

# Calhoun County Ag Talk



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I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Everybody should have plenty moisture going into the new planting and/or growing season. This news letter contains a variety of topics on upcoming events that I hope are of interest to you. There will be plenty of opportunities to obtain CEU's for pesticide applicator license over the next two months. So read over the news letter and find an event that might interest you and get signed up. If there is a topic that needs to be addressed please feel free to email.

## Texas Department of Agriculture Ruling on Applicator License

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) has released information pertaining to all commercial, non-commercial, and private applicator licenses pertaining to required CEUs for license renewal. Commercial and Non-Commercial license holders are required to renew their license annually by attaining 5 CEUs. Previously license holders could not attain those 5 CEUs online in concurrent years. That ruling has been lifted for 2021 allowing license holders to attain all 5 hours online even if they did so in 2020. Private applicator license holders are required to renew by obtaining 15 CEUs in a 5-year period with a maximum of 10 CEUs being obtained online. TDA has relaxed that ruling for 2021 to allow private applicator license holders to obtain all 15 CEUs online.

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

Upcoming events are listed below.

January 19 - Septic/Wastewater Maintenance and Water Quality

January 20 - Mandatory Auxin Training

January 21 - Grain Handlers Conference

January 22 - Regional Cattleman's Workshop

January 26 - Feed Grain and Cotton Conference

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## Auxin Training – January 20, 2021



If you plan to apply Engenia, Extendimax, Tavium, and/or Enlist One/Enlist Duo in 2021, you must attend an auxin training.

The Calhoun County AgriLife Extension Service will hold a 1hour training

**Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2021**

**Time: 9:00 am**

**Cost: \$10**

**Location: Calhoun County Extension Office Auditorium**

**186 Henry Barber Way**

**Port Lavaca, TX 77979**

**For questions call 361-552-9747**

**979-943-1973**



## Interested in learning how to keep your septic system functioning properly?

### Attend the Online Homeowner Maintenance of Systems Course for Free!

This course provides a basic understanding of the operational and maintenance activities of a conventional septic system, and explains how activities within the home impact septic systems. Presentations will cover the treatment processes, health and safety considerations, how to inspect, and maintain the system. This course also provides answers to the most frequently asked septic system questions, including when to pumpout a tank and what can or cannot go down the drain.

#### Course Information:

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021**

**TIME: 9 A.M.—12:30 P.M.**

Event will be held online via ZOOM

Event link will be sent out to attendees the week before the event.

#### Registration & Cost

Please RSVP to Taina Frazier at Matagorda County AgriLife Extension:

979-245-4100 or [taina.frazier@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:taina.frazier@ag.tamu.edu)

Cost: Free!



#### Why Should You Attend?

Septic systems are not flush and forget systems! Therefore maintenance is essential to ensure proper function and longevity of your septic system. Attendees will gain a better understanding of how to maintain their septic system to protect the health of their family and the environment.

#### For More Course Information Contact:

Ryan Gerlich, Extension Program Specialist  
(979) 458-4185 | [rgerlich@tamu.edu](mailto:rgerlich@tamu.edu)

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# UPPER GULF COAST GRAIN HANDLERS CONFERENCE

***JANUARY 21, 2021 - VIRTUAL PROGRAM***

**Registration Fee : \$20**

**Program - 8:25-3:00 pm**

Please use the following link to register:

<https://2021ugcghe.eventbrite.com>

**5 CEUs**

**Pending Approval from TDA**

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Laramie Kettler  
Colorado County  
(979) 732-2082

Mike Hiller  
Jackson County  
(361) 782-3312

Aaron Sumrall  
Matagorda County  
(979) 245-4100

Corrie Bowen  
Wharton County  
(979) 532-3310

Kate Crumley  
Wharton County  
(979) 532-3310

All attendees must register online by noon on January, 20th, 2021. The conference will be virtual on the Zoom platform. Attendees will receive an email with program link.



