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Attention

Tolfenpro® Insecticide Ear Tag Recall

What Is Happening with Tolfenpro® Insecticide Ear Tag?

Out of an abundance of caution, Bayer Animal Health is initiating a voluntary product recall for Tolfenpro Insecticide Ear Tags. Please contact your local Bayer sales representative for detailed information.

Mark your Calendar!

*Kleberg
County
Crop Tour*

June 9th

See page 5
For more details

**GENERATION
NEXT**
Our Turn to Reach

**Webinar
School**

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For more details

Sivanto receives Section 24c label

Sivanto has received a section 24c label from EPA. This label reduces the preharvest interval from 21 days to 14 days (same as Transform). Read label directions for application.

Texas Sugarcane Aphid News
<http://txscan.blogspot.com>

Transform® WG Insecticide receives Section 18 label

Transform® WG has received a section 18 label from the EPA for the use on Sugarcane Aphid in Sorghum in the state of Texas. Read Label directions for application.



SOUTH TEXAS BEEF 706

Brooks | Duval | Jim Well | Kenedy | Kleberg | Nueces | San Patricio

The Texas Beef Council, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, and Texas A&M University - Kingsville have teamed up to present a special Beef 706 program. This three-part series of hands-on sessions focusing on beef quality management and marketing opportunities is available for beef cattle producers from Brooks, Duval, Jim Well, Kenedy, Kleberg, Nueces and San Patricio counties.

The checkoff-funded program is designed to help producers maximize profits and have a better understanding of the production process after their cattle enter the feedyard.

Session one will be held **May 23, 2016** at the Gulf Coast Livestock Auction in Alice, Texas beginning at 5:30pm with dinner. Here industry experts will discuss factors effecting feeder calves. Producers will then choose a calf to monitor through the production system at the following two sessions.

Session two will be held **October 25, 2016** at Kane Beef Processors in Corpus Christi, Texas beginning at 1:30pm. During this session producers will get an inside look into a meat packing plant and review their cattle as finished market steers

Session three will be held **November 1-2, 2016** at Texas A&M University Kingsville Animal Science Department beginning at 9:00am on Day 1 and 8:00am on Day 2. This 1.5-day session will allow producers to participate in a hands-on exercise that takes their chosen fed cattle from session one through the harvest, grading and fabrication process.

Beef Quality Assurance Credits will be offered over the course of the program to all interested participants. **The cost of the program will be \$50.00/participant and can be paid at the first session on January 19th. This cost is refundable based on full participation in the program.**



To RSVP and Register for this program, please contact your local County Extension Office.

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361-256-4591

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361-364-6234

For more information on this and other checkoff-funded programs, please visit www.TexasBeefCheckoff.com or call 1-800-846-4113.

BQA (BEEF QUALITY ASSURANCE) TIP-OF-THE-MONTH

Give all intramuscular (IM) injections in the neck and give subcutaneous (SubQ) in either the neck, dewlap, or elbow pocket, as shown below. This will eliminate injection-site lesions in more valuable carcass cuts while still effectively utilizing animal health products.

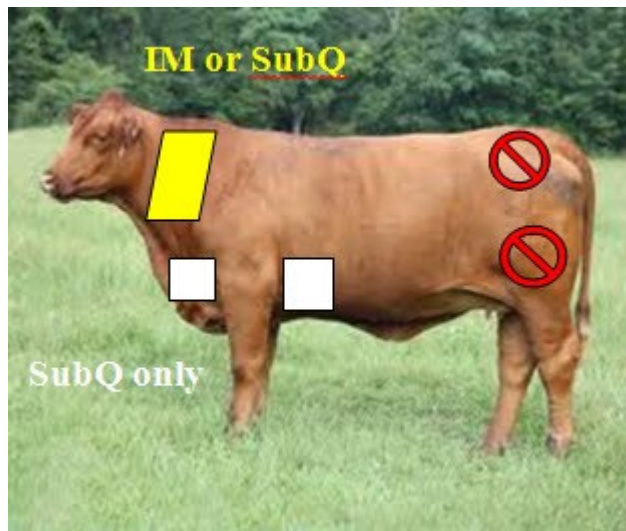


FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - March 17, 2016

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Annual Report Recaps State and National Beef Checkoff Programs

AUSTIN, TX – The Texas Beef Council (TBC) recently published the 2015 annual report highlighting key state and national programs in the areas of promotion, research and education. Included in the Annual Report is an overview of revenues and expenditures for fiscal 2015.

