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HAPPY NATIONAL AG DAY AND AG WEEK!

Now more than ever, it's important to appreciate where our food comes from. National Ag Day is celebrated on March 24 and falls during National Ag Week March 22-28, 2020.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the food supply chain.

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2020 COVID-19 UPDATE

Covid-19 has changed all our lives and the way we do business and our children's schooling. It will most definitely affect all these things going forward. As of right now our office is still open for business. We are fully staffed and here to answer any phone calls or emails you may have. We are also still open for walk-ins but ask that you use your best judgement for that and follow the CDC guidelines. As of today, AgriLife has cancelled all face to face meetings through April 17 at the earliest and will reevaluate as we know more. Also, all 4-H face to face activities are canceled until May 4. Wash your hands often, avoid close contact and stay home if you are sick. For more information on Coronavirus visit https://texashelp.tamu.edu/coronavirus-information-resources/.

Ag Pesticide Applicator Training and CEU's

Texas Private Pesticide Applicator Training

Due to precautions and restrictions of meetings our May 1st Private Applicator training at ASU has been canceled. In addition, all testing is suspended at this time. If you are still wanting to take the Private Pesticide Applicator training you may do so online at https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/. The cost for the online training is\$75.



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Ag Pesticide Applicator Renewals

For licenses expiring in 2020 ONLY: Licensed applicators with expiring licenses or needing CEU's will be allowed to renew their license even if they have not met their CEU requirement for their current licensing period through December 31, 2020. Once the restrictions have been lifted and courses are scheduled again, applicators will be required to obtain their required CEUs for their respective license classification for each licensing period. By allowing a CEU exemption, this will allow the applicators to maintain their ability to perform pesticide applications for pests, weeds, insects etc., without disrupting daily business functions.

Applicators are encouraged to complete online courses even if online courses were completed the previous licensing period. Online courses can be accessed at https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu

Auxin Training

Most everyone who needed the mandatory auxin training attended the Wall or Mereta trainings. However if you are still in need individuals can access the training at https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/ and will have a \$25 per person fee. This training qualifies for 1 CEU of Laws and Regs. Other options may be available in the coming weeks and we will share those once we have that information.

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