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# Grassroots advocacy is key to Texas Farm Bureau efforts

*These are excerpts from President Russell Boening's address at the Summer Conference June 20-22 in Marble Falls. A recap of the Summer Conference can be found on pages 6-7.*

We need to talk about the importance of food security.

We are talking about a global food shortage. We're talking about increased prices.

Never has there been a more critical time for agriculture to have a voice to both our legislators and to the public.

A lot of times, the blame game is played.

It is really easy for the general public to think increased food prices are landing in the pockets of farmers and ranchers. When in fact, nothing could be further from the truth.

It is this atmosphere in which we find ourselves. It has never been more important for agriculture to have a voice, and that's what Farm Bureau is all about.

We need to impress upon our elected officials that now is not the time to put further restrictions and red tape on agriculture.

If they want to do that, we need to become very accustomed to empty shelves at the grocery store. And we

need to suggest to elected officials that responsibility for empty shelves will be laid squarely at their feet.

If we want to regularly experience what we saw during last year's deep freeze, just keep putting regulations and red tape on agriculture to make it even harder to produce food.



**By Russell Boening  
President**

And as we move into 2023, we will be working on the next farm bill. The bill's commodity title and crop insurance provisions are vital for agriculture.

We are one of the most credible voices in this conversation, because we are on the front lines of food production. So many people

who have an opinion about how our food should be grown and distributed lack one important element of credibility—they've never done it before!

Nothing is more important than food on the table. All else pales and is a distant second to that.

We have to communicate a common-sense approach on how to produce food in this country.

We must reach the growing number of Texas students about the importance of agriculture.

Our Ag in the Classroom efforts will be emphasized and expanded.

We need to make it easier for teachers to communicate lessons about agriculture, and the state is helping us.

Legislation was passed last session that requires curriculum about agriculture be in our Texas classrooms.

Texas Farm Bureau is in an excellent position to convey those lessons more so than almost anybody else, because we represent general agriculture.

Some of the more radical elements in our society are doing their best to wreck America's food system.

Our food production is the envy of the modern world, but it is never good enough for the critics who push their own agenda. It never will be.

They promote false information and scare people about their food.

But nobody is more credible on the issue of food than the American farmer and rancher. The public trusts us.

Your voice is the most authentic and real.

Your way of life may depend on you speaking up. It might be uncomfortable. I get it. It's not always easy to step out and put a stake in the ground. But you can do it. We can do it.

I have heard it said that the world is changed by your example, not by your opinion.

Of course, your opinion matters. We spend a great deal of time and effort in our organization to make sure that the opinions of our grassroots are heard. But in the end, it is the actions and example of our grassroots that get the job done.

Farm Bureau will amplify your voice. Our organization will give you volume and reach.

You are a leader because you want to have an impact, but making an impact requires action on your part.



**Overall consumer prices are considerably higher this year than previous years, driven by inflation and supply chain issues. And agricultural production costs are rising faster than commodity prices, making it difficult to break even.**



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## TFB's Free Enterprise Speech finalists visit Capitol Hill

Finalists of Texas Farm Bureau's (TFB) Free Enterprise Speech Contest recently traveled to Capitol Hill to meet with elected officials and see historical sites in Washington, D.C.

The expense-paid trip to Capitol Hill was part of the prize package the students received for being finalists in the state contest.

The students on the trip included Benjamin Flanagan of Runnels County, Amanda Hoffmann of Bexar County, William Jones of Rusk County, Steven Perez of Starr County and Carson Smith of Hall County.

The finalists were able to meet with U.S. Reps. Henry Cuellar, August Pfluger, Louie Gohmert, Ronny Jackson and Pete Sessions. The students also met with U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz and U.S. Sen. John Cornyn's staff.

The students toured D.C., visiting national monuments, museums, and other D.C.-area attractions.

They also met with congressional interns from Texas A&M University and Texas Tech University.

The Free Enterprise Speech Contest is an annual competition open to any young TFB member who partici-



*TFB's Free Enterprise Speech Contest finalists and winners visited Capitol Hill and toured historical sites during a visit last month.*

pated in the organization's Engage program, which is part of the Student Success Series.

Through the competition, students are asked to share what they learned about constitutional government and the free enterprise system.

The contest is an opportunity to earn money for college, gain valuable

communication skills and strengthen leadership qualities. High school students take an in-depth look at the U.S. economy and country and communicate those thoughts and their understanding in a speech.

For more information on youth opportunities available, visit [texasfarm-bureau.org/youth/youth-opportunities](https://texasfarm-bureau.org/youth/youth-opportunities).

## Cornyn meets with TFB president, Texas ag organizations



*U.S. Sen. John Cornyn (left) discusses issues facing agriculture, including cattle markets, during a May 31 meeting with Texas Farm Bureau President Russell Boening and leaders from the Texas Cattle Feeders Association and Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. Courtesy photo.*

## USDA to gather data on feral swine damages

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is conducting a Feral Swine Damage survey to measure the costs of feral swine damage to crop operations.

The survey is conducted in cooperation with the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) – Wildlife Services.

Operators who have received this survey should complete it by Aug. 12.

Over 11,000 farms and ranches are being surveyed in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas.

NASS recommends responding online using the new respondent portal. On the portal, farmers, ranchers and landowners can complete surveys, track upcoming surveys, access data visualizations and reports of interest, link to other USDA agencies and more. Respondents can also complete their questionnaire and return it by mail.

This survey focuses specifically on damage to corn, soybeans, wheat, rice, peanuts and sorghum.

APHIS will analyze the data as a baseline for future studies, and any published information will be made available to the public through the APHIS Feral Swine Resources website.

The information provided by producers will be used for statistical purposes only. In accordance with federal law, survey responses will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed in identifiable form.

For more information, call the NASS Texas Field Office at 1-800-626-3142.



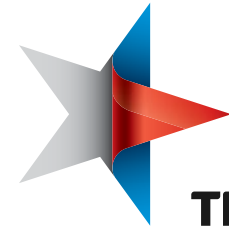
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# TFB summer conference covers ag, commodity information

By Julie Tomascik  
Editor

Rural broadband, feral hogs and farm production costs were among the topics highlighted during the Texas Farm Bureau Summer Conference.

Over 400 farmers and ranchers were in Marble Falls June 20-22 for the meeting that gave an update on agricultural trends, issues and a legislative outlook.

## Rural broadband

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Glenn Hegar addressed the members, saying agriculture's impact and what farmers and ranchers do is important to the state.

"Agriculture is the backbone of any society," he said.

Hegar shared three things that concern him regarding the economy—inflation, supply chain issues and lack of available labor.

"If the last few years have taught us anything, it's that we don't know what's on the horizon," he said. "But



*Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar provides an update on the Texas Broadband Development Office and the draft broadband plan for the Lone Star State.*

regardless of what's on the horizon, I have a lot of faith that Texas is going to be okay."

He provided an update on rural broadband efforts for the state.

