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AGRICULTURE AND TIMBER SPECIAL VALUATIONS PROGRAM

MARCH 22, 2022 6:00 PM

GREGG COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

405 EAST MARSHALL AVE, LONGVIEW, TX.

Please RSVP for meal by
March 17th at 903-236-8429

**JOIN US FOR A PROGRAM FEATURING ROBERT LISMAN
HARRISON COUNTY CHIEF APPRAISER TO DISCUSS
OPEN SPACE LAND AG USE APPRAISAL AND LAND
CLASSIFICATIONS**

The Oil Belt Farm & Ranch Club was started in 1958 with a group of producers in the Gregg County area. Membership is open to all people interested in agricultural production in the area. Membership dues and donations to the club are used to fund the scholarship program.

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Harrison County Feral Hog Abatement



Harrison County
Soil and Water
Conservation Districts

Meeting-KICKOFF



TEXAS FARM BUREAU®

RSVP by March 11, 2022 to 903-935-8413

- Aaron Sumral PhD-
Educational update on Feral
Hogs and control methods
- Cornbread & Beans dinner
provided by Harrison County
Farm Bureau
- Drinks and dessert provided
by Harrison County Soil &
Water Conservation District

March 15, 2022
6:00 PM
Crossroads Baptist
Church
11763 FM 31,
Marshall, TX 75672



Upshur -Gregg Soil & Water Conservation District #417

Presents

2021 Upshur-Gregg FREE SOIL TESTING DRIVE



February 08, 2022 through March 15, 2022

"Participants can submit one soil sample to be paid for by the Upshur – Gregg Soil & Water Conservation District, after which all other samples must be paid for by the participant @ \$13.50 . Soil testing include: Regular Test only

Soil Sample Pick-up & Drop Off Points:

GREGG COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

***405 East Marshall Ave. Longview, Texas 75601
903.236.8429***

USDA SERVICE CENTER

***c/o Upshur -Gregg Soil & Water Conservation District
#417 1259 Hwy 271 South Gilmer, Texas 75645
903.734.8732 Ext 101***

UPSHUR COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

***301 East Butler Street Gilmer, Texas 75644
903.843.4019***

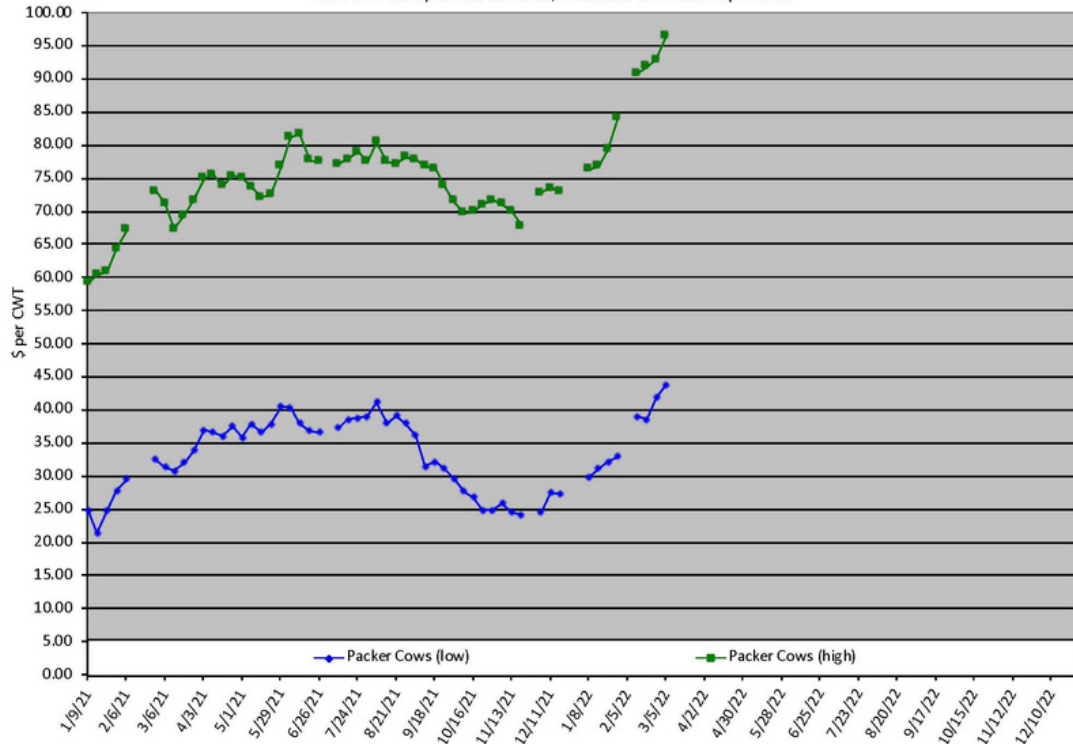
Cattle Price Trends

Packer Cow Price Trends

Trend of High and Low Prices Reported for Packer Cows, Average of 6 East & Central Texas Livestock Auctions

For a weekly email copy of this chart please subscribe at <http://beeffax.tamu.edu> or contact a Texas A&M AgriLife County Extension Agent

