



Agriculture/Horticulture Newsletter

June 2024

New Landowner Lunch & Learn Webinar Series

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office in Menard County is hosting a Webinar Series for New Landowners in Menard County. You are invited to join in these free webinars during your lunch hour—**Noon–1:00pm**. Topics, speakers, dates and links are listed below.

April 25, 2024 – Wildlife Habitat Management
Jacob Dykes, AgriLife Extension Wildlife Specialist
<https://bit.ly/Menard-Wildlife>

June 27, 2024 - Fence Law
Tiffany Dowell-Lashmet, AgriLife Extension Ag Lawyer
<https://bit.ly/Menard-Fence>

July 25, 2024 - Groundwater Regulations in Menard County
Meredith Allen, Menard County Underground Water District Manager
<https://bit.ly/Menard-Water>

For more information on these webinars please visit our website
<https://menard.agrilife.org/new-landowner/>

Or scan the QR code:



To join our email list and stay up to date on programming opportunities visit:
<https://bit.ly/Menard-Email-Signup>

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Are you a new Landowner? Are you a seasoned landowner?

Please join us for the next installment in the New Landowner Webinar Series—**FENCE LAW**. These are *FREE* and you can join from the comfort of your home or office.

Please pre register by scanning the QR code or by typing in the address under each program in the flyer.

If you have any questions or have trouble registering please call the Extension Office in Menard at 325-396-4787 and we can help you.

EPA Opens Public Comment Period for Proposed Dicamba Herbicide from BASF

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received an application from BASF for a new product containing the currently registered active ingredient dicamba. The product proposal includes over-the-top application of dicamba on both dicamba-tolerant cotton and soybeans. Because the application involves a new use pattern for dicamba, the Agency is providing a 30-day public comment period on the registration application consistent with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). EPA is also seeking comment on the associated draft labeling that BASF submitted.

Application to dicamba-tolerant cotton in this BASF proposal would be allowed before, during, and immediately after planting, and over-the-top of the cotton plant, but no later than July 30 of each year. Please review BASF's proposed label for additional details.

Like all opportunities for public comment associated with notices of receipt of applications, this action should not be interpreted as a registrant proposal that has been endorsed for future approval by EPA. Should EPA determine that this or any other registrant-submitted application including over-the-top dicamba meets the standard for registration of a new use under FIFRA, EPA will provide a separate opportunity for public comment on the proposed decision at a future time.

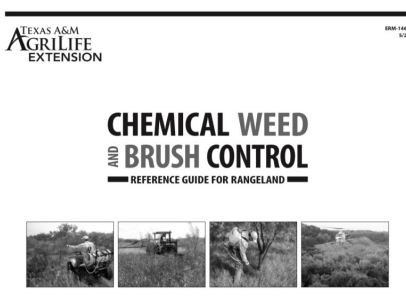
To read more about the registration application proposed by BASF and submit a comment, see docket [EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0154](https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0154) on [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). The public comment period will close on July 5, 2024, 31 days after the publication date in the Federal Register.



Chemical Weed and Brush Control Reference Guide—Updated

ERM-1466 Chemical Weed and Brush Control Reference Guide was updated in May of 2020 to include the most recent chemicals.

This publication provides general suggestions for herbicides used to control brush and weeds on Texas rangelands. It also gives information on the levels of control expected. Visit the Agrilife Bookstore for the free download:



<https://agrilife.org/westtexasrangelands/files/2020/05/ERM-1466.pdf>



Figure 9. Mesquite tree showing lateral roots and branching taproot.

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USDA Final Rule requiring electronically readable tags for livestock

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is requiring electronic ear tags for shipment of dairy cattle, some beef cattle and bison.

“Rapid traceability in a disease outbreak will not only limit how long farms are quarantined, keep more animals from getting sick and help ranchers and farmers get back to selling their products more quickly—but will help keep our markets open,” Michael Watson, administrator of USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), said in a news release.

The latest announcement strengthens a rule finalized in 2013 for the official identification and documentation for certain interstate movements of livestock.

The final rule requires ear tags to be both visually and electronically readable, and it applies to intact cattle and bison 18 months of age or older, all dairy cattle, cattle and bison of any age used for rodeo or recreation events, and cattle or bison of any age used for shows or exhibitions.

The regulation is intended to enhance disease traceback by replacing metal ear tags with tags that can be read by an electronic scanner.

APHIS officials said quick disease traceback could limit the spread of devastating diseases and provide information needed for foreign countries to recognize disease-free regions instead of cutting off trade with the entire U.S.

“By being able to readily prove disease-free status in non-affected regions of the United States, we will be able to request foreign trading partners recognize disease-free regions or zones instead of cutting off trade for the entire country,” APHIS said in a news release. “Traceability of animals is necessary to establish these disease-free zones and facilitate reestablishment of foreign and domestic market access with minimum delay in the wake of an animal disease event.”

The rule, which goes into effect in six months, will impact only 11% of the U.S. cattle herd, according to the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association. USDA is providing tags for free to cattle producers. For information on how to obtain these free tags, visit APHIS’ Animal Disease Traceability webpage.



[Traceability \(usda.gov\)](https://www.usda.gov/traceability)

Cattleman's Workshop

Brady-July 26th, 2024



**2nd Annual
Cattleman's Workshop
Brady, Texas**

July 26, 2024
Heart of Texas Event Center

Registration 7:30 a.m.
Welcome & Kick-off at 8:00 a.m.

Low Stress Cattle Handling

Prescribed Burning ***Chemical Updates***

IPT Brush Control

Picolinic Acid Training **CEU's**

Event Sponsors: **McCulloch SWCD**

Please RSVP to McCulloch SWCD
Via email, mcculloch@swcd.texas.gov Or call 325-597-1512 ext. 8
by July 19, 2024.

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