"Unfortunately, you have 7 million residents across the state, essentially a quarter of the popula-

tion, that have no internet service, no connectivity," Hegar said. "The Legislature last session created what's called the Texas Broadband Development Office, put it with my office in the comptroller's office. So, we went on a 12-city listening tour. We put a plan together on how we're

going to spend federal money. The Legislature appropriated, essentially gave to us half-a-billion dollars, a significant amount of money to make sure that we work to build out infrastructure across the state through loans and grant programs with the internet providers and figure out how we have partnerships, not just within businesses, but also local governmental entities as we try to get that coverage across the state."

For more information on the broadband plan, visit [broadbandfortexas.com](http://broadbandfortexas.com).

## Feral hogs

A rider included in the state budget during last year's legislative session allows Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas Department of Agriculture to collaborate on and study an experimental use program evaluating toxicants as a feral hog control method.

Mike Bodenchuk, state director of Texas Wildlife Services, gave an update on the study, noting it has been

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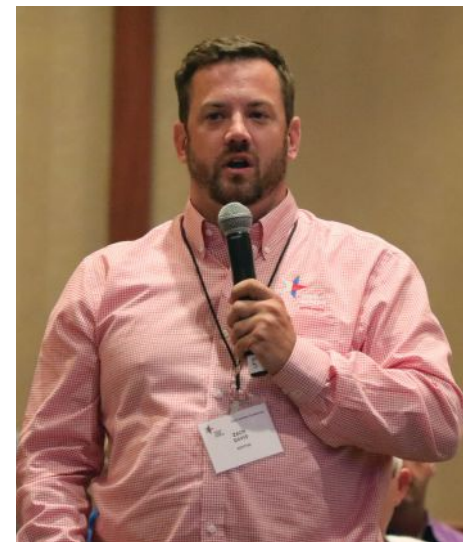


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*Over 400 farmers and ranchers were in Marble Falls June 20-22 for the annual Summer Conference. During the conference, Rep. DeWayne Burns and Lubbock attorney Zach Brady shared insights into the Right to Farm Act.*



*Zach Davis of Denton County comments during the feral hog update.*

successful so far.

“The Legislature directed the Wildlife Services Program to do a pilot project with landowners applying Kaput to see if it was efficacious at removing the pigs,” he said. “We’ve been working with landowners in different eco-regions of the state at different seasons of the state. We’ve completed six field trials now that were largely successful.”

The field trials will continue over the next year and a half.

“So far, it looks like it’s very efficacious, and landowners appreciate the opportunity to have a toxicant available,” Bodenchuk said.

Texas has about 3 million hogs statewide that cause over \$500 million in damage each year.

“It’s an ecological and economic train wreck to have pigs in the abundance that we have them,” Bodenchuk said.

### **DIY farm equipment tools**

Farmers and ranchers having the ability to repair their farm equipment is especially important as labor shortages affect dealerships.

Representatives from John Deere and United Ag & Turf gave an overview of programs and services available to help farmers and ranchers diagnose issues and repair equipment themselves.

“You have the right to repair your equipment but not to make modifications,” Joe Jaska, John Deere territory customer support manager

said. “That’s why you don’t have access to the embedded code to revise or control the system. It’s mainly a safety issue.”

But farmers and ranchers do have access to John Deere’s customer service advisor, JD Link, the operations center and the John Deere app center—a single source for all John Deere’s apps.

“This isn’t new stuff, but we want to make sure you know what’s available and how to access this information,” Nick Taylor, United Ag & Turf manager of customer engagement, said. “There are many avenues for do-it-yourself repairs. You can reach out to your local dealership or go to [johndeere.com](http://johndeere.com) for more information about those resources.”

### **Commodity prices, input costs**

Farm production costs have increased significantly due to inflation and supply chain issues. Through a recent study, the Agricultural and Food Policy Center (AFPC) at Texas A&M University estimated costs of production across all inputs and the bottom-line impact for farmers.

The study found significant increases in input prices will result in a major decline in net cash farm income in 2022 compared to 2021. But despite the significant reduction from 2021, commodity prices will likely still result in increased income for most farms.

“But the question is: Are the prices going to hold?” Bart Fischer, co-director



*Central Ukraine farmer Kornelis ‘Kees’ Huizinga described the challenges of farming in a war zone during a live Zoom visit with TFB members. TFB Director of Communications Gary Joiner asked questions from the audience. Huizinga said the biggest problem now is Ukraine farmers can’t export what they grow.*

tor of AFPC, asked. “The bottom line is this is an historic amount of capital at risk.”

Fischer touched on farm bill negotiations that are beginning on Capitol Hill and noted that the current farm safety net doesn’t address the inflated costs of production.

### **Additional conference sessions**

Additional sessions during the conference covered cattle market legislation, the Endangered Species Act, the Texas Right to Farm Act and a recap of the 2022 primary election, along with a general elec-

tion outlook.

Harley Jarzombek, a young Goliad County Farm Bureau member, also shared about the donation efforts she coordinated to get hay to wildfire victims in Eastland County.

Kornelis ‘Kees’ Huizinga, a Ukrainian farmer, visited with attendees via Zoom about what it’s like farming in a war zone.

And Dr. Jeffrey Savell, vice chancellor and dean of the Agriculture and Life Sciences Department for Texas A&M, shared his vision, goals and how AgriLife is setting the stage for the future.



# Report highlights Texas Farm Bureau 2021 accomplishments

Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) published its 2021 Accomplishments Report detailing successes in membership, advocacy, leader development and other program areas.

The 32-page report can be found on [texasfarmbureau.org](https://texasfarmbureau.org).

“Texas Farm Bureau accomplished its mission of being the Voice of Texas Agriculture in 2021, as we have continued to do throughout our decades of grassroots advocacy and involvement,” TFB President Russell Boening said. “A look at the year’s activities, successes and programs is available in the 2021 Accomplishments Report.”

Achieving membership goals each year is a priority for the organization, as well as providing member benefits and services to help member-families save time and money.

The membership year ended with TFB membership at 535,614 member-families, which represents 21 consecutive years of membership growth. Of the 205 organized county Farm Bureaus, 136 counties achieved a membership gain.

TFB strives to represent Texas farmers, ranchers, landowners and rural residents at local, state and national levels to help keep the Lone

Star State growing for generations to come. Organizational policy set by TFB members is pursued and implemented to ensure Texas agriculture’s voice is heard.

Highlights of the legislative and commodity activities from 2021 include achieving meaningful eminent domain reform, expanding liability protections to livestock owners and authorization of a feral hog toxicant study using warfarin.

Leader development and youth and educational outreach are important to the state’s largest general farm and ranch organization. Innovative programs, educational activities and urban outreach efforts helped TFB reach adults and children across the state.

The Doorways to Agriculture exhibit, which was displayed at livestock shows and community events, reached both urban and rural Texans with messages and stories of agriculture in the Lone Star State.

Between the state and county Farm Bureaus, more than \$693,000 in scholarships were awarded to high school seniors, enrolled college students and technical college students.

