

Cotton Production in 2024

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AEP Big Country Hall

Session I

(2 CEUs – 1 IPM, 1 Gen.)

- 7:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:00 a.m. Welcome from Session Sponsor
- 8:10 a.m. Early to Mid-Season Pest Management Strategies
Greg Wilson, Extension IPM Program Specialist – San Angelo
- 9:00 a.m. In-Season Nutrient Management
Dr. Joseph Burke, Assistant Professor of Weed Science & Agronomy - Agrilife Research - Lubbock

Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Annual Meeting

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- 10:00 a.m. RPCG Meeting

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Session II

(3 CEUs – 1 IPM, 1 Gen., 1 L&R Auxin)

- 1:20 p.m. Welcome from session sponsor
- 1:30 p.m. Managing Cotton & Wheat Rotations
Dr. Calvin Trostle, Extension Agronomist -Lubbock
- 2:00 p.m. Weed Management Strategies for 2024
Dr. Reagan Noland, Extension Agronomist-San Angelo
- 3:00 p.m. Alternative Crop Rotation Options
Dr. Calvin Trostle, Extension Agronomist -Lubbock
- 3:30 pm Auxin -Specific Training
Dr. Reagan Noland, Extension Agronomist-San Angelo
- 4:20 p.m. Adjourn

Town & Country Women's Fair

Capital Farm Credit Display Building

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- 8:30 a.m. Registration & Welcome
- Women's Health,
Hendrick Medical Center
- Gifts for Gardeners
Big Country Master Gardeners
- Looking at Abilene's Past
Jay Moore – Abilene Historian
- Style Show – *Dillard's, Abilene*
- "Girls who Mill"
Kelli Brown, County Extension Agent, Family & Community Health - Haskell
- 2:00 p.m. Closing Remarks

Beef Direct Marketing

Taylor County Extension Conference Room

- 9:30 a.m. Profitability of Direct Marketing
Dr. Jeff Wright, Extension Economist – San Angelo
- 10:30 a.m. Producer Enterprises and Business Model
Bill Belew, B&M Belew Farms-Winters
- 11:00 a.m. Getting the Most out of Your Cuts
Byron Stephenson, The Shed BBQ - Abilene
- Noon Adjourn

Real Estate Market Outlook

Taylor Telcom Arena

(1 TREC Credit Course #45025)

- 9:30 a.m. 2024 Real Estate Market Forecast
 Residential and Agricultural Property
Blake Bennett, Extension Economist – Dallas
- 10:30 a.m. Adjourn

Homestead Tax Exemption Law Changes

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Taylor Telcom Arena

(1 TREC Credit Course #46632)

- 11:00 a.m. Welcome from Session Sponsor
- 11:10 a.m. Changes to the homestead property tax exemption law and the impacts it will have on school districts and local taxing entities.
Blake Bennett, Extension Economist – Dallas
- Noon Adjourn

Farm and Ranch Real Estate Contracts

Sponsored by Capital Farm Credit
Taylor Telecom Arena

(4 TREC Credits Course #43276)

- 1:00 p.m. Welcome from Session Sponsor
- 1:10 p.m. Completing Farm & Ranch Contracts
Blake Bennett, Extension Economist – Dallas
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn

Livestock Herd Health

Taylor County Extension Conference Room

(3 CEUs – 2 IPM, 1 L&R)

- 1:00 p.m. Welcome from Session Sponsor
- 1:10 p.m. Fly and Parasite Management in Cattle
Dr. Sonja Swiger, Extension Entomologist - Stephenville
- 2:00 p.m. Herd Management Strategies in Different Sized Operations
Producer Panel
Matt Bellah – Throckmorton
Kris Hubbard – Albany
Gary Macnoll - Abilene
- 2:30 p.m. Predator Management
James Cummings, Game Warden
TPWD – Abilene
- 3:20 p.m. Texas Pesticide Laws & Regulations Update
Jason Jones, Texas Department of Agriculture
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn

Big Country Range Management

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(4 CEUs – General)

- 7:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:10 a.m. Mesquite Biology and Management
Dr. Jim Ansley, Professor, Natural Resources Ecology and Management - Oklahoma State University
- 9:00 a.m. Corteva Agriscience Mesquite Products and LANDVisor
Kye Burris, Corteva
- 9:50 a.m. Envu Mesquite Products and RangeView
Dr. Case Medlin, Envu
- 10:40 a.m. Alligare Mesquite Products
James Jackson, Alligare
- 11:30 a.m. Adjourn
(First 150 participants receive free lunch)

Whitetail Deer Management

Taylor County Extension Conference Room

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
- 8:20 a.m. Welcome from Session Sponsor
- 8:30 a.m. Aging and Scoring Deer on the Hoof
Annaliese Scoggin, Wildlife Biologist, TPWD - Abilene
- 9:30 a.m. Managing Deer Nutrition
Dr. Jacob Dykes, Extension Wildlife Specialist – Corpus Christi
- 10:30 a.m. Chronic Wasting Disease Updates
Dr. Jacob Dykes, Extension Wildlife Specialist – Corpus Christi
- 11:20 a.m. Adjourn

Introduction to Beekeeping

Taylor Telecom Arena

(1 CEU - General)

(1 TREC Credit Course #47482)

- 9:30 a.m. Welcome from Session Sponsor
- 9:40 a.m. Beekeeping 101 – How to get started in beekeeping and managing your hives.
Crissy Ward – Big Country Beekeepers Assn. - Abilene
- 10:40 a.m. How Beekeeping can Qualify for Ag Valuation on Property Taxes
Blake Bennett, Extension Economist – Dallas
- 11:40 a.m. Adjourn

Agriculture Legacy Luncheon

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- 11:30 a.m. Ag Family of the Year Award Presentation
 Guest speaker: John Erickson, author of Hank the Cowdog series

Wildlife Management Seminar

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(2 CEUs – 1 IPM, 1 L&R)

- 1:30 p.m. Welcome from Session Sponsor
- 1:40 p.m. Feral Hog Management and Toxicant Update
Mikayla Killam, Extension Wildlife Damage Program Specialist – College Station
- 2:30 p.m. Using Drones in Brush and Wildlife Management: Landscape Sculpting, Herbicide Applications, and Wildlife Surveys.
Dr. Megan Clayton, Extension Range Specialist - Uvalde
- 3:20 p.m. Texas Pesticide Laws & Regulations Update
Jason Jones, Texas Department of Agriculture
- 4:10 p.m. Adjourn

Landscape Curb Appeal

Sponsored by Kelli Kish, Realtor, Coldwell Banker APEX

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(1 TREC Credit Course #43813)

- 1:30 p.m. Welcome from Session Sponsor
- 1:40 p.m. Creating Curb Appeal on a Budget
Allison Schwarz, County Extension Agent, Horticulture – San Angelo
- 2:30 p.m. Adjourn

Hunting Lease Contracts and Landowner Liability

Taylor County Extension Conference Room

(2 TREC Credits Course #43243)

- 1:30 p.m. Navigating Lease Contracts
Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, Extension Ag Law Specialist - Amarillo
- 2:30 p.m. Managing Landowner Liabilities
Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, Extension Ag Law Specialist - Amarillo
- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn