

Calhoun County Ag Talk



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Calhoun County

I hope everyone is staying safe and well. I know the agricultural sector has been business as usual. One silver lining from this pandemic is that all family members have been able to assist in the day to day operations on farms and ranches. Here at the Extension Office we have been open to the public since May 4, 2020. Hopefully by May 20, 2020 we will receive information on when Extension will be able to provide full services, including face to face meetings.

Please email me: greg.baker@ag.tamu.edu. so we can grow our email list to get out timely information.

Listed below are/were the scheduled/rescheduled events.

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March 18 - Private Applicator Training - canceled and will be rescheduled as face to face meetings resume. Call office to sign up or reschedule.

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April 14 - 2020 Advocating for Agriculture Symposium Formate changed to Online Symposium.

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May 1 - 2020 Mid Coast 2020 Beef and Forage Seminar
Formate changed to Online Symposium.

May 26/29 - 2020 Prescribed Burning School
Please RSVP - Limited to 10 Participants (Face to Face)

June 4 - Calhoun County 2020 Cattleman's Association Banquet
- Invitations have been mailed out. Pending final approval

June 11 - Calhoun County Crop Tour - Pending final approval

Prescribed Burning School

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May 26-29, 2020

This four-day training is designed to teach the participant the safe use of fire as a rangeland and wildlife habitat management tool. It provides the formal training necessary to qualify the participant as a Certified Prescribed Burn Manager in the state of Texas. Exam and Burn Field Day Included (weather permitting).



Instructor - Sandra Rideout-Hanzak
Certified Senior Wildland Fire Ecologist
Professor & Research Scientist
Dept. of Rangeland and Wildlife Sciences, and
Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute
Texas A&M University-Kingsville

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Fee \$ 250.00 Maximum Participants: 10

Please RSVP for availability (361) 552-9747

Certified Burn Managers: There will be a one-day online workshop held on Wednesday, May 27th for burn managers who are interested in receiving Continuing Fire Training (CFT) (6) credits. Fee: \$ 50.00 Please sign up through <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/>

Lodging: Americas Best Value Inn - (361) 552- 4511
La Quinta Inn & Suites - (361) 552- 8800
Holiday Inn Express and Suites - (361) 552-5700
Best Western Port Lavaca Inn - (361) 553-6800

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**Calhoun County Cattleman's
Association invites you to
attend the 2020 Banquet at
the Bauer Exhibit Building**

*June 4, 2020
6:00 pm*

Association membership dues

Members	\$25
Spouse	\$15
Junior	\$10

MENU

Steak, Potatoes

Green Beans

Salad

Peach Cobbler

**GUEST SPEAKER
Mr. Paul Colman, Jr**

- *Lives in Port O'Connor*
- *Was raised in Ft Worth*
- *Attended US Naval Academy*
- *Attended West Texas A & M University
BS in Math and Animal Science*
- *3 years as Director of the Texas Cattle
Feeders Association*
- *3 years as Vice Chairman & Chairman of
NCBA Marketing Communications*
- *Cattle Broker for Mexican cattle to feed
yards and grazers*

TOPIC: What cattle do feedlots want?

*This year it is very important to RSVP.
Thank you*

*Please contact Katherine Sutherland at (361)
552-9747 to RSVP & to advise if any special
accommodations are needed. Please mail your
payment to: 311 Suite 1 Henry Barber Way
Port Lavaca, TX 77979*

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Texas A&M publication identifies federal COVID-19 relief most applicable to agricultural producers

The Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University in College Station has developed a briefing paper that identifies provisions most applicable to agricultural producers in the three recent Congressional interventions to stimulate the economy and provide COVID-19 relief.

“Texas A&M AgriLife is providing information and marshaling its resources to help agricultural producers through this difficult time to ensure consumers have access to healthy food and other essential agricultural products,” said Patrick J. Stover, Ph.D., vice chancellor for Texas A&M AgriLife, dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and director of Texas A&M AgriLife Research. “This publication will direct farmers and ranchers to helpful resources for financial relief in order to remain operational until the situation improves.”

For a copy of the Initial COVID-19 Response for Agricultural Producers copy and paste or type following link into browser.

<https://agrilifetoday.tamu.edu/2020/04/21/covid-19-relief-for-farmers-ranchers/>

To date, Congress has intervened on three separate occasions to provide relief funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic, said Bart Fischer, Ph.D., center co-director and one of the report’s authors

Cited From AgriLife Today

USDA - Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

Are you a farmer or rancher whose operation has been directly impacted by the coronavirus pandemic? The Coronavirus Food Assistance Program will provide direct relief to producers who have suffered losses during the 2020 marketing year due to COVID-19.

About the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue announced the Coronavirus Food Assistance program on April 17, 2020. CFAP will use funding and authorities provided in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, and other USDA existing authorities. This \$19 billion immediate relief program will provide critical direct support to our farmers and ranchers, maintain the integrity of our food supply chain, and ensure every American continues to have access to the food they need.

How to apply :

USDA will soon begin taking applications for CFAP. As part of applying for the program, you’ll need to contact the Farm Service Agency county office at your local USDA Service Center to schedule an appointment.

Your local FSA staff will work with you to apply for the program, and through forms that will ask for the following information:

Contact

Personal, including your Tax Identification Number
Farming operating structure
Adjusted Gross Income to ensure eligibility
Direct deposit to enable payment processing

For more information and forms copy and past or type into browser farmers.gov/cfab.

Cited from USDA



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We are on the web!

<http://calhoun.agrilife.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/CalhounTXAG/>

*“In conclusion, you
label us as food
terrorists, and we call
you animal rights
lunatics. But I’ll
concede we have a few
lunatics on our side,
too!”*

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— *Baxter Black*

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