Product and Service Improvement Strategies for Small-Acreage Producers

Spring 2013 – Seminar Series

1. When: Saturday, February 16th, 2013, from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
   Where: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office, 1200B West Houston Street, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482
   - Dairy and Beef Production in Northeast Texas, Dr. Mario Villarino, Hopkins County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent
   - Grass Species in Northeast Texas, Dr. Curtis Jones, Texas A&M AgriLife Agronomist Specialist and Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University – Commerce
   - Nature and Formation of Cooperatives, Dr. Jose Lopez, Assistant Professor of Agribusiness, Texas A&M University – Commerce

2. When: Saturday, February 23rd, 2013, from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
   Where: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office, 1200B West Houston Street, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482
   - Pests Affecting Crops in North East Texas: Best Management Practices Targeted to Control Armyworms and Grasshoppers, Dr. Mario Villarino, Hopkins County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent
   - East Texas Weeds and Strategies to Control Them, Dr. Curtis Jones, Texas A&M AgriLife Agronomist Specialist and Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University – Commerce
   - Cooperatives, Rural Development, United States Department of Agriculture

3. When: Saturday, March 16th, 2013, from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
   Where: Ag Work Shop Room, Room 149, Agricultural Sciences Building, Texas A&M University – Commerce, 2600 West Neal St, Commerce, TX 7548
   - Youth Employment in Agriculture, Dr. Bob Williams, Associate Professor and Teacher Educator, Coordinator-Agricultural and Family Education, Texas A&M University – Commerce
   - Tractor and Machinery Safety, Mr. Jonathan Mendez, Graduate Student and Former John Deere Service Technician, Texas A&M University – Commerce
   - Management of Cooperatives, Dr. Jose Lopez, Assistant Professor of Agribusiness, Texas A&M University – Commerce
   - Lessons Learned from Running a Pick-Your Own Fruit Operation, Dr. Jim Heitholt, Professor and Department Head, Agricultural Sciences, Texas A&M University – Commerce
   - Selecting Your Crop: Soil Properties and Site Selection, Dr. Mario Villarino, Hopkins County AgriLife Extension Agent
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   o Tractor and Machinery Maintenance, Mr. Jonathan Mendez, Graduate Student and Former John Deere Service Technician, Texas A&M University – Commerce
   o Cooperatives, Rural Development, United States Department of Agriculture
   o Sprayer Calibration, Dr. Curtis Jones, Texas A&M AgriLife Agronomist Specialist and Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University – Commerce
   o Alternative Crops: Agricultural Diversification to Satisfy Changing Markets, Dr. Mario Villarino, Hopkins County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent
   o Erosion Prevention, Mr. Troy Mumphrey, Soil Conservation Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture

Seminars are Free!
Free Lunch!

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