TFB adds volume, reach and depth to the Voice of Texas Agriculture

mission by communicating with various publics.

The organization shares the stories of farmers and ranchers through print and digital publications, social media, videos and the Texas Farm Bureau Radio Network, as well as works with media and county Farm Bureaus to promote stories of agriculture.

In 2021, TFB responded to 173 media inquiries from local, state and national publications and broadcast stations about agriculture and rural Texas.

The radio network reached an all-time high in the number of affiliated stations with over 120 stations, and the Communications division created a TikTok account to reach a younger demographic.

Winter Storm Uri hit Texas in February 2021, leaving the state in an icy embrace for days. TFB, with the help of county leaders, responded to 43 media inquiries about the storm.

TFB and county Farm Bureau leaders also contributed \$262,197 through the Helping Hands program to provide assistance to local food and emergency relief organizations following the winter storm.



*The TFB Accomplishments Report highlights the organization’s efforts and successes from the previous year.*

“Our organization is made up of individuals who collectively work together to ensure agriculture stays strong and the rural way of life remains viable,” Boening said. “Our best days are ahead of us. Together, we will continue to be the Voice of Texas Agriculture.”

The full report can be found in the grey footer of the TFB website by clicking TFB Accomplishments or by visiting [texasfarmbureau.org/2021accomplishments](https://texasfarmbureau.org/2021accomplishments).

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# Biden signs Ocean Shipping Reform Act

By Julie Tomascik  
Editor

President Joe Biden signed the Ocean Shipping Reform Act in mid-June. The bill was touted as the first major update to federal regulations for the global shipping industry in over 20 years.

The bill had support from many agricultural and forestry product groups, including Texas Farm Bureau and American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF), since its introduction.

“AFBF appreciates the bipartisan work from Congress in getting the Ocean Shipping Reform Act passed and the quick action by President Biden to sign it into law,” AFBF President Zippy Duvall said. “Addressing congestion at our ports and creating greater accountability for shipping companies is a positive step toward ensuring America’s farmers and ranchers can continue feeding families at home and around the globe.”

The bill gives the Federal Maritime Commission, the U.S. agency responsible for overseeing ocean shipping, greater investigative authority to regulate ocean carrier practices.

The legislation would outlaw ocean carriers leaving U.S. ports with empty containers and addresses other longstanding supply chain and port disruption issues.

The White House said the law will “make progress reducing costs for families and ensuring fair treatment for American businesses, including farmers and ranchers.”

Although the U.S. is coming off a record year of ag exports, AFBF noted that number could be higher because agriculture lost billions in ag exports due to shipping issues.

“Some estimates suggest we’ve lost out on more than \$25 billion in agricultural exports over the past six months because of ocean shipping constraints. That’s unacceptable,” Duvall said.



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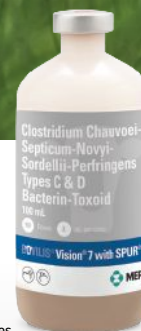
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# Young Farmer & Rancher Fall Tour set for Sept. 9-11, Amarillo

By Julie Tomascik  
Editor

Young producers will get a look at agriculture in the Panhandle through the 2022 Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) Young Farmer & Rancher (YF&R) Fall Tour. It's an opportunity for farmers, ranchers and agricultural professionals between the ages of 18 and 35 to meet with fellow producers and learn about other agricultural perspectives.

This year's tour is set for Sept. 9-11 in Amarillo and will focus on dairy production, feedyards and agricultural businesses in the area.

"This tour gives young farmers and ranchers an opportunity to strengthen relationships, form new friendships and learn from other producers across the state," Travis Wanoreck, TFB YF&R Advisory Committee chair, said. "We'll also get to hear from a feedyard on cattle market issues and how proposed legislation could impact the way they do business."

Panhandle agriculture plays a crucial role in the state's economy. From crops to livestock and agricultural businesses, the impact of agriculture adds up.

"There's a place for young farmers and ranchers to grow in agriculture,



and this tour will allow us to take home some new ideas and strategies that we can possibly implement in our businesses," Wanoreck said. "We'll also get to see an ag mechanics demonstration and how the crops we grow are used in consumer products."

The three-day tour will feature

farm and ranch visits, discussions on agricultural issues and fun stops, as well.

"Visiting this area of Texas will give young agricultural professionals—farmers, ranchers, business owners, teachers or anyone interested in agriculture—a glimpse into producers' management strategies

and production methods in the Panhandle," Wanoreck said.

Registration closes Aug. 4.

Members should register through the MyTFB Membership Portal at [my.texasfarmbureau.org](http://my.texasfarmbureau.org).

There are two registration packages participants may select from that will include lodging, meals, transportation and the cost of all tours. A third registration package is available for those who do not require lodging.

County Farm Bureaus may help cover the cost of attending the Fall Tour.

Interested members can learn more about registration costs and view the tentative agenda online at [texasfarmbureau.org/YFR](http://texasfarmbureau.org/YFR).

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Members are not charged a payment processing fee when enrolled in the program, and members have the option to voluntarily contribute or not contribute to TFB AGFUND, the organization's political action fund, with their annual recurring membership payment.

"Offering the recurring draft for membership payments helps ensure members don't miss out on any of our exclusive member benefits and services," Charles Benton, TFB director of Field Operations and Membership, said. "It also offers a convenience factor for members who would like to take advantage of

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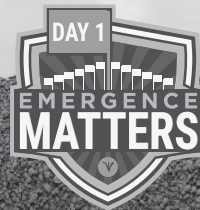
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# Senate, House ag committees pass cattle market legislation

By Julie Tomascik  
Editor

The Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee in late June approved a bill authorizing the U.S. Department of Agriculture to mandate minimum levels of cash trading in cattle markets amid opposition from lawmakers and industry groups.

“Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) is extremely disappointed the Cattle Price Discovery and Transparency Act passed the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, despite an overwhelming amount of analysis proving a government mandate in the cattle market will only hurt cattle ranchers,” TFB President Russell Boening said.

The Cattle Price Discovery and Transparency Act is a combination of numerous amendments to the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921, many of which enjoy broad industry support. However, two sections create an onerous mandate that forces farmers and ranchers to market

their cattle to beef packers in methods that often deliver lower prices and no carcass information.

Because of those sections, TFB, American Farm Bureau Federation and other industry groups warned lawmakers of the unintended consequences of the bill will harm the ranchers it aims to help.

“TFB remains strongly opposed to provisions included in Sections 2 and 7 specific to the establishment of federal mandatory minimum thresholds under which certain percentages of cattle are purchased,” Boening wrote in a letter earlier this year to Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, Senate Ag Committee Chair Debbie Stabenow and Senate Ag Committee Ranking Member John Boozman. “There is no economic evidence to show regional mandates will increase prices for cow-calf and stocker operators.”

The bill now has to go to the floor to be considered by the full Senate.

