

# From the Field

“Improving the knowledge and skills of Victoria County’s farmers & ranchers”

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September, 2018

## Special points of interest:

- Average 2018 Crop Year
- 14 hours of CEU’s available at this year’s South Texas Farm & Ranch Show
- As urbanization approaches, ag law questions abound
- 5 hour pesticide recertification program will help everyone keep their license current

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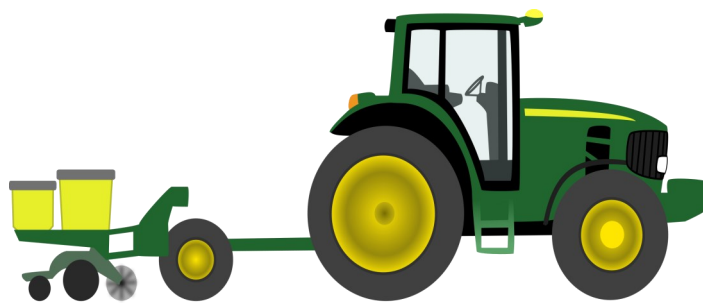
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## 2018 Crop Underwhelms

Isn’t it funny how different things can be from year to year in agriculture? Truly, you can go from a boom to bust harvest each year. We had historic high average crop yields last year. This year, not so much. I guess the best was to characterize the 2018 crop year as “a mixed bag”. We had very wet periods followed by very dry ones. Some folks got timely rains during critical growing periods while others didn’t. Overall, corn crop averages were anywhere from 30— 120 bushels/acre. Some fields were not even harvested due to low yields. Grain sorghum averages were from 3500— 5000 lbs/acre. We are just beginning to wrap up the cotton harvest and yields are from one-

half bale to 2.5 bales/acre. Soybeans averaged around 30 bushels/acre. The dry conditions also affected the hay yield. Most folks only have had 2 below average hay cutting thus far. Hay supply is very short. Many folks are planning to hang on to all of their hay as we approach fall and winter. Cattle prices continue to remain steady as overseas and domestic demand remain steady.

Long term weather forecast based on the Farmer’s Almanac are for a cold, wet winter. I think everyone will take the wet and not so much the cold. We will see as God plans another year for us. Let’s count all of our blessings and realize that being involved in agriculture is truly doing God’s work to feed the world. Let me hear from you if you have a question or need assistance. All the best and God bless!



## Upcoming Programs

**South Texas Farm & Ranch Show, October 24-25, Victoria Community Center, 13 hours of CEU’s available in the 2 days. Private Applicator Training available on October 25th. \$20/day for the educational trainings includes lunch and luncheon program**

**AG Law Seminar, November 29th, Victoria Educational Gardens Pavilion, 283 Bachelor Drive, 9am-12pm. \$10/person paid at the door. 1 hour of general CEU credit available for pesticide license. Topics: easements, eminent domain, right of ways, water, and more.**

**Pesticide Applicator Recertification, January 31st, Victoria Educational Gardens Pavilion, 283 Bachelor Drives, Registration 6:30AM. \$40/person includes lunch. 5 CEU’s offered with a possibility of 6 with the Auxin training.**

