

BANDERA COUNTY EXTENSION NEWSLETTER

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Things to Know

Continue to pray for rain and be mindful of fire dangers. Things are especially dry, and without enough moisture, we are still at high risk of wildfires

PROTECT YOUR WATER WELL DURING DROUGHT

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During severe droughts, people rely heavily on groundwater—the water held underground in aquifers. An aquifer can become depleted when more water is pumped out of it than is replenished by rainfall or other water sources. If the water level drops below the point of your pump intake, the pump could be damaged. To protect your well equipment and water supply when the water level is low, follow these practices:

- Monitor your pump. Water levels that are low or recover slowly will make your pump cycle on and off rapidly and burn out the motor. Low water levels can also cause submersible pumps to overheat and damage PVC drop-pipes. If your pump is rapidly cycling on and off, turn it off. You may need to reduce
 - your future pumping rate or lower

the pump if the water level does not rise.

- If your pump sounds like it is sucking air, let it rest. When the water level drops, your well may begin to produce sand and air bubbles. Indications that the well may go dry include sand in the toilet tank and milky-looking tap water that clears after a short time.
- Depending on the depth of the well, you may be able to lower the pump. This procedure will require help from a licensed pump installer. The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation maintains a list of licensed well drillers and pump installers at www.license.state.tx.us/LicenseSearch/.
- Have the well water tested regularly during and after a drought. As the water level falls, air will enter the aquifer and change its chemistry. Oxygen in the aquifer will increase concentrations of naturally occurring contaminants such as arsenic. If your well normally contains low



concentrations of arsenic, expect it to increase during a drought. The concentrations of other contaminants, such as total dissolved solids or salinity, may also change.

- Add a pumped-water storage tank if you have a low-yielding well. Adding a storage tank will help meet peak demand when your water needs exceed the pump's capacity.
- Work with your neighbors to schedule heavy water use. If everyone does laundry on Saturday, all the wells may go dry on Sunday. Distribute heavy water use over the week to help individual wells recover and to maintain the water supply in your area.
- Conserve water to preserve your well's resources during drought.

2022-23 DOVE SEASON ANNOUNCED

The 2022-2023 dove hunting seasons have been announced by Texas Parks and Wildlife. The season dates for the central zone of Texas is September 1st through October 30th, and December 17th through January 15th. White-winged dove shooting days are September 2nd through 4th, and September 9th through 11th.

Daily bag limit is 15 birds with no more than 2 white-winged doves. Remember to always check the current outdoor annual for exact guidelines and other information.

49th ANNUAL TEXAS SHEEP AND GOAT EXPO REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Registration for the 49th annual Texas Sheep and Goat Field Day and Expo is now open. The Field day will be held on August 19th, 2022 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in San Angelo, while the Expo will be held on August 19th – 20th at the First Community Spur Arena in San Angelo.



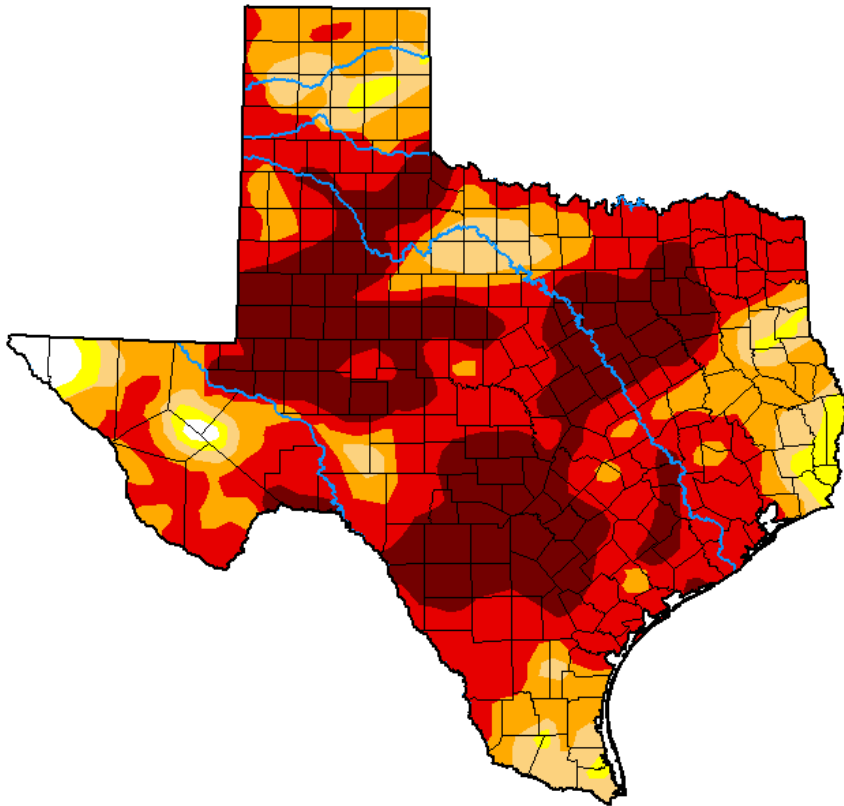
This unique sheep and goat event provides producers and other interested persons the opportunity to attend educational presentations. The speakers are experts in the industry. This program meets the needs of a very diverse sheep and goat industry. The event draws producers from across Texas, out of state, and as far away as Australia. It is the largest event of its type in Texas and one of the largest sheep and goat industry educational programs in the world.