## Program Topics and Speakers

### **Insect Management in Stored Grain Facilities**

Dr. Dalton Ludwick - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Entomologist

### **TDA Pesticide Laws and Regulations Update**

Melissa Barton—Texas Department of Agriculture Pesticide Inspector

### **OSHA Update**

Marianne McGee - OSHA Compliance Assistance Specialist

### **How to be Bug Free**

Sid Chambers - Regional Sales Manager Central Life Sciences

### **Diversifying IPM Program for Stored Products: The Case of Long-Lasting Insecticide**

Dr. Rob Morrison - U.S. Department of Agriculture

### **Grain Truck Sanitation to Prevent Contamination**

Joe Collins - Riviana

### **Fall Protection Demo**

Chris Williams - Kennedy Equipment

### **Insect Identification**

Kate Crumley - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension IPM Agent

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# Gulf Coast Regional Cattlemen's Workshop & Trade Show

**Hosted by: Matagorda County Cattlemen's Association**

*Sponsored by the Extension Beef Program from Matagorda, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Wharton, Jackson, Victoria and Calhoun Counties*

Friday, January 22nd, 2021

Bay City Civic Center

201 7th St. (Hwy 35 West) - Bay City, Texas

## Schedule

1:30PM-4:30PM: Livestock & Forage Symposium (3CEUs Provided)

4:30– 6:00 PM: Registration & Trade Show

6:00– 6:30 PM: Dinner

6:30-8:00 PM: Program

## Speakers

Bob McCann - National Cattlemen's Beef Association - Policy Division Vice Chairman

Thomas B. Hairgrove, DVM, DABVP, PhD  
Professor and Extension Specialist

Kaleb McLaurin-Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association

## Event Sponsors

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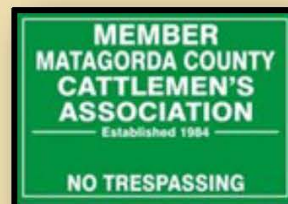
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Lansdown Moody

Columbus Livestock

Texas Farm Bureau

Wharton/Edna Livestock Auctions



**RSVP by: January 18 2021 979-245-4100**

**Free Admission  
and Door Prizes**



**Due to COVID-19 protocol face mask will be required.**



# UPPER GULF COAST VIRTUAL FEED GRAIN & COTTON CONFERENCE



## Jan 26 2021

**3.0 TDA CEUs**  
CCA CREDITS APPLIED FOR



**PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED BY JAN 25 via EVENTBRITE**

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| 8:00 a.m.  | <b>WELCOME</b>  |
| 8:30 a.m.  | Bollworm Update - <i>David Kerns, Texas IPM Coordinator</i>   |
| 9:00 a.m.  | Soybean Production on the Gulf Coast - <i>Dr. Ron Schnell, Extension Cropping Systems Specialist</i>                      |
| 9:30 a.m.  | Weed Management in Row Crops - <i>Dr. Josh McGinty, Extension Agronomist</i>  |
| 10:00 a.m. | 2021 Texas Auxin Herbicide Training: Dicamba and Enlist Technologies - <i>Dr. Josh McGinty, Extension Weed Specialist</i> |
| 11:00 a.m. | Insect Management in Soybeans - <i>Stephen Biles, County Extension Agent—IPM</i>  |
| 11:30 a.m. | Grain Market Update - <i>Mark Welch, Extension Grain Marketing Specialist</i>   |
| 12:00 p.m. | <b>LUNCH BREAK</b>  |
| 12:30 p.m. | Nematode Resistant Cotton Traits and Chemical Control of Nematodes in Cotton - <i>Jenny Dudak</i>                         |
| 1:00 p.m.  | RACE Trial Update: Current Cotton Research - <i>Ben McKnight, Extension Cotton Specialist</i>                             |

## *Click Here to Register*

or call the Wharton County Extension Office at 979-532-3310

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how capable people  
think you are if they  
don't know you well.  
Don't waste that  
advantage"  
– Baxter Black*