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EAST TEXAS

Wildlife Expo



POND MANAGEMENT

*Featuring local
Foresters, Biologists &
Extension Agents*



WHITETAIL 101



HABITAT EVALUATION & MORE

*Lunch included!
Variety of vendors*



→ *Register here*

8AM-3PM | FRIDAY | OCT. 6

\$10/person if purchased before Sept. 22

\$20/person after Sept. 22

Jasper County Annex * 271 East Lamar, Suite 101, Jasper

TEXAS A&M
AGRI LIFE
EXTENSION

Presented by the AgriLife Extension Service offices of
Angelina, Polk, San Augustine, Tyler, Jasper, Newton,
Hardin, Jefferson & Orange counties

TOPICS INCLUDE:

*Whitetail 101
Native Wildscaping
Chronic Wasting Disease
Habitat Evaluation
Pond Management
Aquatic Pests & More*



JASPER COUNTY
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JASPER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

Fall Hay Show

Guest Speaker Dr. Corriher - Olson

Call the Extension Office to RSVP!
409-384-3721

NOVEMBER 6 • MONDAY • 6PM - 8 PM
KIRBYVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 E. HARRIS ST. KIRBYVILLE, TX 75956

\$ 6 Hay Samples

All Hay Samples due to the AgriLife Extension Office
NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 19, 2023

\$ 10 for program

PROVISIONS FOR THE AMERICAN DISABILITY ACT WILL BE CONSIDERED WHEN PLANNING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES. PLEASE NOTIFY THE JASPER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE AT 409.384.3721 BY NOV. 1, 2023 IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING THIS PROGRAM AND NEED SPECIALIZED SERVICES. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS TO SERVE PEOPLE OF ALL AGES REGARDLESS OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC LEVEL, RACE, SEX, RELIGION, DISABILITY OR NATIONAL ORIGIN. THE AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT OF TEXAS COOPERATING.

FREE PROGRAM

LANDOWNER PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 28, 2023 @ 12PM

JASPER COUNTY ANNEX BUILDING
271 E. LAMAR ST. JASPER, TX 75951

GUEST SPEAKER:
JULIA MCCORMICK, USDA - NRCS

PLANNING YOUR EMPIRE
CONSERVATION PLANNING



Soil Sample Program

Guest Speaker, Cary Sims - Angelina County Extension Agent

December 7th, 2023

6PM @ Jasper County Annex Building

\$10 per person

\$15 per soil sample

*Samples due to Extension Office,
NO LATER than November 22, 2023*

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Drought Assistance

Drought Assistance is available through the Farm Service Agency (FSA), which is a branch under the USDA.

Please review the following Fact Sheet, then call the FSA office **(409) 384-3332 x 2**, then make an appointment and bring all the necessary documents.

Documents to bring to FSA office for your FIRST Visit:

- FSA Form AD-2047 (included in this newsletter)
- Social Security Card
- Copy of deed or other legal document that transferred ownership of property to you with all required signatures and stamps to show it has been notarized and recorded.
- If property is owned and/or operated through an entity copies of the official documents must be provided for the entity.
- A map isn't require, but may assist FSA staff.





DISASTER ASSISTANCE

LFP - Livestock Forage Disaster Program

Overview

The Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) provides compensation to eligible livestock producers who have suffered grazing losses for covered livestock and who are also producers of grazed forage crop acreage of native and improved pastureland with permanent vegetative cover or acreage planted specifically for grazing. Grazing losses must occur on land physically located in a county experiencing a qualifying drought during the normal grazing period for the county.

LFP also provides compensation to eligible livestock producers that have covered livestock and who are also producers of grazed forage crop acreage on rangeland managed by a federal agency if the eligible livestock producer is prohibited by the federal agency from grazing the normal permitted livestock on the managed rangeland due to a qualifying fire.

The qualifying drought and qualifying grazing losses, and/or notification of prohibition to graze Federal land due to fire, must have occurred in the grazing period and crop year. For grazing losses on rangeland managed by a federal agency, an eligible livestock producer may elect to receive assistance for losses due to drought conditions or fire conditions, if applicable, but not both.

