



WISE COUNTY AG NEWSLETTER

Staying Wise with AgriLife

May 2024

TEXAS A&M
AGRILIFE
EXTENSION

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

>>> Coffee with a Conservationist - May 3rd

>>> North Texas Landowner Workshop - May 4th

>>> Sustainable Ranchers Tour - May 8th and 9th

>>> Wheat Field Day - May 9th

>>> Priefert Chute Side Training - May 10th

☛☛☛ COFFEE WITH A CONSERVATIONIST



United States Department of Agriculture

Coffee with a Conservationist

- Come meet your local District Conservationist
- Come discuss soil health
- Coffee and Donuts will be provided
- May 3rd @ 10 am
- Location: 407 Park West Court, Decatur, TX



TEXAS
Natural
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Please RSVP by 4/30/24 by calling 940-627-2268 ext 113
Or by emailing Ernest.Dunson@usda.gov

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tx.nrcs.usda.gov

'USDA is an equal opportunity
provider, employer and lender'

Join us at the USDA-NRCS office on May 3rd at 10am. Earnest will be discussing Soil Health. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Come join us!



Saturday, May 4, 2024
9:00AM - 3:00PM
Decatur, TX

Join us to hear from experts on assistance programs for prairie restoration and habitat management, holistic grazing, and how to work with land trusts to help conserve prairies. The day will conclude with a tour of the Dixon Water Foundation's Leo Ranch.



**\$20.00 REGISTRATION INCLUDES
WORKSHOP, LUNCH, & PRAIRIE TOUR**

www.texasprairie.org

The North Texas Landowner Workshop is set for Saturday, May 4th starting at 9:00am at the Dixon Water Foundation's Leo Ranch. The workshop will feature expert talks on assistance programs for prairie restoration and habitat management, holistic grazing, and how to work with land trusts to help conserve prairies. The day will conclude with a prairie tour.

The \$20.00 registration fee includes the full workshop, lunch, and prairie tour. Spots are limited. For more information or to register, go to:

<https://texasprairie.org/event/landowner-workshop-prairie-tour-at-dixon-water-foundations-leo-ranch/>



2024



SUSTAINABLE RANCHERS TOUR



G-C RANCH

ROSSTON, TX
MEREDITH ELLIS & FAMILY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8th	
<p>4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Dixon Water Foundation (Josey Pavilion) 5190 County Road 398 Decatur, TX 76234</p>	<p>Welcome Reception Light appetizers and drinks to be served</p>
THURSDAY, MAY 9th	
<p>7:30 AM Dixon Water Foundation (Josey Pavilion)</p>	<p>Tour Registration</p>
<p>8:00 AM</p>	<p>Welcome and Tour Kick-Off</p>
<p>8:30 AM – 12:00 PM</p>	<p>Rotating On-Ranch Sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soil Health Ranch Management Animal Welfare
<p>12:30 PM Dixon Water Foundation (Josey Pavilion)</p>	<p>Lunch Program</p>
<p>3:00 PM</p>	<p>Closing</p>

Join us as we visit sustainable ranchers who are leading the charge toward a more regenerative future for America's beef industry.



[trustinbeef.com](https://www.trustinbeef.com)

Registration now open!

The Sustainable Ranchers Tour is Proudly Sponsored by Trust In Beef Partners:

Supporting and Introductory Partners:



All of you are invited to join us over at the Dixon Water Foundation-Leo Unit, Josey Pavilion, on Thursday, May 9 beginning at 7:30am for a Ranch Tour that morning with a lunch program following. Jamie Sears Rawlings who is the Farm Journal Manager of Climate Smart Communications, Trust in Food, sent Wise County AgriLife Extension and all farmers and ranchers an invitation to attend the event. The tour is FREE and will be on the G-C Ranch. Discussion will be soil health, ranch management and animal welfare. To REGISTER go to: <https://www.trustinbeef.com/sustainable-ranchers-tour/>



WHEAT FIELD DAY

Wise, Cooke, Montague & Denton County

WHEAT FIELD DAY

Thursday, May 9th

Agenda and Speakers:

4:00pm Wheat Variety Overview and Field Tour

*Russell Sutton, Associate Research Scientist
Texas A&M Agrilife Research, Soil & Crop Sciences*

Location: John Corcoran and Scott Hermes' Field
GPS Coordinates: 33°42'15.1"N 97°16'17.5"W
Hwy 82 Lindsay, take 1199 N. for 6.5 miles until it tees into CR 422. Turn left and go .6 miles. Field is on right.

