

45th Mid-Tex Farm & Ranch Show
Waco Convention Center

Tuesday 8:00 am—6:00 pm

Wednesday 8:00 am—4:00 pm

The Mid-Tex Show offers exhibitors a first-rate forum to present their products and services to an expected attendance of more than 3,000 Central Texas farmers and ranchers. Visitors to the Equipment Depot Mid-Tex Farm & Ranch Show will have the opportunity to view top exhibits of the newest farm and ranch equipment, seed, chemicals and ag-related services and technologies.



**From the Ground Up,
Connecting Agriculture and Health**

The program will be held on January 5, 2016 from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM at the Waco Convention Center. Preregistration before December 15 is \$35 and \$40 after December 15. Register by logging onto <http://agriliferegister@tamu.edu> or calling 979.845.2604. For general questions, please contact Dana Tarter at d-tarter@tamu.edu. Application for the approval 6.0 hours of Clinical Professional Education Activity has been submitted to the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR). All other professionals will be given certificate of attendance.

“From the Ground Up” will introduce professionals and consumers to the vital role agriculture has on health. Experts will share information on the current status of Food Insecurity to define why agriculture is so important to the people of Texas and beyond. Speakers will reinforce the safety of the American food supply through a panel of topics including guidelines of antibiotic usage of animals, the positive effect of GMOs in food production, and myths versus facts of non-organic foods versus organic foods. Finally, a nutrition and culinary segment will include an update on the USDA Dietary Guidelines and important factors of nutrition as a health benefit.

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Agricultural Tour to Idaho (tentative)

September 19-23, 2016

Call 254-968-4144 for more details!

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2016 Blackland Income Growth Conference Schedule

Tuesday, January 5, 2016 BIG Luncheon *Defining, Measuring, and Advancing Sustainability in Agriculture*

Rod Snyder

Sponsored by Texas Corn Producers



Rod Snyder has served as President of Field to Market, The Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture since March 2014. Field to Market is a diverse alliance working to create opportunities across the agricultural supply chain for continuous improvements in productivity, environmental quality, and human well-being. Prior to this role, Snyder

held positions as Public Policy Director for the National Corn Growers Association and Government Affairs Leader for CropLife America.

He is particularly recognized for his work at the intersection of agricultural and environmental issues. He has previously served on the board of directors of the Conservation Technology and Information Center, on the steering committee of the Agricultural Nutrient Policy Council, on the executive committee of Field to Market, and as chair of the Pesticide Policy Coalition. He resides on his family's farm in Shenandoah Junction, West Virginia.

Registration Fees:

Tuesday, January 5th

- All Commodity Sessions, - **\$20.00/lunch** included. Registration begins at 8:00 am.

Wednesday, January 6th

- Mid Tex Programs - **\$20.00/lunch** included. Registration begins at 8:00 am.
- BIG Recertification Program—**\$60.00** preregistration cost, lunch included. Call 254 757-5180 to preregister. **\$70.00** at door.
- Private Applicator Training—**\$75.00**, lunch included. Preregister at 254 582-4022.

Tuesday, January 5, 2016

Beef Session

9:00 am—11:45 am pm, Texas North 113-115

2.5 BQA credits

Sponsored by Southwestern Cattle Raisers, Texas Beef Council

- Animal Welfare Standards, 5 Freedoms of Cattle, Dr. Ron Gill
- Cattle Marketing Options, Dr. Jason Banta
- Restocking and Growing a Quality Herd, Panel Discussion - Dr. Gill, Dr. Banta, Steven Lastovica, Kaki Nicotre

Grain Session

9:00 am—11:45 am, Ranger 109-110

CEUs: 2.5 General

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- Corn Herbicide Update "Making Sense of the Masses" Pigweed/Water Hemp Resistant Weed Control, Dr. Paul Baumann
- Sugarcane Aphid Update, Dr. Allen Knutson
- Sunflower Market Update "Past, Present, & Future", Kerry Hamm
- Wheat Crop Updates/New Technology, Dr. Clark Neely

Rural Land Management

9:00 am—11:45 am, Lone Star 104

CEUs: 1 IPM, 1 Laws and Regulations

Sponsored by Dow AgroSciences, Navarro County Crops Committee, WC Tractor

- Legal Rights of Farm and Ranchers, Tiffany Dowell
- Landowner Protection and Liability, David Wagner
- Invasive Species Management and Control, James Jackson

Horticulture Session

9:00 am—11:45 am, 2:00 pm—4:00 pm

Ranger Room 106-107

CEUs: 2 General, 5 TNLA

Sponsored by Easy Gardener

- Micro Greens & Baby Vegetables—Dr. Larry Stein
- Introduction to Aquaponics, Joe Schram
- High Tunnels, Dr. Russ Wallace
- Tomatoes, Dr. Russ Wallace
- Protecting Pollinators, Bill Baxter
- Super-Star Edibles, Dr. Larry Stein
- Edible Landscapes, Fred M. Hall
- Canning/Preservation of Produce, Kate Whitney

Cotton Session

2:00 pm—4:00 pm, Ranger 109-110

CEUs: 2 General

Sponsored by FMC, Monsanto

- Cotton Root Rot, Dr. Ken Smith
- Application Requirements and Pricing for Enlist and XTendFlex Cotton, New Varieties Update, Doug Pustejovsky, Haley Nabors
- Weed Control Options: Pigweed Resistance, 2,4-D and Dicamba Tolerant Cotton and Evaluating Yield Potential with 2,4-D Dicamba Drift Damage, Dr. Paul Baumann

Forage Session

2:00 pm—4:00 pm, Texas North 113-115

CEUs: 2 General

Sponsored by Texas Farm Bureau

- Lone Star Healthy Streams, Matthew Brown
- Quality in Forage, Dr. Vanessa Corriher-Olsen
- Pasture Prescribed Burns, Dr. Morgan Russell
- Firewise Program: Fireproofing Your Property, Mary K. Hicks

Wildlife Session

2:00 pm—4:00 pm, Lone Star 104

Sponsored by Flat Top Ranch, Stevens Taxidermy

- Wildlife Exemptions and Tax Evaluations, Shane Kiefer
- Marketing Your Product, Terry Caffey

Horse Session

5:30 pm—8:00 pm, Texas North 113-115

CEU: 1 General

Sponsored by Rancho Liebe, West Feeds

- Environmental and Water Quality Issues Affecting Horse Owners, Dr. Dennis Sigler
- Disease Management Relating to Insect Control, Dr. Sonja Swiger
- Colic and Feeding Management for Horses, Dr. Pete Gibbs

Wednesday, January 6, 2016

BIG Recertification Program

8:00— 11:45 am, 1:30 pm—4:30 pm

Bosque Theatre

CEUs: 2 L&R, 1 IPM, 1 Drift, 2 General

- Rangeland and Watershed Management, Brian Hays
- Insect Pest of Ag Production, Dr. Allen Knutson
- Pesticide Complaint Process/Resolution, Brandi Kelm

Noon Meal—Mid Tex Luncheon

- General Laws and Regulations, Dr. Don Renchie
- Plant ID and Controlling Unwanted Species, Jack LeClair
- Laws and Regulations-WPS, Certification and Updates, Perry Cervantes

Private Applicator Training

8:00 am—11:45, Ranger 109-110