“We encourage leaders of Congress

to continue opposing this bill as long as the mandate language remains intact. TFB is committed to working toward solutions to increase transparency and price discovery for cattle ranchers,” Boening said. “However, it is important to ensure legislation is well thought out before being enacted. Failure to do so can hurt the very producers it is intended to help.”

Another bill related to cattle and poultry markets—the Meat and Poultry Special Investigator Act—moved through the U.S. House of Representatives in June.

The special investigator legislation duplicates the work of numerous federal investigative agencies, including the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Federal Trade Commission and Department of Homeland Security.

“Creating another office or agency in our government right now is not needed. We appreciate the members of the Texas delegation who voiced

our concerns and voted against the bill on the House floor,” TFB National Legislative Director Laramie Adams said.

In addition to issues it will create within the government, lawmakers have previously reiterated the challenges faced by farmers and ranchers across the U.S. and described how legislation without proper vetting would cause additional problems.

“Our farmers and ranchers are still suffering with supply chain issues, skyrocketing inflation and fuel costs, unpredictable weather and other challenges. They want Congress to focus on providing real solutions to help with these problems,” Adams said. “Unfortunately, the focus has been on creating more government red tape and bureaucracy with policies like the Meat and Poultry Special Investigator Act.”

The special investigator bill will have to be considered and passed by the full Senate before it can become law.

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*All in a day's work. This young boy and his dog spend the last minutes of the day cooling off in the water trough. This year's winning photo was submitted by Karri Wieners of Carson County.*

2nd  
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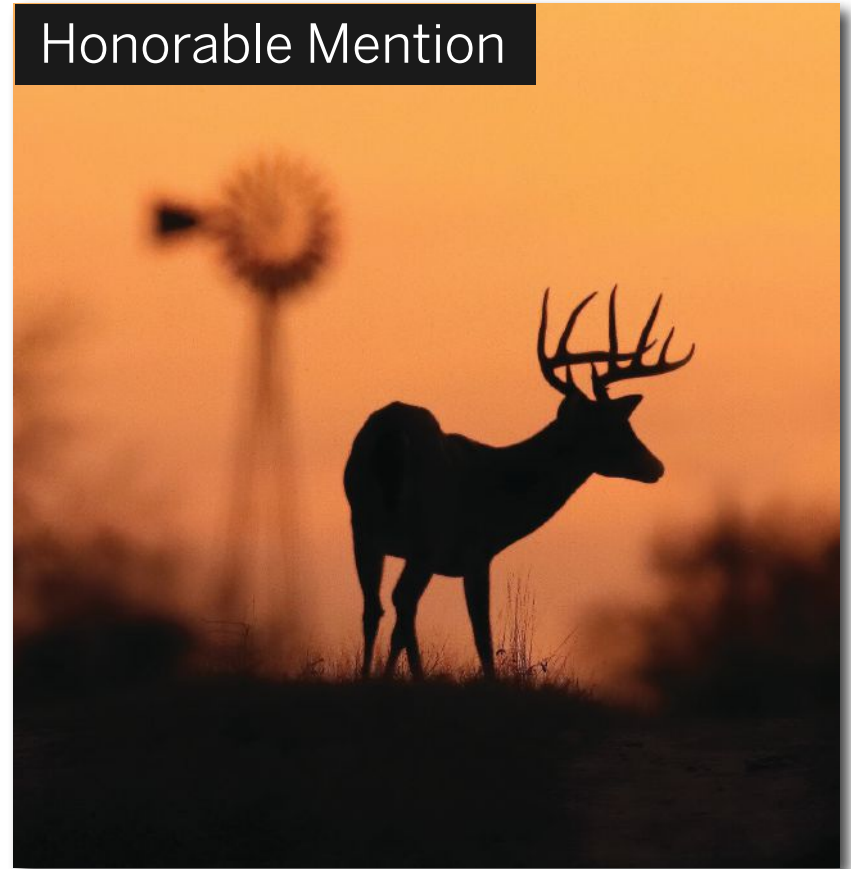


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*Our second place photo was submitted by Autumn Felps of her father assessing the damage after the devastating fires near Eastland this year.*

Honorable Mention



*Butch Ramirez of Webb County snapped this photo of a white-tailed buck at sunset, earning him Honorable Mention.*

Honorable Mention



*Meghan Stade of Wharton County captured this photo of an eagle coming in for a landing.*



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*More good photos include (from top, clockwise):*

*Hay, hay, hay! Jacklyn Bleeker of Bastrop County captured this photo.*

*Everyone needs a drink after a hard day of work! Lindsey Arnold of Collin County submitted this photo.*

*Callused and worn hands tell the many stories of hard work and passion. This photo of working hands was submitted by Whitney Ingram of Milam County.*

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# Farm visit grows ag knowledge for Texas legislative staff

By Julie Tomascik  
Editor

Texas legislative staff traded their suits and ties for boots and jeans for a trip to the farm last month to learn more about agriculture.

Hays, Travis and Caldwell County Farm Bureaus worked with the Luling Foundation and the Texas Ag Council to host the Legislative Ag Day on June 9.

About 30 staff members for Texas senators and representatives attended the event, growing a better understanding of agriculture and the issues facing the industry.

“Because of the growing urban population in Texas, most of the legislators and their staff are from urban areas, and there are fewer and fewer rural representatives and senators,” Joe Morris, Travis County Farm Bureau president, said. “What we are trying to do is give urban legislators and staff, who otherwise have no contact with agriculture and rural life, a glimpse into what agriculture is.”

This year’s event was held at the Luling Foundation, a model farm established over 90 years ago. The farm has been a longtime advocate for Texas agriculture and has a long history of diverse agricultural practices.

“It’s important that we get these folks out in the country looking at some production practices that we do with different commodities in this state,” Texas Farm Bureau President Russell Boening said.

The day’s activities included stations to show different aspects of farming and ranching.

A demonstration on beef cattle production showed low-stress animal handling techniques.

Discussions on corn production, pecan production, land stewardship and agricultural valuation were also on the agenda. Farmers and ranchers discussed problems they face and the necessity of protecting water rights for agricultural use.

There was also a discussion on honey production and the importance of bees to agriculture.

Will Rider, who serves as the legislative director for Rep. Stan Lambert, noted Texas is growing increasingly urban.

Lambert’s district includes Taylor, Jones and Nolan counties, covering both urban and rural areas.

“It’s important to get out and hear from cattle producers, bee producers,” Rider said. “I think just hearing from the sources about issues that need some work is one of the most



**Legislative staff inspected various equipment and learned about the high cost of operating and maintaining machinery on the farm.**

important things that I’ll take from this.”

The event was an opportunity to cultivate relationships with legislative aides and answer questions and concerns they might have.

“I’ve learned a lot,” Rider said. “I think the most important thing really is meeting more people here, building those relationships. So as issues arise, as we get closer to a session, they can come to us, tell

us what they need and really keep those relationships alive.”

The day closed with a skeet shoot demonstration, giving the legislative staff an opportunity to try their hand at the sport and learn about gun safety.

