

MCCULLOCH COUNTY AG NEWSLETTER

APRIL

MILLERSVIEW WHEAT TOUR

It is getting to that time of the year for the Annual Millersview Wheat Tour. The Wheat Tour will be held Thursday May 2, 2019 at the Millersview Gymnasium. This year we have another great selection of speakers in store as well as some great wheat plots to tour. This year's speakers and topics include:

Small Grain Disease and Insect Control- Haley Kennedy, Runnels County IPM Agent

Laws & Regulation- Jason Jones, Texas Department of Agriculture

Grain Marketing- Dr. Mark Welch, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

When to Plant for Forage and Grain- Dr. Calvin Trostle, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Variety Selection and Fertility- Dr. Clark Neely, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

No Till Discussion Panel moderated by Agronomist Dr. Reagan Noland, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

The Panel is made up of Extension Economist Bill Thompson and 3 area producers on No Till Farming.

The Tour will also include a **Harvest Weather Outlook** by Meteorologist Hector Guerrero, **NRCS Update, FSA Update, Wheat Plot Tours** and a special update and welcome from Mr. Donnie Schwertner from the Texas Grain and Feed Association.

The Wheat Tour will be free of charge to producers, includes 5 Texas Department of Agriculture Continuing Education Units (CEU's), and a free catered catfish lunch from Boondocks in Brady. Registration will begin at 8:00 AM with the program to follow at 8:30. We will wrap up the tour around 4:30 pm out in the wheat plots. Please RSVP by Friday April 26 to the Concho County Extension Office, 325-732-4304, or the McCulloch County Extension Office at 325-597-1295.

PRIVATE APPLICATORS TRAINING

The McCulloch County Extension Office is hosting a Private Applicators Training on Thursday April 11, 2019. Registration will begin at 7:30 am, with the training to follow at 8:00 am. The cost of the program will be \$50 (covers the written materials that will be provided). Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Those interested in obtaining a Private Applicators License must **RSVP to the Extension office by Monday, April 8** at 325-597-1295. This course is **NOT** offering Continuing Education Units, only the training to get a pesticide License. A private applicators license allows individuals to purchase restricted use and state limited use pesticides on their own property.



TEXAS WHEAT PRODUCERS BOARD ELECTION

It is time for the Texas Wheat Producers Board biennial election. Ballots are available upon request at the McCulloch County Extension Office through April 5, 2019. The ballots are self-addressed and stamped and can be easily returned by all voters.

Any person living within the following counties who is engaged in the business of producing, or causing to be produced, wheat for commercial purposes, is eligible to vote. This includes owners of farms and their tenants and share croppers, is such person is subject to paying the assessment that is collected on a refund-only basis on wheat within the following counties:

District I: Dallam, Sherman, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hansford, Roberts, Moore, Hartley, Hutchinson, and Gray.

District II: Carson, Potter, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Randall, Armstrong, Briscoe, Swisher, Castro, Parmer, Hale, Floyd.

District III: Childress, Hardeman, Foard, Knox, Throckmorton, Haskell, Archer, Baylor, Wilbarger, Wichita, Young and Clay

District IV: All other counties in Texas.

CONTROLLING ALGAE IN PONDS

It is that time of year that the weather is warming up and we begin to see algae, or “moss”, in our ponds and tanks. When looking at the old fishing hole or stock tank, if there’s a thick mat of bubbly yellow-green substance floating on the surface of the pond, or the pond appears to be colored bright green, blue-green, or sometimes even red, then there may be an algae problem. Algal overgrowth is one of the most common issues plaguing pond owners. The first step to effective algae management is to understand what type of algae resides in the pond. There are three different types of algae commonly found in farm ponds and small lakes: planktonic algae, filamentous algae, and macroalgae.

For more information on the different types of algae, and the three control methods (mechanical, biological, and chemical) please see Extension Publication EWF-015. You can also see the publication at <https://agrillifecdn.tamu.edu/fisheries/files/2013/09/Managing-and-Controlling-Algae-in-Ponds-Manual-format.pdf>.

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