

From the Field

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

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March, 2019

Special points of interest:

- Texas Soil Health Workshop
- Brush Management Workshop
- Water Well Testing & Program
- Crop Tour Will Showcase Crops and Technology

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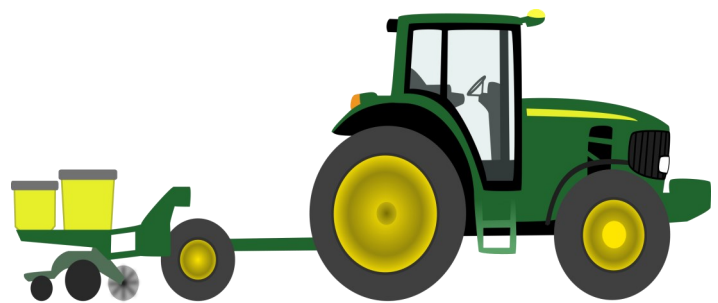
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2019 Cropping Season Underway

2019 has started off slowly for farmers. Many have been patiently waiting for dry weather. We have had some very wet conditions and many fields, as of this date, are still sitting and waiting to dry out so machinery can get them worked for planting. We still have some cotton fields that were never harvested and thus, are still standing with cotton bolls on them from last year. Some fields planted very early have corn emerging. Many farmers are switching from corn to cotton as those will be planted in early April. The wet conditions have been a challenge for ranchers also. Saturated fields have kept ranchers from grazing certain pastures and promoted more hay feeding while fields

try to dry out. Beef demand across the United States is strong and the long term forecast is for demand to remain strong. Generally, cattle remain in good condition. With this warming trend and plenty of moisture, pastures are set to flourish if/when we can get some extended days of sunshine. We have gone weeks without sunlight and plants are beckoning for wonderful sunlight to actively grow.

Long term weather forecast based on the Farmer’s Almanac is for a warm, wet spring. 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

Texas Soil Health Workshop, April 23-24, Victoria College Emerging Technologies Complex, \$100/person. Register by April 5th to get early bird rate.

Brush Workshop, May 10, Refugio Community Center, 7AM Registration, 6 hours of CEU credit for pesticide applicator recertification, Cost \$30/person includes lunch. Sponsored by the Victoria, Goliad, and Refugio SWCD’s.

Victoria County Crops Tour, June 18, Dacosta Hermann Sons Hall, Registration 1PM, Program 1:30PM, Cost: Free due to sponsors, 3 hours of CEU credit offered for pesticide applicator recertification.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

TEXAS SOIL HEALTH SHORT COURSE

APRIL 23-24, 2019



Increasing Biological Wealth with
Ecological Principles

**Victoria College Emerging
Technology Complex
7403 Lone Tree Road
Victoria, Texas 77905**

Join us in learning how to improve your operation through increased soil function and management techniques used to accomplish those beneficial functions for greater water, nutrient and energy efficiency.

The Short Course will provide:

- Leading soil health research
- Practical approaches to implementing soil health principles
- All speaker panel
- Field tour with soil pits, pasture and soil assessments and much more
- Conservation demonstrations



online: <https://www.texas-wildlife.org/resources/events/texas-soil-health-short-course-victoria>



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VICTORIA SWCD BRUSH CONTROL WORKSHOP

Hosted by: VICTORIA, REFUGIO AND GOLIAD SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Date: May 10, 2019

Place: Refugio Community Center

AGENDA:

7:00 am - 7:45 am Registration (cost \$30)

7:45 am - 8:00 am Welcome by Stephen Diebel Chairman, Victoria SWCD

Program

8:00 am - 9:00 am Pest Features & Pest Factors

Equipment and Safety Needs for IPT and Broadcast Applications Parke
Greeson, Matt Crow, Jonathan Graber, Foster Burchett

9:00 am - 10:00 am Drift Management:

Drift Management Considerations from an Aerial Applicator Andy Biery
Daniels Flying Service

10:00 am - 10:30 am BREAK

10:30 am - 11:30 am Laws and Regulations:

Laws and Regulations Governing Brush Control Applications Greg Baker
TDA

11:30 am - 12:30 pm (GENERAL) Catered Lunch

Guest Speaker Kirk Feuerbacher, TNC Coastal Bend Prescribed burn
Association

12:30pm - 1:30 pm Pest Features

Economics of Brush Control Clay Neel Vidauri Ranch

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Pest Features

Overview of Parks Ranch Integrated Pest Management Practices David
Crow Parks Ranch

2:30 pm - 3:00 pm BREAK

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Safety

Plant Physiology of Brush as Related to Treatment Dr. Megan Clayton
AgriLife Extension

4:00 - 4:15 Pass out CEU Certificates

Victoria County Crops Tour & Program

June 18, 2019

Hermann Sons Hall

DaCosta, Texas

1:30PM

Cost: FREE

- *3 hours of CEU credit for Pesticide Applicator Recertification (1 IPM, 1 L&R, 1 General)*
- *Field Tour Stop and Indoor Program*
- *Sponsored Meal & Refreshments*

RSVP to Victoria County Extension Office prior to
June 11th at 361-575-4581



Waterwell Testing Program Coming to Victoria

Water Samples to Victoria County Extension Office, Monday, May 13th, 8:30AM—11:AM

Program and Results of Samples

Tuesday, May 14th

1PM

Victoria Educational Gardens Pavilion

283 Bachelor Drive (Victoria Regional Airport)

Cost of the Program and Sample

FREE



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