LFP is administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Eligible Counties for Drought

An eligible livestock producer who, as a grazed forage crop producer, owns or leases grazing land or pastureland physically located in a county rated by the U.S. Drought Monitor as having a:

- D2 (severe drought) intensity in any area of the county for at least eight consecutive weeks during the normal grazing period is eligible to receive assistance in an amount equal to one monthly payment;
- D3 (extreme drought) intensity in any area of the county at any time during the normal grazing period is eligible to receive assistance in an amount equal to three monthly payments;
- D3 (extreme drought) intensity in any area of the county for at least four weeks during the normal grazing period or is rated a D4 (exceptional drought) intensity at any time during the normal grazing period is eligible to receive assistance in an amount equal to four monthly payments; or
- D4 (exceptional drought) in a county for four weeks (not necessarily four consecutive weeks) during the normal grazing period is eligible to receive assistance in an amount equal to five monthly payments.



A map of eligible counties for LFP drought can be found at fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/livestock-forage/index.

Eligible Livestock

Eligible livestock are grazing animals that satisfy the majority of net energy requirement of nutrition via grazing of forage grasses or legumes and include such species as alpacas, beef cattle, buffalo/bison, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, ostrich, reindeer or sheep.

Within those species animals that are eligible include those that are or would have been grazing the eligible grazing land or pastureland:

- During the normal grazing period for the specific type of grazing land or pastureland for the county; or
- When the federal agency prohibited the livestock producer from having livestock graze the normally permitted livestock on the managed rangeland due to fire.

Eligible Livestock must:

- Have been owned, leased, purchased, entered into a contract to purchase, or held by a contract grower during the 60 days prior to the beginning date of a qualifying drought or fire condition;
- Have been sold or otherwise disposed of due to a qualifying drought condition during the current production year or up to two production years immediately preceding the current production year if there is a systemic drought condition.
- Have been maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation on the beginning date of the eligible drought or fire condition;
- Not have been produced and maintained for reasons other than commercial use as part of a farming operation including, but are not limited to, wild free-roaming animals or livestock used for hunting, racing or wagering, or consumption by the owner; and
- Not have been livestock that were or would have been in a feedlot on the beginning date of the qualifying drought or fire as part of the normal business operation of the livestock producer grower.

Eligible Producers

To be eligible for LFP, persons or legal entities must be a U.S. citizen, resident alien, partnership of U.S. citizens, a legal entity organized under State law, or an Indian tribe or tribal organization defined in the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act that:

- Own, cash or share lease, or be a contract grower of covered livestock during the 60 calendar days before the beginning date of a qualifying drought or fire;
- Provide pastureland or grazing land for covered livestock, including cash-rented pastureland or grazing land as of the date of the qualifying drought or fire that is either:
 - Physically located in a county affected by a qualifying drought during the normal grazing period for the county; or
 - Rangeland managed by a federal agency for which the otherwise eligible livestock producer is prohibited by the federal agency from grazing the normally permitted livestock because of a qualifying fire.
- Certify that they have suffered a grazing loss because of a qualifying drought or fire; and
- Timely file an acreage report for all grazing land for which a grazing loss is being claimed.