5:30pm Dinner at Smokehouse BBQ

307 US-82, Lindsay

6:00pm Presentations

- **Texas Wheat Board Update and News**
Darby Campsey, Director of Communications & Producer Relations, Texas Wheat Producers Board
- **Extension Resources for Small Grain Production**
*Dr. Brandon Gerrish, Agronomist and Small Grains Specialist
Texas A&M Agrilife Extension, Soil & Crop Sciences*
- **2024 Wheat IPM Update**
*Dr. David Drake, CEA - Integrated Pest Management
Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service*
- **Market Update for Grains**
*Dr. Blake Bennett, Extension Management Economist
Texas A&M Agrilife Research, Agriculture Economics*

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2 CEUs

1 - General
1 - IPM

Cost: \$15

Sponsors:

Texas Wheat Producers Board

S&S Enterprises
Scott Schumacher Spraying

Tony's Seed and Feed

Muenster Milling

Registration:

Preregistration is required to guarantee a meal.

To register, please call the Wise County Extension Office at 940.627.3341.

The registration fee can be mailed to 206 S. State Street, Decatur, Texas 76234 or dropped off at the Wise or Cooke County Extension office.

Deadline to Register: May 6th

**Make checks payable to:
Livestock Committee**

**Marty Morgan, CEA
Agriculture & Natural Resources
206 S. State Street
Decatur, Texas 76234
marty.morganeag.tamu.edu**

We will have our Wheat Field Day up north of Lindsay, Texas in Cooke County this year. Field tour from 4-5pm, dinner at 5:30-6 followed by a good program on wheat varieties for grazing and harvest, grain markets, diseases like Rusts of different kinds, Hessian fly etc.... Come Join us! See flyer for all the details. Preregistration is required to guarantee a meal. To register, please call the Wise County Extension office at (940) 627-3341. The registration fee can be mailed to 206 South State Street, Decatur, Texas 76234 or dropped off at the Wise or Cooke County Extension office. The deadline to register is May 6th.



PRIEFERT CHUTE SIDE TRAINING

**FREE
EVENT**

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**COFFEE AND BREAKFAST
PROVIDED.**

**10% OFF PRIEFERT
DAY OF MEETING**

**SPEAKER: DR. RON GILL TEXAS A&M
BEEF CATTLE SPECIALIST WITH TEXAS
A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION**

LOCATION: RUSSELL FEED IN DECATUR

1817 N. HWY 287, DECATUR TX 76234

DATE: FRIDAY, MAY 10TH

TIME: 8AM - 10AM

**FOR MORE INFO:
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**RUSSELL
FEED & SUPPLY**

Dr. Gill, Texas A&M AgriLife Beef Specialist will talk about backgrounding cattle for healthy immune systems and better conception rates. Herd management is vital to take advantage of higher cattle prices while they last. Breakfast and coffee furnished and Russell's will be running a special of 10% off all Priefert products the day of the meeting.

Wise County Crop and Cattle Report for May 2024

Well thank the Lord for another good rain, two weekends in a row. Another 1-3 inches fell across Wise County late Saturday night into Sunday morning early, so for April total 5-6-inches. Year to date 15 inches. I have a new rainfall app that is dead on accurate so when I asked you how much rain you got don't tell me a yarn. LOL! This morning, we have a dense fog over the county which is kind of strange for almost May. Soil and Air Temperatures are still cool for this time of year, but they will be warming up this week according to the weatherman. In the Rainfall department March was good but April was even better, let's just hope it continues in May and June. I don't think Mr. El Nino is in any hurry to leave, and that is fine by me. Because of the cooler weather pattern our warm season grasses are slow in coming on for the most part. But we have lots of winter grass now although it's all headed out and watery, but it is providing forage for our cattle even though the protein and energy levels have dropped quite a bit after heading. Most of our cattle look fat and happy on the winter grass while the summer grass is coming on slowly. Our Coastal Bermudagrass hay fields are coming on and where there is no winter grass competition it is doing very good and has more growth on it than it would otherwise. As for fertilizing it's all over the place this year, some got it out rather early, some waited until the winter grass headed out and some still haven't got it out. Even the weeds are confused. Like I said before everyone has their own agenda/management plan that works for them, so each to his own. As for our wheat to harvest, it looks really good and could possibly make up to 60-70 bushels I'm told. I was told that some of the wheat over to the east of us got some freeze damage back in late March when we had that last cold spell. A lot of our wheat was cut for hay this time and some of it has been rained on at least once, some more, but with it cool so late this year, and some heavy dews like this morning, it's been hard to get it to dry. It's good and making a lot of bales but the moisture content could be a little higher than normal with producers trying to get it rolled up before it gets rained on again, usually one rain on it doesn't hurt it too bad but after that it usually does cut down on the quality, and protein and TDN levels and mold. Anyway, buyer beware and ask some questions!