“I’m proud to announce the release of our annual report which includes financials and program highlights from the first year of the state beef checkoff program as well as the national beef checkoff program,” said Austin Brown III, rancher from Beeville and chairman of the TBC board of directors. “The annual report is a great source of information that gives Texas beef producers an opportunity to learn more about how both checkoff program dollars are being invested in demand-building programs throughout the year.”

TBC conducts the \$1 per head national checkoff program for Texas beef producers and is also a contractor for the Beef Promotion Research Council of Texas (BPRCT), which administers the \$1 per head Texas state checkoff program.

The national Beef Checkoff Program was established as part of the 1985 Farm Bill and assesses \$1-per-head on the sale of live domestic and imported cattle, and the equivalent on imported beef and beef products. Under the law that guides the checkoff, 50 cents of each Texas checkoff dollar must go to the Cattlemen’s Beef Board for national programs. The TBC board of directors, consisting entirely of Texas cattlemen and women, invests the other half dollar in programs conducted in Texas as well as additional national and international beef marketing programs.

Texas beef producers voted in June 2014 to establish a state-level beef checkoff program which was approved and began collections October 1, 2014. The program is funded through a refundable \$1 per head assessment on cattle at each point of ownership transfer in Texas. The funds are managed in accordance with Texas law by the BPRCT. The BPRCT consists of 20 Texas cattlemen and women appointed by the Texas commissioner of agriculture. Unlike the national checkoff program, the BPRCT oversees the entire \$1 checkoff assessment and can choose to invest state dollars in the areas of promotion, research and education in Texas, the U.S., and international markets.

The report presents the combined financial results of TBC and BPRCT and includes a chart indicating the percentage breakdown of investments in each program area. The chart also shows TBC’s voluntary investment in the Federation of State Beef Councils and combined voluntary investment in U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF). Some of the programs highlighted in the report include health influencers, social media, retail education, beef quality assurance, international marketing, BEEF team, public relations, issues management and retail promotion.

The report’s reverse side summarizes similar information on national programs approved by the Cattlemen’s Beef Board and contracted through organizations such as the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association and the USMEF.

To request a copy of the annual report summary or a more detailed audited financial report, please email beef@txbeef.org or call toll-free 1-800-846-4113. The annual report can also be viewed online at TexasBeefCheckoff.com.

From the Desk of Shawn Reininger

Kleberg-Kenedy Farm Service Agency, County Director

New Faces at the Local Farm Service Agency Office

A special thank you to Herb Schwertner and Joan Underbrink for their dedicated years of service to farmers and ranchers of Kleberg and Kenedy Counties. Effective January 2016, both Herb and Joan have retired from federal service, resulting in some new faces at the local FSA office. Shawn Reininger will be taking over as County Executive Director, and Angie Gamez will be serving the farmers and ranchers as Program Technician.

2016 Acreage Reporting Dates

In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers are encouraged to visit the Kleberg-Kenedy County FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the applicable deadline.

The following acreage reporting dates are applicable for Kleberg-Kenedy County:

May 15, 2016: Corn, Cotton, Sorghum

July 15, 2016: Sesame

The following exceptions apply to the above acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.
- If a producer acquires additional acreage after the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.
- If a perennial forage crop is reported with the intended use of "cover only," "green manure," "left standing," or "seed," then the acreage must be reported by July 15th.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP covered crops is the earlier of the dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

For questions regarding crop certification and crop loss reports, please contact the Kleberg-Kenedy County FSA office at 361-592-4349 ext. 2.

2016 Kleberg County Crops Tour

Thursday

June 9th

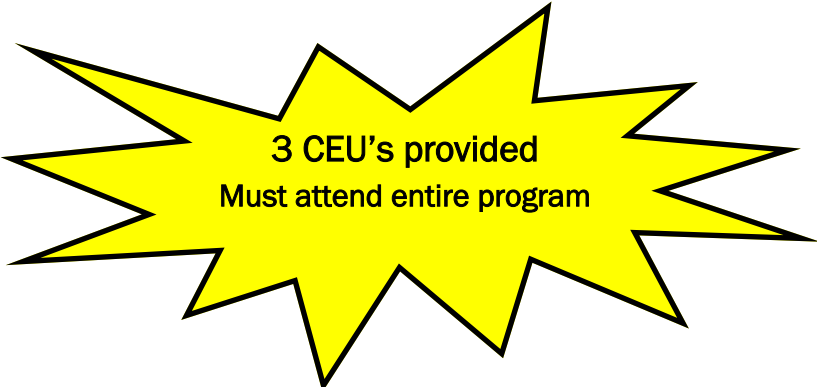
Registration
8:30 AM

Tour starts at
**Entrance to L.E.
Ramey Golf
Course**
(David Schubert's Field)