Chart created by Dr. Jason Banta, Extension Beef Cattle Specialist

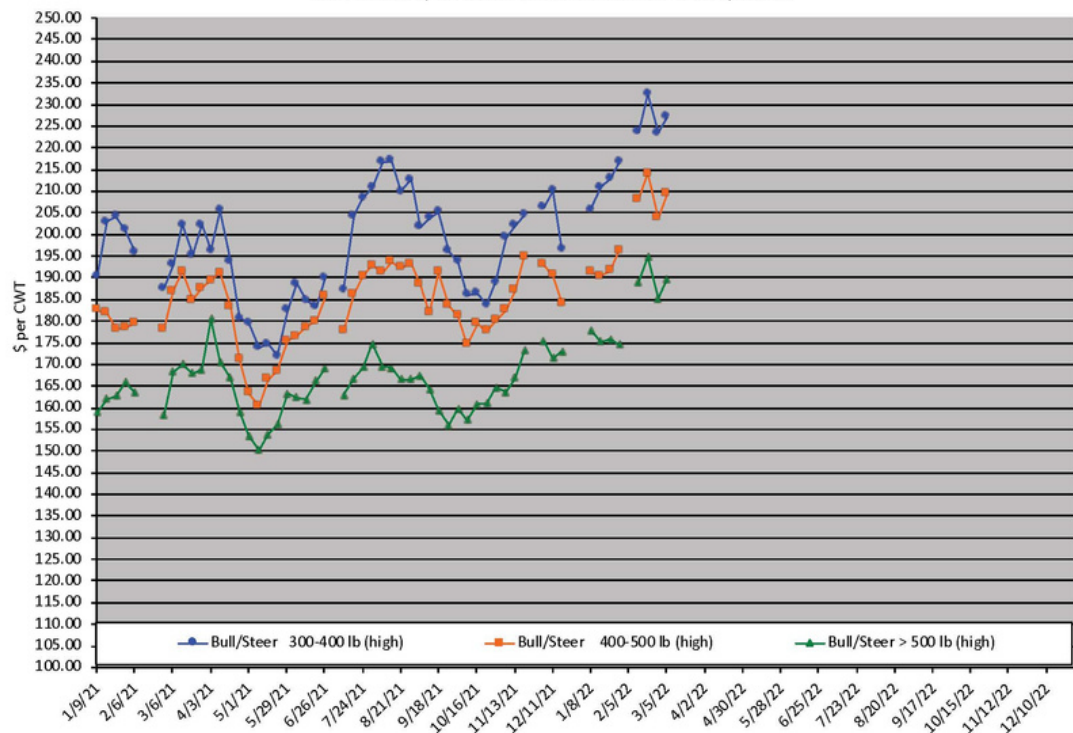


Calf Price Trends

Trend of the Highest Price Reported for Various Weight Calves, Average of 6 East & Central Texas Livestock Auctions

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Protecting your Investments

Vaccinations, Biosecurity, and Herd Health for Texas Livestock Owners

March 15th, 2022

5 PM

****Online Program****

Equine Vaccination Protocol- Dr. Jennifer Zoller

Vaccination Protocols and Biosecurity for Cow Calf Herds- Dr. Jason Banta

Biosecurity for Backyard Flocks- Dr. Audrey McElroy

Vaccination Protocols and Biosecurity for Sheep and Goat Herds- Dr. Reid Redden

Traveling with Livestock in and out of Texas- Dr. Hank Hayes

Register at:

<https://tinyurl.com/24j9t3cu>



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Weed of the Week:

Buttercup



Buttercup (Ranunculus species): One of the many yellow flowering weeds that we fight in pastures and hay meadows. Buttercup is a winter annual that thrives in weak or thin pastures. There are several species of this winter annual. They differ mainly in leaf shape and growth, but all produce characteristic bright yellow blossoms. March to early April is the best time to kill buttercup. The goal is to spray buttercup before bloom.

Fertilizing and liming to soil test recommendations and efficient utilization of pastures or hay fields are the primary ways to decrease weed pressure.

Select Herbicide Options:

Weedmaster

2, 4-D

GrazonNext HL

Grazon P+D

Duracor

Milestone

Cimarron Max (for bermudagrass pastures, will destroy bahiagrass)

Pastora (for bermudagrass pastures, will destroy bahiagrass)

REMEMBER: THE LABEL IS THE LAW! Always read the pesticide label before using.

March Garden Tips

Plant Care

- **Divide summer and fall-blooming perennials.**
- **Plant summer-blooming bulbs and tubers, such as crinums, cannas, daylilies, montbretia, hymenocallis, and lilies.**
- **Control weeds and refresh mulch in beds to retain moisture, moderate temperatures, and prevent weeds.**
- **After the danger of frost, set out tomato, pepper, and eggplant transplants and seed summer vegetables such as corn, beans, cucumbers, and squash. Rotate the planting position of the vegetable species from previous seasons to decrease disease likelihood.**
- **Begin planting summer bedding plants and perennial salvias after last frost (do not plant periwinkles until June).**
- **Allow spring and fall bulb foliage to die naturally in order to feed the bulb for next year. Don't cut off till after Mother's Day or yellow.**
- **Cut back frozen perennials, tropicals, and any freeze damage on shrubs.**

Fertilize

- **Apply 3:1:2 lawn fertilizer (15-5-10, 18-6-12 etc.) to annual bedding plants and vegetables.**
- **Do not fertilize lawns until mid-April when nights are warm, and you've mowed the grass (not the weeds) several times.**

Pests

- **Treat pests as they arise. Consider using proven organic or least toxic remedies for the health of your family and our earth, especially in the vegetable garden. Remember insects can be cured but diseases can only be prevented.**
- **Check crapemyrtles for bark scale and treat with a systemic insecticide when they first leaf out, but no later so as not to kill bees and pollinators.**

Odds and Ends

- **Canes of climbers should be secured.**
- **Water gardens should be drained, cleaned, and replanted as needed.**
- **Butterfly bushes (buddleia) should be cut back by $\frac{3}{4}$.**
- **Apply pre-emergent herbicide ASAP for crabgrass, grassburs, and other annual summer weeds if they haven't already germinated.**
- **Carefully apply broadleaf herbicide to weeds in lawn (weed and feed fertilizers are not very effective and not recommended)**



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Talk Soon, Shaniqua Davis

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