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Past Events

Valentine's Day Laws and Regulations Program



On Valentine's Day the Extension office in conjunction with the Jasper County Ag Committee hosted a Laws and Regulations CEU program. Dr. Don Renchie, Extension Specialist came from College Station to speak. He gave a great talk about urban sprawl, Dicamba (2,4- D), new label requirements, and the importance of recordkeeping and PSE.



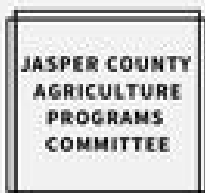
Forest Pest Seminar Conference

This past February 10th at the Lufkin Convention Center was the annual Forest Pest Seminar Conference. Speakers from multiple industries came and spoke and 5 CEUs were offered to people who came. If you are interested in attending this program next year please contact the extension office.

Last Chance Videos



On January 25th at the Jasper County Annex building a Last Chance Video day was held. Participants received 2 IPM CEU, 1 Drift Minimization CEU, and 3 General CEUs. If anyone needs to watch last chance videos for CEUs please contact Caitlin at the Extension office and a date to watch them can be arranged.



Jasper County Ag & Wildlife Tax Valuation

Presented by: Lori Barnett, Jasper
County Chief Appraiser

March 13, 2023
6 p.m.

\$15/person
AgriLife Fee

Stringer Building
204 East MLK
Kirbyville, TX 75956

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Cow Camp

• APRIL 2023 - OCTOBER 2023 •

Join us each month for a different topic! All Beef producers new and old to the industry welcome!

Dates and Locations have yet to be determined!

! Session 1: April 4th, 2023 @6pm
• @Stringer Building, Kirbyville

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Session #2 Nutrition
Session #3 Pasture Management
Session #4 Ag Laws
Session #5 Marketing and Grading
Session #6 Selection, Breeding, & Reproduction
Session #7 Working your cattle



PESTICIDE 101

By: Caitlin Gallegos

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Having a Private Applicators License is critical when wanting to be able to purchase restricted herbicides and insecticides. Though getting a License is a process itself, as you can see in the next page I have included the steps of obtaining a pesticide license.

The reason the state makes it a challenge to get this license is to protect the integrity of the license and to ensure proper training is continuously provided to individuals with the license to ensure these chemicals are handled safely and responsibly.

Beginning this year, 2023. In order to be able to RENEW a non-commercial license you MUST have all your CEUs in order to be able to renew.

The CEUs you need:

- 2 Laws and Regulations
- 2 Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
- 11 General

It is also important for Private Applicator License holders to keep their certification records because the Extension office DOES NOT keep records for you nor does TDA. Keep your certifications a minimum of 5 years to ensure you have all CEUs necessary to Renew your license.

RECORDKEEPING

Recordkeeping is extremely important as a private applicator license holder. From keeping Certifications from CEUs to utilizing a Pesticide Record-Keeping form which can be found on the next page.

The Pesticide Use Record-Keeping form attached is for private applicators to use to write down what chemicals are being sprayed, when they are being sprayed, while also including Wind direction, wind mileage, and temperature. This form is there to help cover you in the case of any incidents regarding pesticides and you. If you need a copy emailed to you please contact Caitlin at the Extension office she will e-mail you one.



READING THE LABEL

Reading the label of anything is the last thing we want to do. Many of us believe we know everything and don't need the instructions. However, when it comes to pesticides it is crucial to read the label. The label will indicate grazing restrictions, if it is hazardous to ponds, and if it will kill your wife's garden she's worked very hard on.

We as agriculturalists read the label to be informed of what we are putting onto our land to ensure we are making the right decision. We read the label to avoid any hazards that could impact our animals and loved ones.

Bottom of the line: READ THE LABEL.

New additions to some Pesticide Labels:

- Pollinators and how the chemical affects them
- Application before rainfall



Agricultural Pesticide Use Record-Keeping Form for Texas Private Applicators

Crop/Commodity Owner's Name

Supervised Employee Training Date

*Supervising Applicator's Name and License Number

Person performing application

Location of Land/Application: county, city, community, distances, and directions, etc.

