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UPCOMING EVENTS

Grazing Land Conservation Initiative

- 2/23 - Small Farm & Market Garden Farm Tour, Bogalusa
- April (TBD) Homesteading Farm Tour, St. Joe
- 4/11 – Sheep Pasture Walk, Ethel

LSU AgCenter

- 3/12 – Acadiana Spring Beef & Forage Field Day, Iberia Research Station, Jeanerette
- 3/28 – Soil Health Field Day, Northeast Research Station, St. Joe
- 4/25 – Northwest Beef & Forage Field Day, Redi River Research Station, Bossier



Goatweed is a common broadleaf weed species found in many Louisiana pastures.

Control of Goatweed and False Ragweed in Texas

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Pasture management is an annual process. Annual weeds like goatweed and false ragweed are problematic for control across east Texas and throughout the southern USA. Many herbicide options fail to control these species due to lack of activity on the spurge family or incorrect timing of herbicide applications. To better understand the efficacy of various herbicide treatments and application timing, herbicide application demonstrations were initiated in Fannin and Van Zandt counties in Texas on established bermudagrass pasture dominated by goatweed and false ragweed with minor populations of various other warm-season weeds. Weed control ratings for herbicide treatments and a mowing treatment were collected monthly to determine the initial efficacy and season-long

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control of weeds in the grazed pasture for various treatments and timings. Herbicide efficacy on target weeds with all treatments, locations, timings, and application techniques was excellent (90% visual control or more), except for the mowing treatment at Fannin County, which resulted in initial weed knockdown on the day of application, but not long-term control (30% control 2 months after treatment). Mowing early in July did not provide acceptable control of annual weed populations—some weeds survived the mowing operation, and additional weeds emerged due to lack of vegetative cover or residual herbicide. Treatments in June and July provided similar efficacy on target weeds, even with larger, more mature weed sizes. Aerial drone applications at 2 GPA total spray volume (Van Zandt County) performed similarly to the conventional ground applications on target weeds.

Source: Journal of the NACAA; Vol. 16, Issue 2, December 2023.

Private Pesticide Applicator Re-Certification

In cooperation with the LSU Pesticide Safety Program, the LSU AgCenter is has scheduled several Private Pesticide Applicator Re-certification meetings in early 2024 that will meet the requirements set by the Louisiana Department of Ag and Forestry. If your private applicator license expires prior to **December 31, 2024**, you are required to attend a training before March 31, 2024. Trainings materials have been updated to now include drift control, record keeping, pollinator health, pesticide storage, pesticide labels, pest management, and Worker Protection Standards. Details for the meetings are below:

January 23, 2024 (registration is full)

- Registration at 9:45am at East Feliciana Extension Office, 4419 Idlewild Road, Clinton, LA 70722
- 10:00am-12:00pm noon

February 22, 2024 (spaces available)

- Registration at 9:45am at Lois Caffey Termite Training Facility, 1415 Ben Hur Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70820
- 10:00am-12:00pm noon

March 4, 2024 (spaces available)

- Registration at 9:45am at East Feliciana Extension Office, 4419 Idlewild Road, Clinton, LA 70722
- 10:00am-12:00pm noon

March 11, 2024 (spaces available)

- Registration at 5:45pm at Northshore Technical Community College, 7067 Hwy 10, Greensburg, LA 70441
- 6pm-8pm.

8pm. More pesticide safety recertification dates and information can be accessed at https://www.lsuagcenter.com/portals/our-offices/departments/wa-callegari-environmental-center/pesticide_ed

Louisiana Master Cattleman Program



The Louisiana Master Cattleman Program was developed in 2004 to assist beef cattle and forage producers to enhance their production and profitability. This 10-week course includes information on reproduction, pasture management, cattle handling, nutrition, and other cattle production topics. The program is taught once per week for 10 weeks and a cost of \$200 per participant. This includes weekly meals and a copy of presentations.

A tentative program been scheduled for late summer/early fall 2024 and will be held at the East Feliciana Parish Extension office in Clinton. If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact Donna Gentry at dsgentry@agcenter.lsu.edu. Notification will be sent out as details are confirmed. For more information, you can access the Master Cattleman Program website at

https://www.lsuagcenter.com/topics/livestock/beef_cattle/master%20cattle.

Louisiana Master Goat Program

Scheduled

To help serve over 800 goat producers across Louisiana, the LSU AgCenter has scheduled a Master Goat Producer Program for this spring in north Louisiana. For more details, please contact Rodney Johnson, Area Livestock Agent for the Central Region, at 318-729-3473 or rjohnson@agcenter.lsu.edu.

 Louisiana Master Goat Producer Program 2024 Registration Form (Please Print or Type)	
Name: _____	Date: _____
Mailing Address: _____	
City/Town: _____	State: <u>LA</u> Zip Code: _____
Home Phone (____) _____	Cell Phone (____) _____
Parish of Residence: _____	
Parish of Goat Operation if different from Residence: _____	
E-mail address: _____	
The following sessions must be attended to become Master Goat Producer certified. ALL CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT THE OUAICHTA PARISH EXTENSION OFFICE LOCATED AT 704 CYPRESS STREET, WEST MONROE, LA 71271.	
March 16, 2024 Facilities, Fencing, Equipment, Predators, 4-H Offerings & Requirements, Behavior, Breeds & Selection, Dehorning, Castration and Hoof Trimming	
April 6, 2024 FAMACHA, Health Care, Fecal Counts, Nutrition, Reproduction	
May 18, 2024 Marketing, End Production (Soaps, Lotions, Milk, Meat), Food Safety and Preparation, Record Keeping, End Products, Carcass Quality, Meat Lab.	
The cost of Master Goat Producer certification is \$150.00. Please make check or money orders payable to: LSU AgCenter	
Sessions will last from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. You must attend all 3 days to be certified as a Master Goat Producer.	
Mail to: LSU AgCenter Rapides Parish Extension Office c/o Rodney Johnson 300 Grady Britt Drive Alexandria, LA 71302	
Registrations must be received by March 4, 2024.	

Who We Are...

We are the LSU AgCenter and here to serve the clientele of Southeast Louisiana. Please feel free to contact our offices with any questions about events, or need any other information, and we look forward to working with you.

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 St. Francisville, LA 70775
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