

Jasper County AgriLife Newsletter Summer 2020



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MYSTERY SEEDS HAVE ARRIVED IN TEXAS

Texas residents are now among those across the nation receiving mysterious seeds delivered by mail in tiny bags marked as jewelry. We don't know what kind of seeds they are, and not knowing could potentially open our agriculture industry up to noxious weeds. Do not discard these seeds as they can potentially germinate and escape into nature. All cases should be reported to the USDA and all packages kept secure until USDA gives further instructions. All incidences of these unrequested seeds in Texas should be reported to USDA-APHIS by sending an email to carol.m.motloch@usda.gov.

The email should include a contact

email and phone number as well as a description of the pkg information. Sending a photo of the label and material would also be helpful. If you didn't order it, don't plant these seeds or even open the package.

TDAC Commissioner, Sid Miller, says "I am urging folks to take this matter seriously. An Invasive plant species might not sound threatening, but these small invaders could destroy Texas agriculture. In agriculture, an invasive species can destroy native crops, introduce disease to native plants and may be dangerous for livestock.



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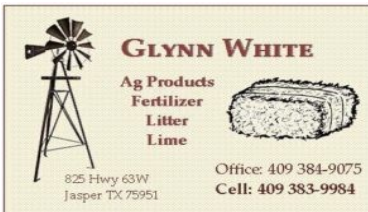
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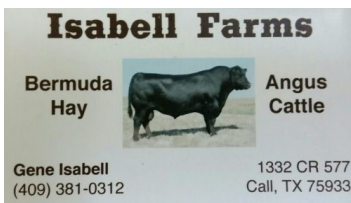
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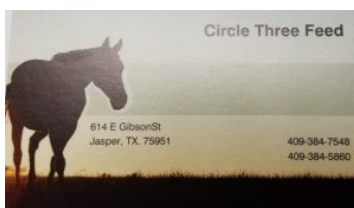
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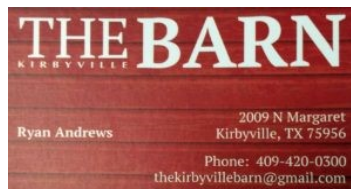


Thank you!

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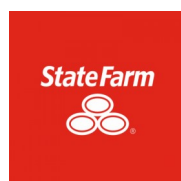


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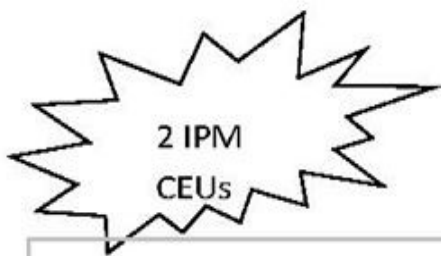
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Jasper County Hay Show

October 29, 2020

Weed Control in Pastures & Hay Meadows

and Forage Insect Pests

Speaker: Dr. Vanessa Corriher Olson

State Forage Specialist

If able this program will be in person,

**If not it will be online further information will come out as it
gets closer to the Hay Show.**

Cost for Program \$10 or 10.25(if online)

Contact Jasper County office to have your hay sampled!

Hay Contest—\$5.00 per sample

Must be sampled by County Agent

bafry@ag.tamu.edu OR 409-384-3721

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Texas Food Handler's Certification Course



The [food handler program](#), accredited with the Texas Department of State Health Services, will allow food service employees, cottage food business operators, or others to meet the requirement of having a food handler or food safety course. The Texas Department of State Health Services, under the Texas Food Establishment Rules, requires that “all food employees shall successfully complete an accredited food handler training course, within 60 days of employment.

Texas Cottage Food Law requires an individual who operates a cottage food production operation to have successfully completed an accredited basic food safety education or training program for food handlers.

This food handler training takes less than 2 hours to complete. It is designed to promote the preparation of safe food in food establishments and other venues. Some topics discussed are: good personal hygiene, cross-contamination, and time and temperature principles.

To learn more about Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Food Safety Education Program, go to <https://foodsafety.tamu.edu>, or call Rebecca Dittmar (830) 896-9037 or Julie Prouse (979) 458-2025.

Quick Links

[Texas Food Handlers Online Certification Course](#)

[Learn more about the Certified Food Manager Training Program \(CFM\)](#)

[Food Handlers Course for Cottage Food Businesses](#)



WHAT IS “NORMAL” ANYMORE???

I know we are all ready to get back to our **true** normal lives. Sports fans are ready to go back to the stadiums, and dinner and a movie seem like things of the past. But we all have to do our part. **Remember** to wash your hands frequently, observe social distancing, use hand sanitizers, try not to touch your face, wear your mask and if you do not feel well and have a fever, **stay home**. Remember, too, its not just about yourself, its's about all of us. Be well and stay safe!!

How to Protect Yourself and Others

Know how it spreads



- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- **The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.**
- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
 - » Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
 - » Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.
 - » These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
 - » Some recent studies have suggested that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

Everyone should

Clean your hands often



- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol**. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands.

Avoid close contact



- **Avoid close contact** with people who are sick.
- **Stay at home as much as possible.**
- **Put distance between yourself and other people.**
 - » Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread virus.
 - » This is especially important for **people who are at higher risk of getting very sick**. www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html



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cdc.gov/coronavirus

Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others



- **You could spread COVID-19 to others** even if you do not feel sick.
- **Everyone should wear a cloth face cover when they have to go out in public**, for example to the grocery store or to pick up other necessities.
 - » Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- **The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people** in case you are infected.
- Do **NOT** use a facemask meant for a healthcare worker.
- Continue to **keep about 6 feet between yourself and others**. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.

Cover coughs and sneezes



- **If you are in a private setting and do not have on your cloth face covering, remember to always cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- **Throw used tissues** in the trash.
- Immediately **wash your hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Clean and disinfect



- **Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces** daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks. www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/disinfecting-your-home.html
- **If surfaces are dirty, clean them:** Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

*HOPE
Is seeing light
in spite
of being
surrounded
by darkness.*

Live Purposefully Now



OUR OFFICE WILL
BE CLOSED MON-
DAY, SEPT 7TH IN
OBSERVANCE OF
LABOR DAY