**Payments**

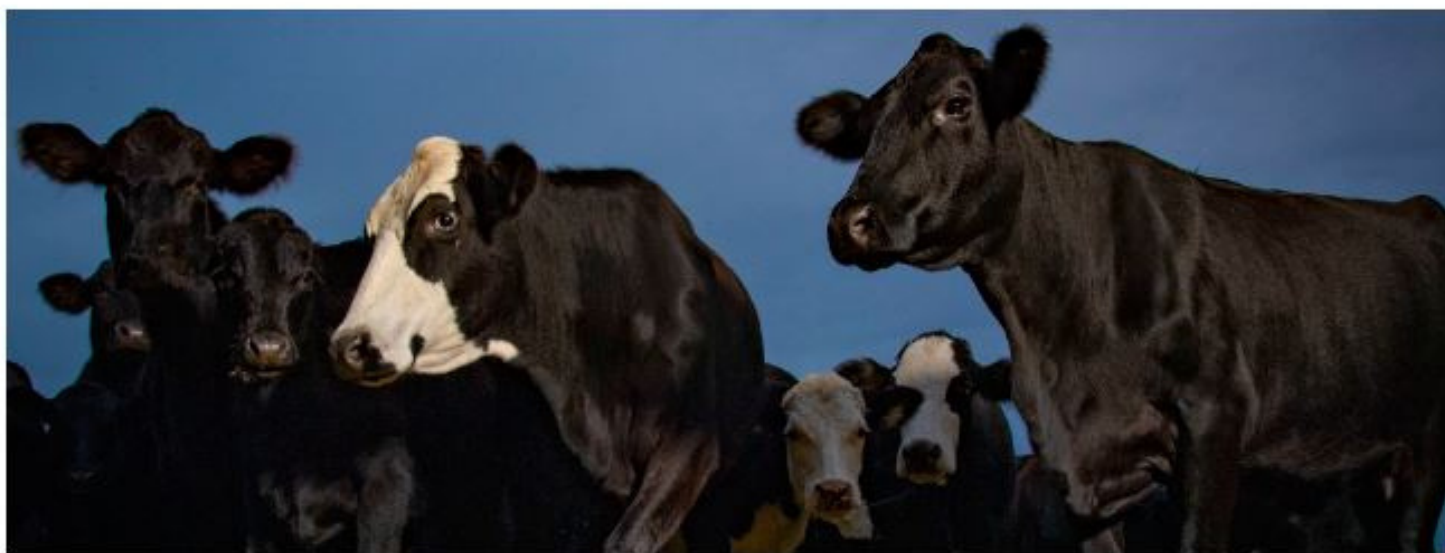
FSA will calculate LFP payments for an eligible livestock producer for grazing losses because of a qualifying drought equal to payment factors of one, three, four or five times the LFP monthly payment rate (see table below for payment rates). The LFP monthly payment rate for drought is equal to 60 percent of the lesser of either the monthly feed cost

- For all covered livestock owned or leased by the eligible livestock producer; or
- Calculated by using the normal carrying capacity of the eligible grazing land of the eligible livestock producer.

Total LFP payments to an eligible livestock producer in a calendar year for grazing losses will not exceed five monthly payments for the same kind, type, and weight range of livestock.

In the case of an eligible livestock producer who sold or otherwise disposed of livestock because of drought conditions in one or both of the two previous production years immediately preceding the current production year, the payment rate will equal 80 percent of the monthly payment rate.

FSA will calculate LFP payments for eligible livestock producers for losses suffered because of a qualifying fire on federally managed rangeland for which the producer is prohibited from grazing the normally permitted livestock. The payment begins on the first day the permitted livestock are prohibited from grazing the eligible rangeland and ending on the earlier of the last day of the federal lease of the eligible livestock producer or the day that would make the period a 180 calendar-day period. The payment rate is 50 percent of the monthly feed cost for the number of days the livestock producer is prohibited from having livestock graze the managed rangeland because of a qualifying fire, not to exceed 180 calendar days.



Payment Limitation

The Agriculture Improvement Act (2018 Farm Bill) established a maximum annual per person and legal entity payment limitation for LFP (without regard to any other program) of \$125,000.

Therefore, for 2019 and subsequent program years, no person or legal entity, excluding a joint venture or general partnership, may receive, directly or indirectly, more than \$125,000 total in payments under LFP. The average adjusted gross income (AGI) limitation relating to limits on payments for persons or legal entities, excluding joint ventures and general partnerships, with certain levels of AGI will apply. Specifically, a person or legal entity with an AGI (as defined in 7 CFR Part 1400) that exceeds \$900,000 will not be eligible to receive LFP payments.

Direct attribution provisions apply to LFP. Under direct attribution, any payment to a legal entity will also be considered for payment limitation purposes to be a payment to persons or legal entities with an interest in the legal entity or in a sub-entity. To learn more, visit the Payment Eligibility and Payment Limitations fact sheet at fsa.usda.gov/payment-limitations.

Enrollment

Eligible livestock producers who are also producers of grazed forage crop acreage must provide a completed application for payment and required supporting documentation to their FSA office within 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the grazing loss occurred.

Contract growers must include a copy of the grower contract and any other supporting documents required for determining contract grower eligibility.

Supporting documents must show evidence of loss and that grazing land or pastureland is owned or leased. If a loss of grazing was due to a fire that the eligible livestock producer was prohibited by the federal agency from having livestock graze the normal permitted livestock on the managed rangeland due to a fire supporting documentation received from that federal agency must be provided.

