

Thursday, January 11, 2018 cont.

BIG Recertification Program

8:00 am—11:45 am, 1:30 pm—4:30 pm

CEUs: 1 L&R, 2 IPM, 3 General

- Update On Feral Hogs & Management Options, Cooper Terrill
- Aquatic Plant Identification and Management Basics, Dr. Todd Sink
- Effective Aquatic Vegetation Control Options, Dr. Todd Sink

****Noon Meal****

- General Laws and Regulations, Dr. Don Renchie
- Control & Prevention Of Nuisance Agronomy Pest, Dr. Sonja Swiger
- Weed and Brush Identification and Control Options, Dillon DeMuth

Private Applicator Training

8:00 am—11:45 am



**48 th Mid-Tex Farm, Ranch and Garden Show
Extraco Exhibits Building**

Wednesday 8:00 am—7:00 pm

Thursday 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.

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Make plans to join us for the 2018 BIG Agricultural Tour to Wisconsin (tentative)

September 17-21, 2018

Call 254-968-4144 ext 202 for more details!

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56th Blackland Income Growth Conference

**Extraco Events Center
4601 Bosque Blvd. Waco, Texas
(254) 776-1660**

January 10-11, 2018

**Sponsored by:
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2018 Blackland Income Growth Conference Schedule

Wednesday, January 10 BIG Luncheon Farm Bill Update

Dr. Joe Outlaw



Dr. Joe Outlaw is a Regents Fellow, Professor and Extension Economist in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University. He also serves as the Co-Director of the Agricultural and Food Policy Center (AFPC) at Texas A&M University. In this role, Dr. Outlaw frequently interacts with members of Congress and key agricultural committee staff to provide feedback on the likely consequences of agricultural policy changes.

Dr. Outlaw has received numerous awards in excellence for his policy education. In 2015, he received the National Excellence in Extension award from the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA for excellence in leadership, scholarship, and innovative programming.

Registration Fees:

Wednesday, January 10th

- Beef, Cotton, Forage, Grain, Rural Land Management, Wildlife, - \$25.00/lunch included. Registration begins at 8:00 am.

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- Horticulture—\$25.00/lunch included.
- 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.

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Beef Session

9:00 am—11:45 am

CEU: 1 IPM

Sponsored by Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and West Auction, LLC

- Maintaining a Healthy Herd, Dr. Tom Hairgrove
- Producing Cattle To “Top the Market”, Dr. Jason Cleere
- Theft Prevention Of Livestock/Equipment, Marvin Wils
- Fever Ticks (control, awareness & update) and Other Livestock Pests, Dr. Sonja Swiger

Grain Session

9:00 am—11:45 am

CEUs: 2 General

Sponsored by Stiles Farm, Texas Corn Producers, Texas Sorghum Producers Board, Texas Wheat Producers Board, and Williamson County Grain

- Drone Technology, Bob Avant
- Grain Merchandising, Dr. Jason Johnson
- Cover Crops, Dr. Clark Neely
- Hot Topics, Dr. Neely, Dr. Ronnie Schnell
- How To Talk To the Public About GMOs, Jourdan Bell

Rural Land Management Session

9:00 am—11:45 am

CEUs: 1 Law & Regs, 1 IPM

Sponsored by Falls County Forage Committee and Navarro County Beef and Forage Committee

- Eminent Domain, Power Lines, Interstate Expansion, High Speed Rail, Rusty Adams
- Meat Goat Production Management and De-Worming Options and Animal Units Per Acre For Small Landowners, Dr. Reid Redden
- Best Management Practices When Using Pesticides In Agriculture, Dr. Don Renchie

Tomorrow’s Leaders Youth Workshop

(being held at MCC ESEC Building)

9:30 am—12:00 pm

Sponsored by McLennan Community College and Texas Farm Bureau

No cost for youth attendees. Session is limited to 4-H and FFA members, grades 7—12 and adult chaperone(s). Pre-registration required by December 20, 2017. Register at <http://agrillife.org/d84h/bigyouthworkshop>. For additional information, contact Sara Thetford at sara.thetford@ag.tamu.edu (254) 968-4144 x211.

Cotton Session

2:00 pm—4:00 pm

CEUs: 2 General

Sponsored by FMC and Williams Gin and Grain

- Site-Specific Management of Cotton Root Rot, Dr. Tom Isakeit and Dr. Chenghai Yang
- Updates From FMC Matt Hancock, Ken Smith
- Sustainability Basics For US Cotton Production, TBA
- Looking Forward To Bt Insect Traits, Dr. David Kerns
- New Herbicide Technologies: Lessons Learned, Dr. Gaylon Morgan
- Prioritizing Management Inputs, Dr. Gaylon Morgan

BLACKLAND COTTON AND GRAIN ASSOC. MEETING
(follows Cotton Session)

Forage Session

2:00 pm—4:00 pm

CEU: 1 General

Sponsored by Dow AgroSciences and Williamson County Demo Fund

- The Economics of Forage Options Growing vs Buying and Economic Advantages of Improved vs Native Grasses, Dr. Jason Johnson
- Forage Varieties For the Blackland Prairies That Offer the Greatest Advantage and Fertilizer Options (Conventional vs Litter vs Bio), Dr. Vanessa Corriher-Olson
- Most Profitable Herbicide Options For Forage Operations, James Jackson

Wildlife Session

2:00 pm—4:00 pm

CEU: 1 General

Sponsored by Bar None Country Store

- Planting and Hunting Dove Legally, Dr. John Tomecek
- Lake/Pond Management, Bob Lusk

Horse Session

2:00 pm

CEU: 1 General

Sponsored by West Feeds (Jupe Mills)

- Internal Parasite Control In Horses, Dr. Jennifer Zoeller
- Horse Maintenance On A Budget & Preventative Care, Morgan Moreno
- Equine Horsemanship “Live Demo” Including Tooth, Joint, Hoof Care, Saddle Fit and Soreness, Calvin and Liz Waters

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From The Ground Up, Connecting Agriculture and Health

9:00 am—4:00 pm

<http://agrillife.org/fromthegroundup/>. For general questions, contact Dana Tarter at d-tarter@tamu.edu or (940) 552-9941 ext. 226.

Horticulture Session

8:00 am—11:30 am

CEU: 1 IPM

Sponsored by McLennan County Master Gardeners

- Small Scale Wine Making, Dr. Andreea Botezatu
- Planting For Insects, Aime Sommerfeld-Lillard
- Growing Healthy Communities, Mary Ann Everett
- Growing Backyard Fruit, Monte Nesbit