“Having these folks better understand the issues affecting farmers and ranchers can only be a great benefit to Texas agriculture,” Boening said.



**A discussion on honey production and the importance of bees to agriculture was held to help legislative staff better understand how farmers work with the environment.**



**A demonstration on beef cattle production showed low-stress animal handling techniques and helped the legislative aides learn more about animal care and cattle health and nutrition.**

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# Applications open for TFB's 2022 Clover Cash Grant Program

By Julie Tomascik  
Editor

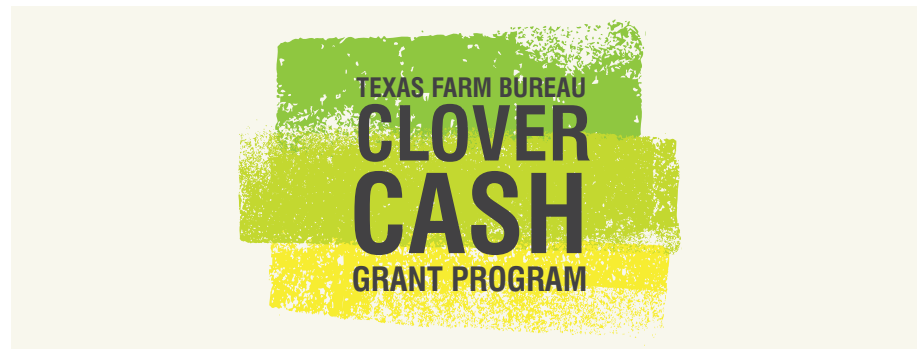
Applications are open for Texas Farm Bureau's (TFB) 2022 Clover Cash Grant Program, which supports Texas 4-H activities across the state.

The grants are available to county, district and state 4-H programs to help fund hands-on activities to grow student agricultural knowledge and increase agricultural advocacy efforts.

"We're looking for projects that provide hands-on experiences and ideas that really engage students," McKenna Bush, TFB youth outreach coordinator, said. "We want to see projects that expand students' knowledge of agriculture in ways that are meaningful and memorable."

At the county level, four grants up to \$500, four grants up to \$750 and three grants up to \$1,000 each will be available.

Four grants up to \$1,500 each will be awarded at the Texas 4-H district



level, and three grants up to \$2,000 each will be awarded for state projects.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension agents, district 4-H specialists or adult leaders of any county, district or state 4-H program are eligible to apply. State 4-H staff responsible for any state level 4-H program are also eligible.

The funds will be disbursed by the Texas 4-H Foundation to 4-H clubs only, not an individual.

For the application to be considered, students must be directly engaged in the educational component

of the project.

"Proposals that received funding in previous years involved things like vermiculture, hydroponics and cooking classes. The more interactive the project is, the better," Bush said. "Kids like to learn by doing, and this is a great opportunity to secure funding for innovative project ideas."

A timeline of the project, a list of all community partners and a detailed budget with estimated expenses must also be included in the application.

Applicants are encouraged to be creative in their project proposals

and descriptions.

"Clover Cash creates more opportunities to help 4-H programs connect young kids with agriculture," Bush said. "This gives programs at local, district and state levels more opportunities to interact with students as they seek to learn more about agricultural production in Texas."

The program, which launched in 2020, has provided \$40,000 in grants to help numerous 4-H clubs with programming and activities related to agriculture and advocacy.

Program guidelines and an application form are available online at [texasfarmbureau.org/youth/youth-opportunities](https://texasfarmbureau.org/youth/youth-opportunities).

Applications are due by noon on Aug. 15.

Applicants will receive their funds once winners are announced in mid-October.

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# Texas Supreme Court rules in Hlavinka eminent domain case

By Julie Tomascik  
Editor

In late May, the Texas Supreme Court issued its opinion in the eminent domain case *Hlavinka et al. v. HSC Pipeline Partnership, LLC*.

The case was brought forward by Terry Hlavinka, a Brazoria County landowner and Farm Bureau member, for a 13,000-acre property with multiple pipeline easements across it.

HSC wanted to install a polymer-grade propylene pipeline across the property, but Hlavinka rejected HSC's offer for the 30-foot pipeline easement. Because the parties were unable to reach an agreement, HSC filed a condemnation suit.

Hlavinka challenged the condemnation proceedings and offer from HSC Pipeline, as well as argued that his testimony related to the damages and methodology for the easement should not have been excluded from the trial court's hearing.

He testified that he should be able

to use privately negotiated pipeline easement transactions as evidence of market value in condemnation proceedings, and the Texas Supreme Court agreed.

"This ruling is extremely important for Texas landowners," Regan Beck, Texas Farm Bureau director of Government Affairs, said. "The Texas Supreme Court's decision helps level the playing field and gives landowners a chance to receive fair market value for pipeline easements."

A new trial to determine the market value was ordered.

The Texas Supreme Court, however, did not uphold Hlavinka's legal challenges to the pipeline's ability to exercise eminent domain for a pipeline to a single customer.

"In this case, HSC's pipeline would carry polymer grade propylene to one single customer," Beck said. "Mr. Hlavinka argued that this pipeline should not be considered a common carrier line because it does



*The Supreme Court of Texas issued a ruling in the eminent domain case, Hlavinka et al. v. HSC Pipeline Partnership, LLC. The ruling is beneficial for Texas private property rights. Terry Hlavinka (left) and his brother, Kenneth, stand on the Hlavinka property in Brazoria County. Courtesy photo.*

not serve the public, only one customer."

The ruling is still considered a victory for Texas private property rights.

"We are pleased with the Texas

Supreme Court's decision," Beck said. "Although the court didn't rule in the favor of the Hlavinka family on both issues, it is still a big win for Texas landowners who are negotiating easement agreements."

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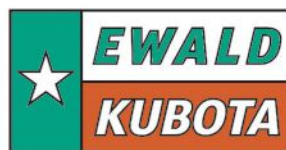
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# TFB's Summer Ag Institute brings agriculture to Texas teachers

By Julie Tomascik  
Editor

Although school may be out, class was in for nearly 50 teachers who attended Texas Farm Bureau's (TFB) Summer Agricultural Institute in mid-June.

Teachers from across the state grew their agricultural knowledge and cultivated techniques to incorporate agriculture during the four-day professional development event.

The educators toured farms, ranches and agribusinesses in the Central Texas area. They participated in hands-on activities to replicate in their own classrooms and heard from agricultural professionals and educational experts.

"Summer Ag Institute is a hands-on, interactive learning experience for teachers," said Jordan Bartels, TFB associate director of Organization Division, Educational Outreach. "Visits to farms and ranches help teachers really begin to understand agriculture, and then we discuss ways they can apply it to lessons and activities in their classroom. Other activities throughout the nearly weeklong event help teachers learn innovative strategies, different approaches and creative ways to bring

agriculture to life for their students."