FSA will use data provided by the applicant to determine eligibility for program benefits. Without all required supporting documentation and data, the application will not be able to be approved and benefits cannot be provided.

For More Information

This fact sheet is for informational purposes only; other eligibility requirements or restrictions may apply. To find more information about FSA disaster assistance programs, visit farmers.gov or contact your local FSA office. To find your local FSA office, visit farmers.gov/service-center-locator.

LIVESTOCK PAYMENT RATES

KIND	TYPE	WEIGHT RANGE	PAYMENT RATE PER HEAD				
			2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Beef	Adult	Bulls, Cows	\$29.34	\$31.89	\$31.18	\$47.29	\$58.12
	Non-Adult	500 pounds or more	\$22.01	\$23.92	\$23.38	\$35.47	\$43.59
		Less than 500 pounds	\$14.67	\$15.94	\$15.59	\$23.64	\$29.06
Dairy	Adult	Bulls, Cows	\$76.29	\$82.91	\$81.07	\$122.95	\$151.12
	Non-Adult	500 pounds or more	\$22.01	\$23.92	\$23.38	\$35.47	\$43.59
		Less than 500 pounds	\$14.67	\$15.94	\$15.59	\$23.64	\$29.06
Beefalo	Adult	Bulls, Cows	\$29.34	\$31.89	\$31.18	\$47.29	\$58.12
	Non-Adult	500 pounds or more	\$22.01	\$23.92	\$23.38	\$35.47	\$43.59
		Less than 500 pounds	\$14.67	\$15.94	\$15.59	\$23.64	\$29.06
Buffalo/ Bison	Adult	Bulls, Cows	\$29.34	\$31.89	\$31.18	\$47.29	\$58.12
	Non-Adult	500 pounds or more	\$22.01	\$23.92	\$23.38	\$35.47	\$43.59
		Less than 500 pounds	\$14.67	\$15.94	\$15.59	\$23.64	\$29.06
Sheep	All		\$7.34	\$7.97	\$7.79	\$11.82	\$14.53
Goats	All		\$7.34	\$7.97	\$7.79	\$11.82	\$14.53
Deer	All		\$7.34	\$7.97	\$7.79	\$11.82	\$14.53
Equine	All		\$21.71	\$23.60	\$23.07	\$34.99	\$43.01
Elk	All		\$15.85	\$17.22	\$16.84	\$25.54	\$31.39
Reindeer	All		\$6.46	\$7.02	\$6.87	\$10.42	\$12.80
Alpacas	All		\$24.17	\$26.27	\$25.68	\$38.95	\$47.88
Emus	All		\$15.02	\$16.32	\$15.96	\$24.20	\$29.75
Llamas	All		\$10.71	\$11.64	\$11.38	\$17.26	\$21.21
Ostrich	All					\$26.01	\$31.97

NOTE: A grazing animal is defined as those species of livestock that, from a nutritional and physiological perspective, satisfy more than 50 percent of their net energy requirement through the consumption of growing forage grasses and legumes, regardless whether or not they are grazing or are present on grazing land or pastureland. Unweaned livestock are not considered a grazing animal and are ineligible for LFP.

The LFP monthly payment rate for losses because of a qualifying drought is calculated at 60 percent of the smaller of the monthly feed cost payment rate per head in the table above or the monthly feed cost based on the normal carrying capacity of the eligible grazing or pastureland acres.

Farm Service Agency FSA
Representing Jasper, Newton, Polk,
Sabine, San Jacinto, and Tyler
Jasper Service Center
714 W Gibson Suite 2
Jasper TX 75951
409 - 384- 3332 extension 2

FORM AD-2047

Forms Approved – OMB No. 0560-0265
OMB Expiration Date: 12/31/2023

AD-2047
(10-28-21)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Farm Service Agency
Rural Development
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Risk Management Agency
Agricultural Marketing Service

CUSTOMER DATA WORKSHEET

NOTE: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is the Computer Security Act of 1987 (Pub. L. 100-236), OMB Circular A-123, Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act of 1982, and Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The information will be used to document a request by the producer for updating the business partner record. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notices for AMS-3, Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA), USDA/FSA-2, Farm Records File (Automated), USDA/NRCS-1, Landowner, Operator, Producer, Cooperator, or Participant Files, and USDA/RD-1, Applicant, Borrower, Grantee, or Tenant File. Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility to request changes within the business partner record.