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*Each licensed applicator is responsible for assuring that any person working under the licensee's direct supervision is knowledgeable of the label requirements and rules and regulations governing the use of the particular pesticide being used by the individual.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURE PESTICIDE PROGRAM



Convenience Testing for Private Pesticide Applicators

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) has contracted with PSI Services (PSI) to administer exams for agricultural pesticide applicator licensing. This is the same vendor that administers exams for structural pest control licensing. PSI has been providing credentialing and testing services to state and federal agencies, private sector businesses and professional associations for over 65 years.

PSI will provide both excellent quality exam opportunities and a convenient schedule for pesticide applicators to test in 22 locations across the state. The schedule will provide more testing opportunities than previously offered.

STEPS TO BECOMING A PRIVATE PESTICIDE APPLICATOR

Step 1: Attend a Private Pesticide Applicator training session **FIRST**. Contact your county [Texas A&M AgriLife Extension](#) office for training opportunities. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension offers the Texas Private Applicator Training Course online. You will find more information at <https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/product/texas-private-pesticide-applicator-training/01t4x000002ciNUAAY>

- You may purchase training materials at www.aes.tamu.edu or call (979) 845-8354.
- **Step 2:** Upon completion of the training, a Training Verification form (D-1411) will be provided to the applicant.
 - Applicants should keep the yellow copy for their records.
 - The white copy (original) should be mailed to TDA with the Private Pesticide Applicator license application form (PA-400P).
- **Step 3:** The applicant needs to obtain a hard copy of the [Private Pesticide Applicator license application form](#) (PA-400P) from TDA. (Website: www.TexasAgriculture.gov or Phone: 1-800-835-5832 or 512-463-7622).
- **Step 4:** Submit the completed Private Pesticide Applicator application form, license fee of \$100, and the white (original) copy of the Training Verification form to TDA for processing.
- **Step 5:** When the license application is accepted, TDA will send the applicant a letter in the mail with their Account Number. This **Account Number** is the number the applicator will use to register and schedule the Private applicator exam with PSI
- **Step 6:** Applicants can go to PSIexams.com or call 1-800-733-9267 to schedule an exam at one of 22 locations around the state.
 - A [Pesticide Licensing Examination Candidate Information Bulletin](#) is provided at the PSI website to assist the applicant with the exam scheduling process.
 - The private applicator will pay \$64 per exam.
 - If the applicant fails the first attempt, there is a 24 hour waiting period to take a repeat exam.
 - PSI will provide a confirmation number and testing location information.
- **Step 7:** Upon completion of the exam, the center will provide test results immediately. A passing grade is 70%.
- **Step 8:** PSI will send exam scores to TDA daily. If all licensing criteria are met, TDA will issue the license.

Important: If an applicant has any questions about licensing or categories, please contact TDA at 1-800-835-5832 or 512-463-7622. PSI staff cannot provide licensing advice or information.



Jasper County 4-H

4-H is the largest youth development program in Texas for students ages 5-18. Projects range from raising livestock, photography, robotics, and so many more. Jasper County has four clubs: Brookeland 4-H, Buna 4-H, Helping Hands 4-H, & Kirbyville 4-H.

The new year starts over every September, costs per student is \$30 for the year.

Contact the Extension Office for more information!



Jasper County Master Gardeners

Master Gardeners are members of the local community who take an active interest in their lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers and gardens. They are enthusiastic, willing to learn and to help others, and able to communicate with diverse groups of people.

What really sets Master Gardeners apart from other home gardeners is their special training in horticulture. In exchange for their training, persons who become Master Gardeners contribute time as volunteers, working through their Extension Office to provide horticultural related information to their communities

Contact the Extension Office for more information

Longleaf Ridge Master Naturalists

The natural Texas is home to all of us, no matter where we live. The natural Texas, the real Texas, is still to be found all across our great state - from the wilds of rural areas to the squirrels in a city park to a wildflower in our back yard.

But as Texas grows more urban, we hurry to keep up with hectic pace of urban and even suburban life. And we don't take time to notice, enjoy, and ultimately conserve the natural resources all around us.

Through the Texas Master Naturalists volunteer program, you can help children and adults in your community learn about Texas's natural resources, inspire them to a new appreciation of their environment, and insure that others will be able to enjoy the natural Texas for years to come.

Contact the Extension Office for more information