## Farm, ranch tours

The teachers visited Bentwood Dairy in Bosque County to learn more about modern dairy farming. They heard from dairy farmers David and Jodi Jackson about animal welfare, cattle nutrition and sustainability.

The Jacksons answered questions about antibiotic use, milk prices and the rising production costs they're facing.

The teachers saw silage being chopped for cattle feed and learned more about the Jackson's diverse farming operation, too.

At W-4 Ranch in Morgan, the group talked with the ranch manager, Jeff Chaffin, about how the operation raises seedstock Hereford cattle and how the drought is impacting their decisions on the ranch.

They learned about technology used on the ranch, including electronic identification, DNA testing and genetic data. Teachers also watched the ranch crew ultrasound heifers and bring bulls through the chute.

A trip to Valley Mills Vineyards tied viticulture to chemistry through



*Texas teachers spent four days learning about innovative and engaging ways to incorporate agriculture into their classrooms through Texas Farm Bureau's annual Summer Ag Institute.*

the wine making process. The teachers learned about growing grapes and how they use drip irrigation and grafting.

The teachers learned more about hydroponic food production systems and how education in soil science and agronomy can help their students pursue a similar career.

At Buzbee Feed and Seed, teachers learned how businesses in the community support farmers and ranchers. Topics like inflation and supply chain issues impacting the availability of products for farmers and ranchers were also covered.

## Hands-on workshops, activities

The group also participated in hands-on activities and lessons they can use in their classrooms, as well as learned from industry experts and fellow teachers.

In a session with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Entomologist Elizabeth "Wizzie" Brown, the group learned more about insect classifications and life cycles. The lesson concluded with building insect habitats out of everyday objects. Brown noted these habitats can easily be incorporated into classrooms at a low cost by purchasing items at discount stores and having the students build them.

Teachers received a lesson on plant propagation in the classroom

from the Junior Master Gardeners through AgriLife Extension. They participated in a variety of activities to learn more about propagation and seed germination that can be replicated in their classrooms.

The Texas Beef Council did a beef cuts demonstration by breaking down primal carcass cuts. They also held an interactive demonstration to connect the beef cattle industry from gate to plate. Then, teachers put on aprons to grill their dinner while learning more about culinary arts.

Other sessions included information from a forester, Texas Parks and Wildlife's Project Wild and a visit with a local veterinarian about antibiotics and animal welfare.

## Teacher experiences

Those from urban and rural areas alike enjoyed the immersive experience.

Katheryn Jimenez has taught at Northside ISD in San Antonio for 18 years. She's excited to take back the information she learned to her fourth-grade classroom.

"I don't just see farming as a business anymore," she said. "Now I see it connected with the people. That helped me so much to see and meet farmers and ranchers. They are proud of what they do. They take it seriously, and they put a lot of love and care into what they do."



*Teachers learned about insect classification and life cycles. They also learned how to build insect habitats out of inexpensive items they can find at discount stores.*





That's part of bridging the gap between urban and rural communities.

"As a teacher in an urban area, this was invaluable. The field experiences, meeting farmers and ranchers, hearing from the other presenters—all of it I can tie into what I teach in my fourth-grade classes," Jimenez said. "I wouldn't have had the knowledge about agriculture without this experience, and I think it would be good for more urban teachers to come see what we did so that they can bring that back and hopefully get more kids interested in agriculture and learning about agriculture."

Even teachers like Tonya Lam-

bright who have a background in agriculture found the lessons, ideas and activities beneficial.

"You don't realize how much technology goes into running agriculture until you can go and actually visit with somebody on a farm or ranch," said Lambright, who teaches English Language Arts and Reading in sixth and eighth grade at Celeste ISD. "The one thing that excited me was you have a lot of kids who are into video games, and the spray rig at the dairy uses technology. If it goes down a path that has already been sprayed, it won't spray it again. I can tie that into video games. Those kids who play video games, they don't realize there's an

ag job out there for them."

There's room for agriculture in any subject and at any grade level. And for school districts like Waller ISD, where the population is growing rapidly, the need to bring agriculture to students in the classroom is important.

Laura Frey, a fourth-grade English Language Arts and Reading teacher, has a background in agriculture, but she learned more ways to bring the

subject to life in her classroom.

"Being a part of the farming and ranching industry myself, I wanted to really listen to new ideas and things like that. The dairy was something with the newest information for me," she said. "And I've made some lifelong teaching connections."

For more information on TFB's Ag in the Classroom efforts, visit [texasfarmbureau.org/aitc](http://texasfarmbureau.org/aitc).



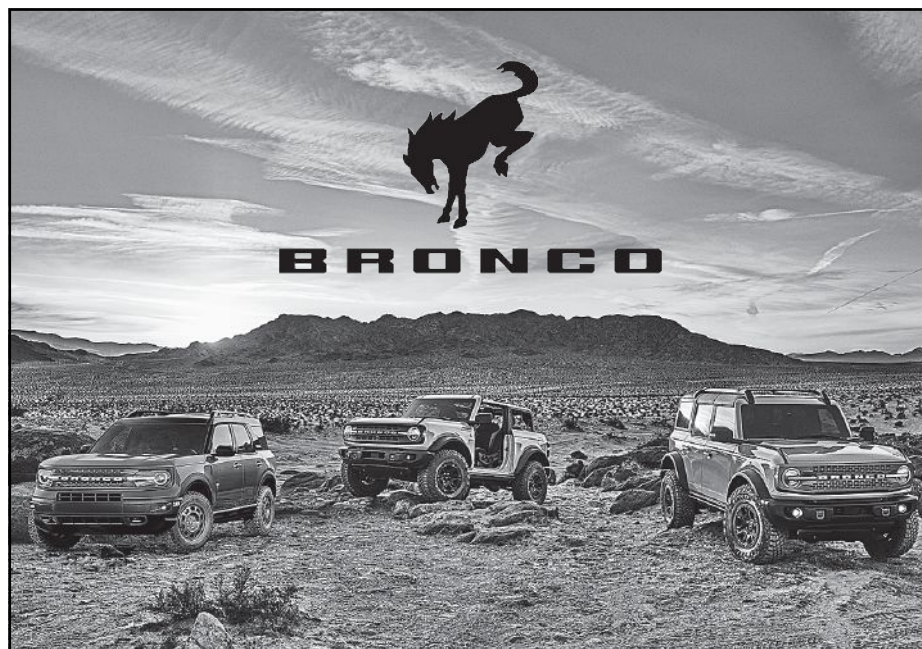
Part of the Summer Ag Institute was a grilling lesson with the Texas Beef Council to help teachers connect agriculture from gate to plate.



Teachers learned more about animal husbandry and nutrition during a visit to Bentwood Dairy where David and Jodi Jackson explained more about what cows eat.



Teachers heard from Jeff Chaffin (right) about how cattle are raised at W-4 Ranch. Teachers also watched the ranch crew check pregnancy on heifers with an ultrasound machine.



