

Making a Difference

2015 Brown County Agricultural Program Highlights

Brown County Livestock & Wildlife Producers Association- promotion, new land owner education; County Trapper, predator management, nuisance wildlife

Brown County Ag Day- insect pests in forage crops, high tensile fencing strategies; joint with County Farm Bureau

- 90% estimate an economic benefit from program participation
- Total estimated economic benefit- \$170,000

Texas Farm Trailer Laws – Farm Bureau program

Ranch Gathering- cattle vaccine handling/storage; joint with TSCRA

Horticulture Lunch-and-Learn Series- April, May, June, September, native plants/water conservation, everything tomatoes, organics in the garden, garden pests, oak wilt

Range/Pasture CEU Program- 5 CEU's, (multiple year practices adopted evaluation)

- 93% have adopted/implemented recommended best management practices
- Total estimated economic benefit **\$1.07 million**

Land Stewardship Field Day- Extension, NRCS, Institute of Renewable Natural Resources, TPWD
Ceus also given to tax appraisers through V.G. Young

- Land Stewardship, Proper Grazing, Prescribed Burning, Wildlife Management,
- Soil Health, Stocking Rates Ecosites and soils Plant ID, Brush Management

Average = 49% knowledge gained

Speaker/Presenter on Pesticide Laws & Regulations

- Forage Seminar, Callahan County, 135 attended
- Pecan Shortcourse, Mills County, 75 attended
- Pecan Field Day, San Saba County, 125 attended

Result Demonstrations Initiated in 2015

- Thistle Control
- Dallisgrass Control in Coastal Bermudagrass
- Fence-line Greenbriar Control
- Mesquite Control (new protocols)

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(Exhibit #8)

43rd Annual Texas 4-H Roping School Coordinator- 58 youth (largest ever)

Staff hosted/trained Jordyn Senkirk, paid Extension Intern

Agent participated in D-7 TCAAA Professional Development Tour in WA, OR, ID

Other Issues Requiring Time/Effort in 2015

- Brown County Youth Fair
- Drought until April 2015
- Toxic Plants/Weed/Brush Control- Pesticide Selection and Use
- Death Loss in Commercial Meat Goats (rain, internal parasites, coccidiosis)
- Bermudagrass Stem Maggot (first time detected in Brown County)
- Pasture Reseeding
- Pond Management
- D-1 Open Space/Ag Use
- Oak Wilt

Mass Media/Electronic Outreach

- Weekly Ag News Column, 6,000 contacts
- 2 X /Week Agricultural Radio Program, 30,000 contacts
- Weekly Agricultural Electronic Blog, 400 contacts

News Series

- Winter Gardening
- Herd Bull Management

Radio Series

- Pesticide Applicator Licensing
- Herbicide Selection and Use
- Prussic Acid Management

Agent serves on Brown County Farm Bureau Board of Directors

Agent serves on Brown County Appraisal District Ag Committee