Public Burden Statement (Paperwork Reduction Act Statement): According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0560-0265. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 3 minutes (.06 hours) per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The provisions of criminal and civil fraud, privacy and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided. **RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.**

PART A - CUSTOMER INFORMATION

1. Reason for Request (Check appropriate box(es) below):

☐ New Customer ☐ Update Existing Customer Record

2A. Customer's Full Name or Business Name and Address
(Including Zip Code)

2B. Customer Business Type (Example: Individual, Corporation, LLC, Estate, Trust, etc.)

2C. Home Telephone Number (Area Code)

2D. Business Telephone Number (Area Code)

2E. Mobile Telephone Number (Area Code)

2F. Email Address

2G. Does the customer want to receive sensitive (but non-PII) Producer or farm specific related emails?

☐ YES ☐ NO

3A. Taxpayer Identification Number (Complete TIN for new customer or last 4 digits for existing customer) and Type (SSN, EIN, ITN, etc)

3B. Birthdate (Only required if the customer is a minor)

3C. Citizenship Status: (For Individuals Only)

☐ U.S. Resident ☐ Resident Alien (I-551 Required)

☐ Not a US Citizen or Resident Alien

Citizenship country if not US:

3D. Originating Country (For Foreign Entities Only)

Demographic Information

Departmental Regulation 4370-001 provides USDA's policies for collecting demographic data, including race, ethnicity and gender. Providing demographic information is voluntary and at the discretion of the customer. Demographic information is used by USDA for statistical purposes only and will not be used to determine an applicant's eligibility for programs or services for which they apply. You may disregard providing information in items 4A, 4B or 4C if the information has previously been provided to USDA. A customer identified in Item 2A that is a legal entity must base responses to the race, ethnicity and gender on the individual persons holding at least 50 percent ownership interest in the legal entity.

4A. Race: (Note: More than 1 may be selected)

☐ American Indian / Alaskan Native
☐ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
☐ Asian
☐ White
☐ Black/African American
☐ I do not want to provide Race information at this time.

Note: See instructions for legal entities

4B. Ethnicity:

☐ Hispanic or Latino
☐ Not Hispanic or Latino
☐ I do not want to provide Ethnicity information at this time.

Note: See instructions for legal entities

4C. Gender (Individual):

☐ Male
☐ Female
☐ Non-Binary
☐ I do not want to provide Gender information at this time.

4D. Gender (Legal Entity)

☐ Not applicable/unknown
☐ Organization/Female Owned
☐ Organization/Male Owned
☐ Organization/Non-Binary
☐ I do not want to provide Gender information at this time.

Date Stamp

5. Customer has interest in one or more of the following agencies. (Check Appropriate Agency(ies) below:)		
<input type="checkbox"/> AMS	<input type="checkbox"/> FSA	<input type="checkbox"/> NRCS <input type="checkbox"/> RMA <input type="checkbox"/> RD
6. Is the Customer a Multi-County Producer? <input type="checkbox"/> YES (If "YES," list States and/or Counties below:) <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
7. See form instructions for signature requirements.		
7A. Customer Signature	7B. Title/Relationship	7C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)
PART B SERVICE CENTER ACTION		
8A. Agency Who Received Request: (Check one below)	8B. Initials of Employee Receiving Request (If Different than Item 12A)	8C. Date Service Center Employee Received the Request (MM-DD-YYYY)
<input type="checkbox"/> FSA <input type="checkbox"/> NRCS <input type="checkbox"/> RD		
9. How the Request for Change was Received:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Office Visit <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone <input type="checkbox"/> FAX <input type="checkbox"/> USPS <input type="checkbox"/> Box <input type="checkbox"/> One Stop <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify):		
10. COC LAA:		
11. Remarks, if Applicable:		
12A. Signature of Employee Updating Business Partner if not initialed in Item 8B.	12B. Date Service Center Employee Updating Business Partner (MM-DD-YYYY)	

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Local Groups



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 much 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 \$25 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