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# Texas needs to strengthen its ‘right to farm’ law

By Julie Tomascik  
Editor

As Texas grows increasingly urban, the state’s “right to farm” statute needs to be strengthened, according to the state’s largest general farm and ranch organization.

The current law only protects agricultural operations annexed after Aug. 31, 1981. But urban sprawl and local government regulations could jeopardize the future of some farms and ranches.

The Texas House Committee on Agriculture and Livestock is studying the issue this interim to determine the impact of governmental and regulatory requirements and practices on farms and ranches. This includes those that prevent or prohibit an activity that is a normally-accepted agricultural practice.

Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) District 4 State Director John Paul Dineen, who farms and ranches in an urban area, testified before the House committee on the need for increased protections under the right to farm law.

“Texas Farm Bureau has become aware of instances where farmers’ land within city boundaries has become overregulated by municipal ordinances that prohibit many, if not all, normal agricultural operations, such as raising and keeping livestock, hay production and cultivating certain row crops,” Dineen said.

There are several examples in the Dallas-Fort Worth area where cities are using their public nuisance ordinances to prohibit agricultural activities. In one city, grass grown for hay is not allowed to grow taller than 12 inches without the city mowing the property and sending the bill to the farmer.

Hay bales in some cases must be removed from properties within a short period of time, usually 24-48 hours, to avoid penalties—all in order to comply with city health ordinances.

Some cities are arbitrarily requiring buffer zones of up to 250 feet

around the property to be mowed short. That takes significant acreage out of production.

Dineen has encountered similar experiences with his farming operation in Ellis County. For many years, Dineen had a verbal agreement with a local municipality to continue to farm a piece of property that was scheduled for future development.

“I had planted a field of sudan for harvest in the summer and before the crop could fully mature, which would be a height of about four or five feet, adjacent homeowners complained so much to the city that city employees destroyed the whole crop by mowing it,” Dineen said. “When I complained to the city manager and asked for restitution, I was denied because our agreement had only been ‘verbal.’”

That wasn’t Dineen’s only experience, though.

“Another instance on the same property, as I was preparing to plant

corn, an adjacent landowner stopped and inquired what I was up to,” he said. “I informed him that I was planting corn for harvest. He quickly let me know that he treasured his view from his home and would not appreciate corn growth, which would eventually be a seven-foot-high corn field at maturity. He felt entitled to his view and informed me that he would be broadcasting wildflower seeds on this property—property he had no surface rights to.”

Dineen has also received complaints about storing hay bales because adjacent landowners did not like how they looked.

“With more and more of Texas’ agricultural lands being developed, it is imperative that we work together to make sure that today’s farmers are given every opportunity to keep agricultural lands that are now inside the boundaries of cities due to urban sprawl in production of commodities we use to feed and

clothe the world,” Dineen told the committee.

Common-sense changes to the state’s agriculture code are needed to preserve current right to farm statutory protections, he added.

TFB is advocating for all agricultural operations to be protected, not just those annexed after Aug. 31, 1981.

The farm and ranch organization also believes a city should have to prove an agricultural practice is truly a threat to public health and that cities should be required to consult expert agricultural information on generally-accepted agricultural practices that are not a threat to public health. This would be similar to Central Appraisal Districts being required to consult the comptroller’s agricultural use manual in assessing whether or not property should qualify for agricultural valuation.

State lawmakers could take action on the issue next year during the legislative session.

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# Federal judge strikes down Texas drone law

By Carey Martin

TFB Radio Network Manager

A federal judge ruled that a Texas “Use of Unmanned Aircraft” law violates the First Amendment in a decision that could affect Texas farmers and ranchers both positively and negatively.

The lawsuit was filed by two media organizations—National Press Photographers Association and Texas Press Association—and a journalist who claimed the law violated their First Amendment rights.

Texas A&M Agricultural Law Specialist Tiffany Dowell Lashmet feels the ruling will affect Texas agricultural producers in different ways.

“There are two big provisions in that law,” she said. “One is what they call the surveillance provision that says there are criminal and civil penalties for anyone who uses a drone to conduct surveillance.”

The other provision makes it unlawful to fly a drone over certain fa-

cilities, like a feedlot.

The way the ruling will affect Texas farmers and ranchers depends on whether they are using drones or getting watched by one.

“On the one hand, folks that are using drones in their operations may have more protection now,” Lashmet said in an interview with the Texas Farm Bureau Radio Network. “If you are using your drone and you capture a picture of someone else on their property, there was the concern that they could bring some kind of action against you.”

That is no longer a concern now that the law has been stricken down, she said.

“On the flip side of that, if you are a landowner who is concerned about people flying drones over your property, there now is a concern because this statute offered some form of protection if someone did that,” she added.

With Texas feedlots and large dairies being targeted by anti-an-

imal agriculture groups and news outlets, there is now a bigger concern that they can be watched by drones without any way to stop them. But Lashmet said there are other laws that can help to protect them.

“Remember that this is just one statute,” she said. “There are other laws on the books that deal with privacy rights. But as for this statute being a protection for feedlots in Texas from having drones flying overhead, that protection is gone now.”

With the potential for more drones to fly over agricultural operations, there is the temptation to take the law into your own hands. But Lashmet says pulling out your deer rifle should not be an option.

“The drone question I get the most deals with shooting them down,” she said. “Drones are regulated by the FAA, which makes them fall into the category of federally regulated aircraft.”



**A federal judge recently ruled the vast majority of a Texas drone law is unconstitutional.**

Penalties for shooting down federally regulated aircraft are high.

“I know they are annoying and may cause a problem, but getting the 30-06 out is never going to be the solution to that problem,” she said.

To learn more about the ruling regarding drone usage, visit Lashmet’s blog at <https://agrilife.org/texasaglaw>.

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# Texas cantaloupe grower continues a sweet family legacy

By Emmy Powell  
Communications Specialist

Texas cantaloupe is a staple for hot summer months, and this season brings a good crop from Dixondale Farms.

Family-owned since 1913, Dixondale Farms is the largest cantaloupe producer in Texas. The farm's location in Carrizo Springs offers an ideal climate of hot days and cool nights to grow cantaloupes with good sugar content, good straw color and flavor that is desired by consumers.

Although this year's heat has been a challenge, it's still been a successful growing season.

Harvest started June 1 due to the warmer temperatures.

"Our typical day during cantaloupe season starts before six o'clock," Mike Garza, farm manager, said. "We pick cantaloupes until all our fields that need to be picked are done. Some days it could be four hours, and some days it could be seven hours. We try to be done picking cantaloupes before 1 p.m. because it just gets too hot."

The entire process is dependent upon the weather and when each cantaloupe is ripe and ready to be harvested. This limits the amount of acreage they harvest each day.

They grow, harvest, grade, chill, sell and transport all from the farm.

Planting begins in late February and continues through mid-March.

"The cantaloupe grows at the vine, and then they start making blooms. Each bloom is the possibility of a cantaloupe," Bruce Frasier, Dixondale Farms president, said. "We bring bees in. They pollinate them. Generally speaking, from the time I see the first bloom to the time that we're harvesting is about 45 days."