The expo will feature guest speakers, educational seminars and numerous live sessions for participants to choose from. The event covers a range of industry topics, including addressing the concerns and challenges facing today's producer in light of recent events, as well as the exciting changes happening in the industry involving technological advances and new services.







For more information and to register for the event, please visit <https://agrilife.org/agrilifeshsheepandgoat/> or click the image above.

U.S. Drought Monitor
Texas

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Intensity:

-  None
-  D0 Abnormally Dry
-  D1 Moderate Drought
-  D2 Severe Drought
-  D3 Extreme Drought
-  D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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Around the County

2023 COUNTY AND MAJOR SHOW SHEEP AND GOAT TAG ORDERS ARE NOW OPEN

Sheep and Goat tag ordering for the 2023 show season is now open. This will be for the 2023 spring major show season, as well as the county show in January. So if you are interested in competing in the Bandera County Livestock Show, you will need to order tags. Please fill out the attached order form ([which can be found here](#)) and return with payment to the Extension office by Monday, August 22nd. This form will also be available on the county website if a replacement form is needed.

State validation tags will cost \$17 per head and will validate the animal for **all** spring major shows, **including the county show**. County tags will be \$5 per head and validate the animal for the **COUNTY SHOW ONLY**. Please keep this in mind when placing your order. A \$10 late fee per tag will be placed on orders submitted after August 22nd.

If you validated a lamb or goat for the 2022 State Fair, it MUST BE REVALIDATED to be eligible for the 2023 show season.

2023 COUNTY AND MAJOR SHOW TURKEY ORDERS ARE NOW OPEN

Entry for the State Fair of Texas 2022 livestock show is now **OPEN** on the State Fair website. If you validated an animal this past June for the State Fair, please make sure entries are completed by Monday, August 22nd, as this is when access to the parent portal closes. The deadline to enter is August 25th at 11:59 PM. More information and access to the entry portal can be found here: <https://bigtex.com/get-involved/livestock-shows/livestock-exhibitors/livestock-exhibitor-online-application-and-worksheets/>

HAVE A TOPIC YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE COVERED IN A PROGRAM? GIVE ME YOUR SUGGESTION AT DAKOTA.KEMPKEN@AG.TAMU.EDU, OR CALL THE EXTENSION OFFICE AT 830-796-7755

Livestock Market Reports

HONDO AUCTION BARN REPORT

As of August 11th. Prices are per pound

Feeder/Stocker Steers	200-300 lbs	\$1.52 - \$2.04
	300-400 lbs	\$1.62 - \$2.20
	400-500 lbs	\$1.60 - \$1.96
	500-600 lbs	\$1.52 - \$1.90
	600-700 lbs	\$1.47 - \$1.67
	700-800 lbs	\$1.32 - \$1.54
Feeder/Stocker Heifers	200-300 lbs	\$1.32 - \$1.68
	300-400 lbs	\$1.52 - \$1.80
	400-500 lbs	\$1.48 - \$1.84
	500-600 lbs	\$1.42 - \$1.72
	600-700 lbs	\$1.32 - \$1.51
	700-800 lbs	\$1.02 - \$1.40
Slaughter Cows		\$0.42 - \$0.88
Slaughter Bulls		\$0.61 - \$1.05
Cow/calf Pairs		\$670 - \$1,300
Stocker Cows		\$625 - \$1,070

GILLESPIE LIVESTOCK AUCTION REPORT

As of August 10th. Prices are per hundred weight

		Steers	Heifers
Medium to Large Frame Cattle	200-300 lbs	\$140.00 - \$227.50	\$160.00 - \$180.00
	300-400 lbs	\$160.00 - \$215.00	\$155.00 - \$182.50
	400-500 lbs	\$150.00 - \$210.00	\$145.00 - \$173.00
	500-600 lbs	\$140.00 - \$200.00	\$135.00 - \$165.00
	600-700 lbs	\$140.00 - \$180.00	\$125.00 - \$152.00
	700-800 lbs	\$130.00 - \$160.00	\$120.00 - \$140.00
Sheep and Goats	#1 Wool lambs 40-60 lbs	\$170.00 - \$239.00	
	#1 Wool lambs 60-80 lbs	\$170.00 - \$239.00	
	BBD lambs 40-60 lbs	\$100.00 - \$210.00	
	Dorper X lambs 40-60 lbs	\$220.00 - \$315.00	
	Dorper X lambs 60-80 lbs	\$180.00 - \$315.00	
	Lt. Slaughter lambs 45-80 lbs	\$180.00 - \$300.00	
	Slaughter lambs 100-150 lbs	\$140.00 - \$240.00	
	Packer ewes	\$64.00 - \$115.00	
	Sheep bucks/rams	\$100.00 - \$120.00	
	#1 Sp/Boer X kids 20-40 lbs	\$170.00 - \$380.00	
	#1 Sp/Boer X kids 40-60 lbs	\$170.00 - \$280.00	
	#1 Sp/Boer X kids 60-80 lbs	\$200.00 - \$300.00	
	Spanish/Boer mutttons	\$200.00 - \$400.00	
	Angora kids	\$160.00 - \$280.00	
	Lower quality kids	\$100.00 - \$200.00	
	Packer Sp/boer X nannies	\$50.00 - \$200.00	
	Stocker Sp/boer X nannies	\$250.00 - \$300.00	
Angora nannies	\$30.00 - \$80.00		
Boer X billies	\$160.00 - \$240.00		