Tour ends at
Dick Kleberg Park

Topics

- Field Tour
(Corn, Sorghum, Cotton)
- Educational Sessions
- Legislative highlights
- Conservation/ Farm updates



3 CEU's provided
Must attend entire program



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Paraquat Under The Microscope by EPA



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to take action to stop poisonings caused by accidental ingestion of the herbicide paraquat, which can also cause severe injuries or death from skin or eye exposure.

EPA is proposing:

- New closed-system packaging designed to make it impossible to transfer or remove the pesticide except directly into the proper application equipment;
- Special training for certified applicators who use paraquat to emphasize that the chemical must not be transferred to or stored in improper containers; and
- Changes to the pesticide label and warning materials to highlight the toxicity and risks associated with paraquat.
- Prohibiting application from hand-held and backpack equipment, and
- Restricting the use to certified pesticide applicators only (individuals working under the supervision of a certified applicator would be prohibited from using paraquat).
- EPA is accepting comments on these proposed changes until **May 9, 2016**. The link to submit comments is below.

<https://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0855-0034>

Trichomoniasis (Trich) Rule Change

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) changed a rule related to the required Trichomoniasis testing for breeding bulls. The rule lowered the acceptable maximum age for virgin bulls changing ownership within the state from 24 months to 18 months.

**Grass-fed Beef Production
Conference
May 26-27, 2016
Texas A&M College Station
Great lineup of speakers!
For more information
beef.tamu.edu
979.845.6931**

**Grain Grading Workshop
June 7th @ 8:30-4:30
Texas A&M AgriLife Research/
Extension Center
10345 State Hwy 44
Corpus Christi, TX
For more information
levi.russell@ag.tamu.edu
361.265.9203**

Generation Next

Our Turn to Ranch Webinars

Join us for a 12-Webinar Series
Agricultural Business Start-Up School

- ✔ Gain ideas for operations you can add to an existing ranch
- ✔ Learn options for setting up grazing & wildlife leases
- ✔ Discuss business types, tax info, & insurance needs
- ✔ Exposure to all the latest land management tools & techniques
- ✔ Taught by professionals in each field and topic

2nd Monday of every Month
Noon – 1 pm
April 2016–March 2017
Participate from your computer!

Course Includes: 12 webinar classes of Expert Instruction, Generation Next t-shirt, and a Generation Next School Completion Certificate

Registration Fee: \$120

To Register: <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/GenNextWebinar>

Or call 979-845-2604

Contact: Megan.Clayton@ag.tamu.edu or 361.265.9203



2016-2017 Generation Next: Our Turn to
Ranch

Webinar School- - held live noon to 1 pm

April 11th

- Setting up a New Agriculture Business

May 9th

- Understanding Business Taxes 101

June 13th

- Business Insurance Needs

July 11th

- How to set up Grazing and Wildlife Lease Agreements

August 8th

- Shaping Your Own Future Using Social Marketing

September 12th

- Ecotourism Opportunities

October 10th

- Alternative Ranching Operations

November 14th

- Understanding Market Fluctuations

December 12th

- Planning Land Use and Surveying Your Resources

January 9th

- Agricultural Apps for Smartphones and Tablets

February 13th

- Land Management Toolbox

March 13th

- Targeted Wrap-up Session





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<http://kleberg.agriLife.org>

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Farm Worker Protection Safety Training

Pesticide handlers and workers must be trained periodically unless they are certified applicators. Participants attending this training will be issued cards verifying they have successfully completed the training.

Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2016
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Where: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office (729 E. Yoakum)
Cost: \$10 / person
RSVP: No later than May 20th (361) 595-8566

** upon completion EPA handlers cards will be issued**



Kingsville Farmers Market



Fourth Saturday of each month
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Located at the downtown pavilion 325 N. 6th Street

For information and vendor applications please visit our website
www.kingsvilletexasfarmersmarket.com

Private Pesticide Applicator Training

Date: Tuesday July 5, 2016
Time: 9:00 A.M.
Where: County Extension Office (729 E. Yoakum)
Cost: \$50.00 / person (due by deadline)
RSVP: No later than June 24, 2016 (361-595-8566)



** Information on test scheduling & preparing will be provided**