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Brooks County Agriculture & Natural Resources Summer 2018 Newsletter

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Summer Climate

Is anybody feeling that summer heat yet? Yes, it's pretty much amongst us. High temperature and no signs of rain anywhere near us. These conditions seem to be coming by with more frequency every year. Associated with them are increased range grasses stress levels, dry soils, moisture loss and habitat loss. That's not to mention the ripple effect that it has on the live cattle market along the state. Concerned yet? Please pray, sing, dance, turn on a candle, anything to bring some rain to Brooks County and Texas.

What Can YOU Do?

Planning for tomorrow is integral to a successful rancher. As the summer approaches, we have to anticipate what the forecasted climate can do to our operations. It might be too late but saving an emergency pasture could help in the short run. Make sure you are on a sustainable stocking rate according to your pounds of grass per acre and give supplemental nutritive feed to fulfill dietary requirements. Other options are culling the herd. Start with the older momma cows; follow with the less productive/more susceptible to health issues cattle and hope that number will be enough. If none of these are options, the





Farm Service Agency offers an agriculture microloan of up to \$50,000 to help cover agriculture related expenses.

How AgriLife Can Help!

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service offers a vast number of educational programs for ranchers and producers. Our priority is the success and education of the producer. We plan educational programs year round and we also offer Well Water Screening and Soil Sample Testing Programs. If needed, Agents can schedule home/ranch visits and offer their recommendations or solutions to Agriculture related problems.

Upcoming Programs

Below are the upcoming Summer 2018 Programs. The local Extension Office is located at: 219 S Calixto Mora Ave. Falfurrias, TX. If you have any questions regarding any of these programs feel free to call Vic Cantu at 361.325.4402.

Private Pesticide Applicator License Training	June 25, 2018 RSVP by June 14, 2018. Fee: \$60.00 8:30 am	Ed Rachal Memorial Library Falfurrias, TX
Well Water Screening Program	Drop off sample by Aug. 1, 2018	Local Extension Office
Last Chance 2CEU Video	July 9, 2018 9:00 am	Local Extension Office
Ag&NR Committee Meeting	June 14, 2018 12:00 pm	Local Extension Office
Beef Cattle Short Course	Aug. 6-8, 2018 Fee: \$210	TAMU College Station, TX

Once again, everyone is invited to these programs. If you all have any questions on regards to other types of programs available call Vic Cantu III at 361.325.4402. We are open to suggestions and would like to offer a helping hand to anyone that needs it.