Wise County Crop and Cattle Report for May 2024 continued...

I take pride in saying our Wise farmers and ranchers are some of the most honest guys in the business and they will shoot straight with you. A producer up in north Wise said that the corn crop looks good and is really coming on. The milo crop is all up, but a farmer down south told me the other day that it wasn't looking that good in his opinion, at least not yet. It's struggling with the cooler weather and some of it was planted too early in my opinion, especially on a year like this one. I'm always ask this time of year if one should get their winter grass off of their improved grass hayfields, and my answer is always yes, the winter grasses are competition for your improved warm season grasses so if you haven't already, I would graze it off, OR, cut and bale it off, AND you'll both be, better off! But hey Hoss, you're the Boss!

Cattle Markets as of 4-27-24

Slaughter Cattle \$182

Futures-Live \$185

Feeders \$249

750 lb Feeders \$255

550 lb Stockers \$312

Good six weight weaned steers averaged \$3.00 and same weight weaned heifers averaged \$2.92. High dressing slaughter cows averaged \$135 and average bulls \$166.

Decatur Livestock Market as of 4-22-24. 747 Head Thankful for the good, widespread rainfall this past weekend! The market on calves continues to be steady on most classes. Continued demand for young, take-home kind of breeds and pairs. High yield packer cows were a little cheaper this week compared to last week. Not as many good, lean packer bulls so market was \$7/cwt lower.

<https://www.decaturlivestockmarketllc.com/current-market-report>



The National Cattlemen’s Beef Association (NCBA) announced that G Bar C Ranch, in Rosston, Texas, is the 2023 National Environmental Stewardship Award Program (ESAP) winner. Congratulations to the Ellis Family!!!

<https://wise.agrilife.org/2024/04/30/national-enviro%E2%80%A6d-to-texas-ranch/>

“Shootin The Bull” with Chris Swift, commodity broker and consultant with Swift Trading Company ---

What is causing price fluctuations in Beef Production? Herd reduction, expansion, or lateral moves? Interesting read.

<https://wise.agrilife.org/2024/04/30/what-is-causing-...or-lateral-moves/>

Goodbye, El Niño. Hello, La Niña? The Big Transition to La Niña is Already Underway!!!

As El Niño fades, La Niña is already knocking at the door, and it could bring dryness to the southern U.S. Oh no, not the “D” word again! Lets hope not, Sure would be nice to have a normal year for a change!

<https://wise.agrilife.org/2024/04/30/goodbye-el-nino-...already-underway/>



Can high cattle prices pay for mistakes? With cattle prices at record high levels and many forecasts projecting relatively high prices for the next couple of years, some producers feel they can do no wrong! What about you?

<https://wise.agrilife.org/2024/04/30/can-high-cattle-%E2%80%A6pay-for-mistakes/>

Forage Fax: The Texas Climate Smart Initiative Needs You!

