AgriLIFE EXTENSION
Texas A&M System

Hay Production and Purchasing

Friday, April 27, 2012

AgriLife Research and Extension Center, Overton, TX

Cost: $60/ person, includes lunch and program materials
Register at: https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu; keyword: hay
Limited to the first 50 people to register

2 Pesticide CEUs Available (1 IPM and 1 general)

9:30 Check-in and pick up program materials (coffee, bottled water, and donuts provided)

10:00 Forage species differences: yield potential, cutting time, bale making characteristics, and forage quality (Dr. Vanessa Corriher)

11:40 Using the USDA web soil survey to select hay storage site locations (Dr. Jason Banta)

12:00 Lunch

12:45 Establishment of annual forages
Management and fertilization of annual and perennial forages (Dr. Vanessa Corriher)

1:45 Understanding forage quality and hay testing
Factors affecting forage quality (Dr. Jason Banta)

2:45 Break (bottled water and cookies provided)

3:00 Weed control (Dr. Vanessa Corriher)

3:30 Bale size and density
Pricing and cost per unit of nutrient considerations (Dr. Jason Banta)

4:15 Storage and feeding (Dr. Jason Banta)

5:00 Adjourn

Want to improve the efficiency of your cattle operation by producing or purchasing better quality hay that will result in little or no supplementation and less total feed costs? Have you wondered how forage species differ in yield and quality potential, and hay making characteristics? Are you curious about how bale size and density affect transportation and feeding costs? Have you had questions about hay testing or the different factors that affect hay quality? Would you like to learn tips to reduce storage and feeding losses? Are you curious how to use the USDA web soil survey to determine the best locations on your property for hay storage? **Dr. Vanessa Corriher, Forage Extension Specialist, and Dr. Jason Banta, Beef Cattle Extension Specialist, will answer these questions and many more.**

For more information on this program please contact Michelle Sensing @ 903-834-6191.

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