The staggered planting schedule allows them to have a steady supply of cantaloupes throughout the season.

Frasier noted the cantaloupes stay mainly within the state, where they ship to retailers like United Supermarkets, H-E-B, Albertsons,

Whole Foods, Trader Joe's and Sprouts.

"The Texas chains really are supporting us, and they rely on us. We rely on them," Frasier said.

Customers know and love the Carrizo Cantaloupes brand.

"Our cantaloupes are called Carrizo Cantaloupes, and (customers) know they are going to be consistently good. They also know they are not going to be around a long time," Frasier said.

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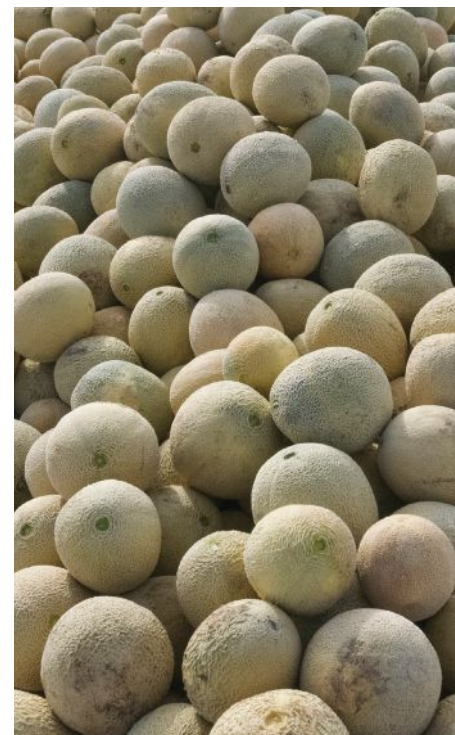
"I joke that maybe we should issue a toothbrush with every sale, so they can brush their teeth afterward to keep away from cavities," Frasier said.

The sweet legacy of the Carrizo Cantaloupes and Dixondale Farms is one Frasier is proud to continue for his family, his employees and the town of Carrizo Springs.

That helps them focus on the



***Bruce Frasier and his wife, Jeanie, stand next to boxes of Carrizo Cantaloupes.***



***The cantaloupes are only available for a limited time and sold to retailers across the state.***

primary reasons they work hard to farm today with an eye to the future.

"One is our employees and Carrizo Springs, a small town of 5,000 people. Dixondale Farms is a big factor in the economy," he said. "The other is our vendors. They are relying on us to continue. We are the

fourth generation. I married into this family. I have been fortunate enough to gain the respect of all the employees, and they depend on me. I depend on them."

The sweet aroma and every bite of Carrizo Cantaloupes is a tradition they'll continue for years to come.



***The cantaloupes are planted in late February through mid-March, and harvest begins in June. They grow, harvest, grade, chill, sell and transport all from Dixondale Farms in Dimmit County.***



# TFB awards scholarships to FFA, 4-H, FCCLA students

Each year, in addition to the scholarships available to youth statewide, Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) awards scholarships to high school seniors through the Texas FFA Association, Texas 4-H Foundation and the Texas Association of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA).

TFB is a longtime supporter of the three youth organizations, working with the students on leadership development, service learning and agricultural advocacy and literacy to help cultivate strong leaders for Texas agriculture's future.

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Ember Reyes  
State President

Ember Reyes graduated from James Madison High School in San Antonio and plans to attend West Texas A&M University to major in animal science with a focus on veterinary science.

Reyes served as the state president of Texas FFA and held numerous leadership roles at the chapter, district and area levels throughout her FFA career. She participated in several career development events, leadership development events and speaking development events.

Reyes participated in the World Food Prize and other student organizations, as well as volunteered as a puppy raiser for Guide Dogs for the Blind.



Emily Dreyer

Emily Dreyer graduated from Tuloso-Midway High School in Corpus Christi and plans to attend Baylor University and double major in entrepreneurship and religion.

Dreyer served as the first vice president of Texas FFA. She was active in her FFA chapter where she participated in several career development events, leadership development events and speaking development events. She also served in several leadership roles at the chapter, district and area levels.

Dreyer was also a cheerleader, played golf and participated in other student organizations.

## Texas 4-H recipients



Willow Goldsmith

Willow Goldsmith completed her homeschool education and one year of Austin Community College. She plans to continue her education at St. Mary's University in San Antonio and major in English with a minor in music. She would like to later attend law school and pursue a career as an environmental lawyer.

Through 4-H, Goldsmith was active in the Photography Ambassador Program, and she traveled to Washington, D.C. for a photographer summit.

Goldsmith also participated in theater and performing arts, Girl Scouts and was a member of the Girl Scout Harp Ensemble.



Trae Peterson

Trae Peterson graduated from Southland High School and plans to attend Texas Tech University to major in animal science with a focus on veterinary science. Her emphasis will be on equine science to prepare her for a career in equine physical chiropractic and hydrotherapy.

Peterson exhibited livestock and participated in consumer decision making contests through 4-H. She also helped with multiple community service programs and activities as a member of the Garza County Golden Clover Club.

In addition to 4-H, Peterson participated in rodeo, several sports and student organizations.

## Texas FCCLA recipient



Thalia Ponce-Serrano

Thalia Ponce-Serrano graduated from Stamford High School and plans to attend Texas Tech University to major in family and consumer sciences education.

She served as the state vice president of programs for Texas FCCLA. She previously served as the Region 1 vice president of achievement. She has been active in Texas FCCLA contests and held numerous leadership roles.

Ponce-Serrano was also active in several other organizations and extracurricular activities, including marching band, UIL academics, One Act Play, a class officer and Student Council secretary.

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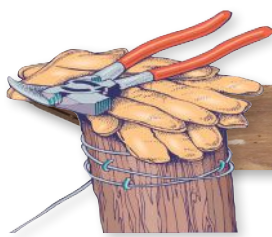
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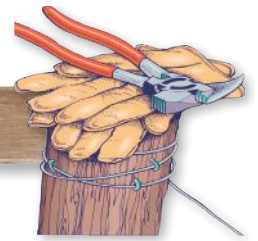
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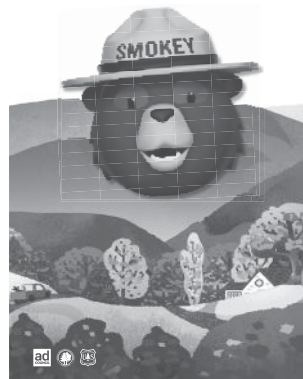
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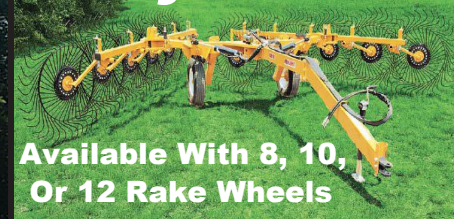
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