<https://foragefax.tamu.edu/2024/03/29/the-texas-climate-smart-initiative-needs-you/>

Weed of the Week: Dallisgrass

<https://foragefax.tamu.edu/2024/04/19/weed-of-the-week-dallisgrass/>

Texas Ag Law: US Supreme Court Allows Texas Landowners Takings Claims to go Forward on Amended Complaint

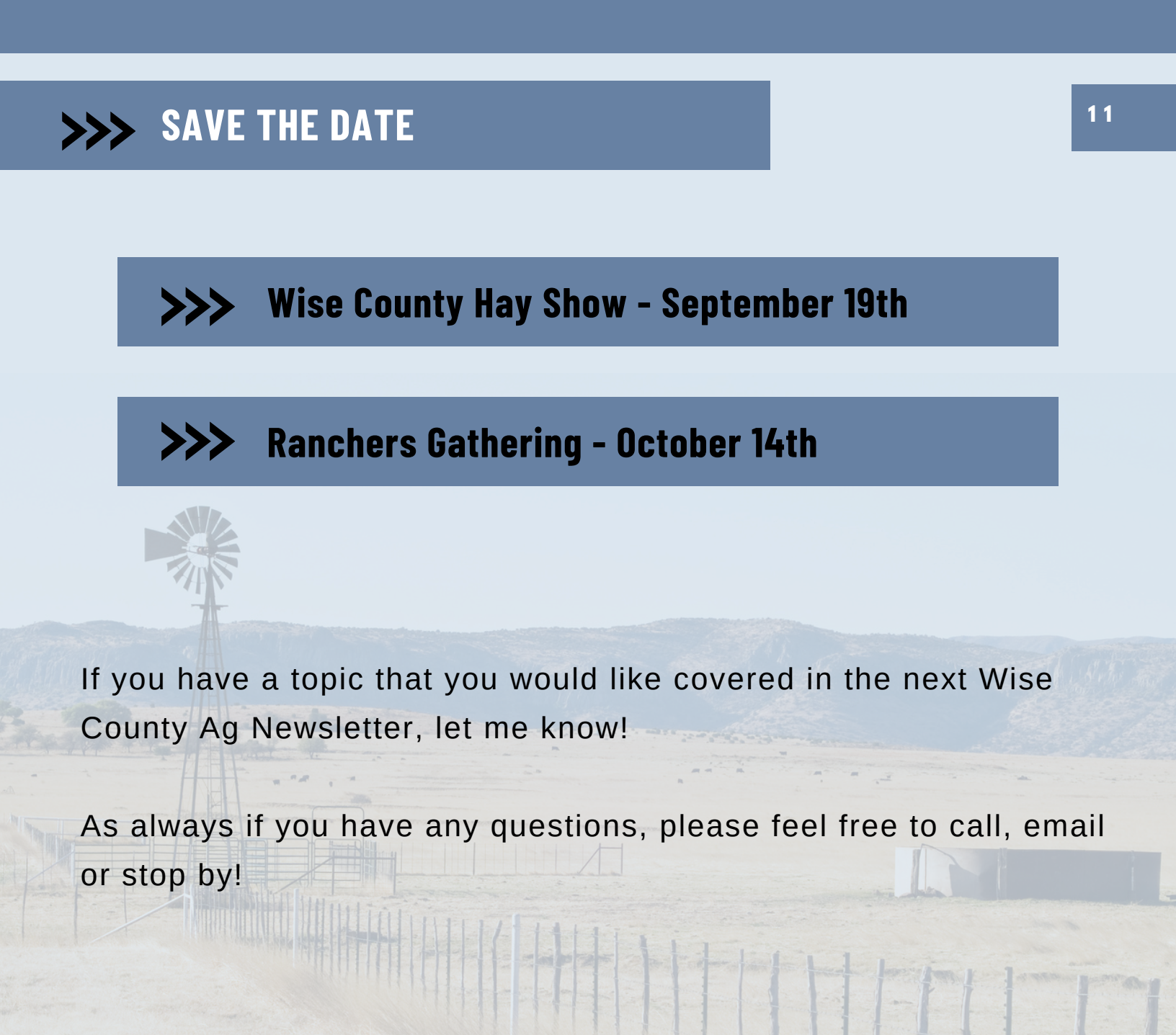
<https://agrilife.org/texasaglaw/2024/04/22/us-supreme-court-allows-texas-landowners-takings-claims-to-go-forward-on-amended-complaint/>

Published Materials—Online courses, Handbooks and Fact Sheets etc....

<https://agrilife.org/texasaglaw/published-materials/>

>>> Wise County Hay Show - September 19th

>>> Ranchers Gathering - October 14th



If you have a topic that you would like covered in the next Wise County Ag Newsletter, let me know!

As always if you have any questions, please feel free to call, email or stop by!



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