Viewing 4pm
Nixon Livestock Commission, 1924 US Highway 87E. Nixon

Monday, January 16th Commercial Heifer Sale 10:00am
Nixon Livestock Commission, 1924 US Highway 87E. Nixon

Breeds that are Represented
(include but are not limited to the following)

Simbrah, Brangus,
Brahman, & Beefmaster
Females will be sold in Placing Order.

For More Information Contact the
Wilson County AgriLife Extension Office
Phone: 830-393-7357

Livestock

Winter Weather

*With cooler temperatures coming and going we need to make sure we give plenty of attention to older cattle, younger calves, and cattle that is already malnourished.

*Water – Water – Water! Even during the winter animals need to drink their water! This includes our cattle, horses, goats, and even wildlife! When you're out checking your animals just double check that their water isn't frozen or unavailable.

*Feeding forages to livestock creates heat – so if you are out feeding try and feed during the late afternoon/evening so that the livestock can use their internal heat to stay warm during the cold nights!

*With the daylight staying short and the nights being colder if you are looking for something to “do” head on over to ranchtv.org – it's a YouTube channel created by TAMU Livestock Specialist for people like us! There are videos on reproduction, handling, biosecurity, parasite control in various species, grazing management and more! You might even recognize a few faces from past programs we've had in Wilson County!

[This](#) is a fantastic
one pager with
more information!



Rangeland Management

Native Grasslands

*Monitoring & Managing

There is a lot of interest in restoring native grasslands in Wilson County. There are several ways we can do this, but first we need to know and understand what we have and the required management for the species.

MONITOR

- *Photos
- *Surveys
- Nest Clump
- Cover
- Grass Stubble Height
- Forage Clipping
- *Grazing Exclosures

MANAGEMENT OPTIONS

- *Grazing
- *Disking
- *Shredding
- *Prescribed Burn
- *Chemical & Mechanical Treatments

Range Plants
Grasses

Native Grassland Monitoring and Management Handbook



Little bluestem



Burrograss



King Ranch Bluestem

Pasture Management

Winter Weed Control

BUTTERCUP

- *Yellow Flowers
- *Different Species, vary in leaf shape and growth
- *March - Early April is best time to kill this weed

Herbicide Options:

Weedmaster
2, 4-D
GrazonNext HL
Grazon P+D
Duracor
Milestone
Cimarron Max (*for bermudagrass pastures, will destroy bahiagrass*)
Pastora (*for bermudagrass pastures, will destroy bahiagrass*)



Buttercup Seedling



Mature Buttercup

THISTLE

- *Easiest to kill in "rosette" stage.
- *Several species in Texas but control recommendations are very similar.
- *As Thistle matures it will become harder to control.

Herbicide Options:

Weedmaster
2, 4-D
GrazonNext HL
Remedy
PastureGard
Cimarron Max (*for bermudagrass pastures, will control bahiagrass*)



Thistle in rosette stage.



Mature Thistle

[Forage Fax](#) - Buttercup

[Forage Fax](#) - Thistle

LABEL IS THE LAW

Upcoming Program

Texas

WATERSHED STEWARD

Floresville, TX

Workshop provided through Clean Water Act §319 nonpoint source grant funding from the TSSWCB and U.S. EPA



The Texas Watershed Steward program is a free, educational workshop designed to help watershed residents improve and protect their water resources by getting involved in local watershed protection and management activities.

**February 22, 2023:
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Wilson County Expo & Community Center
435 State Hwy 97 East, Floresville, Texas 78114**
In-Person & Virtual Attendance Options Available
Preregistration Required

The workshop will provide an overview of water quality and watershed management in Texas, including a discussion on the Cibolo Creek watershed. Efforts by the Texas Water Resources Institute, and best management practices local stakeholders may use to help improve and protect their water quality, will be highlighted. Free continuing education credits/CEUs offered for a wide variety of professional disciplines. For a complete list of continuing education offered, or to register, visit our website or call the number below.

Pre-register for the workshop by going to:
<https://tw.s.tamu.edu/workshops/registration>
or call 979.862.4457

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