6:00 a.m. Early Registration &  
Breakfast Both Days

October 24-25, 2018

Victoria Community Center  
2905 E. North St.  
Victoria, TX

All Educational Programs in Annex

Wednesday, October 24th				Thursday, October 25th			
	Annex 1& 2		Annex 4		Annex 1&2		Annex 4
	<u>Cattlemen's College I</u> <b>CEU credit: 2 General, 1 IPM</b>  *Plant Identification Contest  *Pasture & Range Management <i>Dr. Barron Rector, Agrilife Extension</i>  *Beef Industry Sustainability Options <i>Dr. Dan Hale, Agrilife Extension</i>		<u>Crops Management</u> <b>CEU credit: 1 General, 1 IPM</b>  *Hurricane Recovery & WHIP program <i>Dr. Andy Vestal, Agrilife Extension, Mr. Scott Reed., USDA-FSA</i>  *Bt Resistance in Cotton <i>Dr. David Kearns, Agrilife Extension</i>  *Soil Fertility in Crops <i>Dr. Jake Mowrer, Agrilife Extension</i>  <i>Moderator—Mr. Anthony Netardus, Agrilife Extension</i>		<u>TDA License Recertification I</u> <b>CEU credit: 1 Laws &amp; Regs, 2 General</b>  *Pesticide Compliance Issues <i>Mr. Greg Baker, Texas Department of Agriculture</i>  *Innovative Pasture Management Concepts <i>Mr. Wayne Hamselka, Agrilife Extension Retired, Bayer</i>  *Feral Hog Control Alternatives <i>Dr. John Tomecek, Agrilife Extension</i>  <i>Moderator—Mr. Greg Baker</i>		<u>*Pesticide Applicator Training</u> <i>Mr. Brian Yanna, Agrilife Extension</i>
7:00 - 10:00	*Pasture & Hay Field Weed Management Alternatives <i>Dr. Josh McGinty, Agrilife Extension</i>  <i>Moderator—Dr. Josh McGinty</i>						
10:00	Trade Show				10:00		Trade Show
11:30	Luncheon—Mr James D. Bradbury, Attorney “Ask an Ag Lawyer“, James D. Bradbury, P.L.L.C.				11:30		Luncheon – Mr. Jason Skaggs, Chief Executive Officer, “the Changing Landscape of the Cattle Rancher” Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association
	<u>Cattlemen's College II</u> <b>CEU credit: 1 General, 1 IPM</b>  *Beef Trending Topics <i>Dr. Joe Paschal, Agrilife Extension</i>  *Beef Promotion Quality Program's Update <i>Mr. Mike McCravy, Texas Beef Council</i>  *Beef Market Outlook, <i>Dr. David Anderson, Agrilife Extension</i>  <i>Moderator—Dr. Joe Paschal</i>	<u>Wildlife</u> <b>CEU credit: 1 General</b>  *Native Plants for Quail Restoration and Ecology <i>Dr. Aaron Sunnral, Agrilife Extension</i>  *Pond Management Decisions <i>Dr. Mike Masser, Agrilife Extension</i>  *Management Tips for Wildlife Habitat <i>Mr. Stephen Deiss, NRCS</i>  <i>Moderator—Dr. Aaron Sunnral</i>					
1:30 - 4:30					1:30 - 4:30		*Backyard Plant Propagation Techniques (HANDS ON) <i>Mrs. Lupe Cook, Mrs. Joy Reed, Mr. Jimmy Miller, Victoria County Master Gardeners</i>
6:00 closed	Trade Show				5:00 - closed		Trade Show



# Agriculture Law Seminar

Topics include: Water, Easements, Eminent Domain, Private Property Rights, Fencing and more. \* 1 hour of General CEU credit.

**November 29, 2018**

**Registration 8:30 AM**

**Program 9 AM—12 PM**

**Victoria Educational Gardens Pavilion**

**283 Bachelor Drive (Victoria Regional Airport)**

**Cost: \$10—Paid at the door**

RSVP by November 27—361-575-4581

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# Victoria County CEU Day

**Thursday, January 31, 2019**  
**Victoria Educational Gardens Pavilion**  
**283 Bachelor Drive (Victoria Reg. Airport)**

**5 CEUs (Includes 1-Integrated Pest Management & 1-Laws & Regulations)**

For Texas Department of Agriculture Private, Commercial,  
 and Non- Commercial Licensed Pesticide Applicators

**Possibly 1 CEU for Auxin Training Required for Application**

**Registration—6:30AM**

**Program—7:00AM –1:00PM, Auxin Training afterward**

**\$40 Registration Fee (includes lunch & training)—Paid at the Door**

**\* RSVP Required by January 24th**

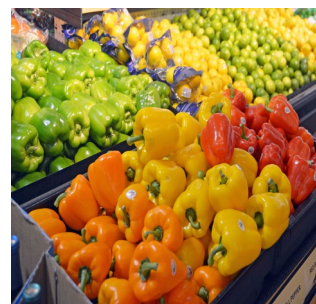
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## What is Path to the Plate?

Path to the Plate is a research-based educational program that helps consumers understand how their food choices impact their health.

- It helps consumers understand how their food choices impact their well-being by making the connection between agriculture and health.
- By understanding more about the path their food takes to their plate - how it's grown and produced - consumers can make better food choices for themselves and their families.
- Using research-based information, Path to the Plate aims to dispel popular myths and misconceptions about food production practices.
- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension is committed to distributing university researched based information about food production systems.



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