

LOST PINES COUNTY AGRICULTURE NEWSLETTER

August 2023



INTENSE SUMMER HEAT CONTINUES

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The intense summer heat can not only put a lot of stress on us, but also on agriculture. Without much in the way of the nice spring rains we saw a few months ago, the high temperatures can put significant stress on crops, forage, and livestock. Make sure to take measures to reduce heat stress by keeping crops and forage adequately irrigated, and livestock have free access to clean water and plenty of shade.

THINGS TO KNOW

MITIGATE THE RISK OF FIRES

Bastrop County has been seeing ideal fire conditions for much of August thanks to the ongoing drought. These conditions have already resulted in one wildfire in the county which burned over 100 acres. To Until conditions improve, landowners and producers can take measures to prevent the outbreak of a fire:

- Keep equipment clean and well maintained. Improper maintenance can generate sparks while being operated
- Keep loose chains/dangling metals off of concrete to avoid sparks
- Do not burn trash or brush piles while fire conditions persist

TDA HAY HOTLINE

Dry conditions continue to degrade range and pasture conditions and is forcing a high demand for hay to feed livestock. If you are in need of help finding hay, you can use the Texas Department of Agriculture's Hay Hotline to locate hay for sale within your budget. You can reach the hotline at <https://www.texasagriculture.gov/Home/Production-Agriculture/Hay-Hotline> or by calling the hotline directly at 877-429-1998.

WEED OF THE MONTH – CROTON

Multiple types of croton exist in Texas, however the differences are minor. Croton is an annual weed that grows in overgrazed pastures, roadsides, and



disturbed areas. While not dangerous to livestock, it holds little value in range and pasture for producers as most domestic animals will not eat it. However there is good value for wildlife as the seeds are highly desirable by birds. These two factors allow croton to spread easily under improper grazing management and stocking rates.

Control:

Croton is not an aggressive spreader like other weeds, so a good IPM program can effectively control it. Early season shredding can help control croton by giving forage a higher chance of crowding out.

Herbicides labeled for Croto:

- Grazon P+D, Grazon Next
- Cimarron Plus
- Outlaw

**Flatonia Livestock
Commission**

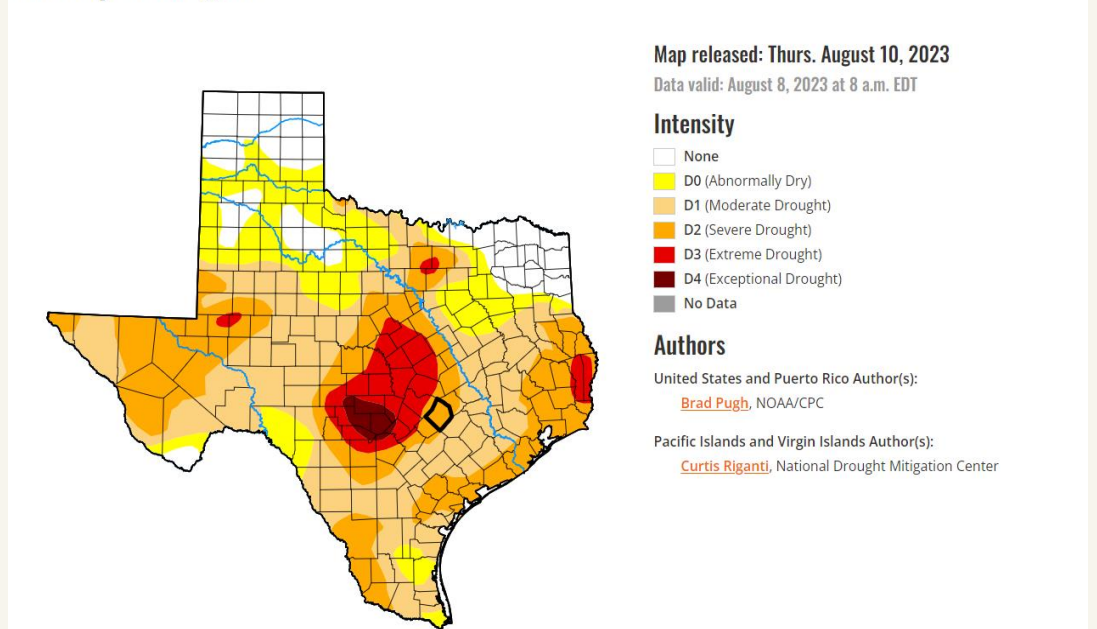
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Wt	Rng	Avg
Steers		
100 -199	140.00-287.00	217.67
200 -299	151.00-307.00	237.35
300 -399	120.00-305.00	241.32
400 -499	58.00-287.00	225.38
500 -599	50.00-262.00	214.99
600 -699	65.00-251.00	208.61
700 -799	61.00-223.00	198.64
800 -899	172.00-205.00	191.00
900-999	91.00-169.00	138.33
Heifers		
100 -199	205.00-225.00	215.00
200 -299	82.00-252.00	199.16
300 -399	135.00-285.00	224.58
400 -499	147.00-262.00	223.85
500 -599	157.00-239.00	214.34
600 -699	80.00-221.00	192.12
700 -799	120.00-215.00	182.88
800 -899	110.00-171.00	140.50
900-999	90.00	90.00

TEXAS DROUGHT MONITOR UPDATE

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Wt	Avg	High
Steers		
150-300	247	315
300-400	248	325
400-500	236	292.50
500-600	220	250
600-700	214	236
700-800	182	230
Heifers		
150-300	223	270
300-400	228	275
400-500	218	270
500-600	211	240
600-700	207	222.50
700-800	187	230215
Yearling bulls		
700-850	160-230	
850-1000	150-200	
Packer cows		
Top	105-121	
Med.	80-95	
Thin	40-79	



**Managing your Piece of Texas
Landowners' Conference**

Learning How to Make the Most of New Property



- How to Make your Land Productive
 - Understanding Ag and Wildlife Tax Valuation
 - Wildlife Habitat Management on Small Acreage
 - Property Rights Laws and Lease Agreements
- Registration Fee: \$10 Before September 5th**
\$20 After September 5th

Tuesday, September 12th
Doors open at 9:30am

American Legion Post 533
3003 Loop 150. Bastrop, Tx 78602

Please register with Bastrop County Extension
904 Pecan St. Bastrop Tx 78602

Or mail payment with name and contact info to:
PO Box 650. Bastrop, Tx 78602

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AROUND THE COUNTY

Gonzales Livestock Market

August 12th, 2023

Wt	\$ Range
Steers	
150-300	335-340
300-400	302-315
400-500	277-290
500-600	235-267
600-700	225-230
700-800	217-221
Yearling bulls	
700-900	95-185
Heifers	
150-300	275-285
300-400	259-265
400-500	235-245
500-600	221-228
600-700	200-215
Stocker Cows	
750-1,700	
Cow-Calf pairs	
1,100-1,800	

NEW LANDOWNERS' CONFERENCE MOVED BACK TO SEPTEMBER 12TH

Bastrop county has seen a large influx of new landowners over the past few years, and one of the most common questions we get is what can I do on my property? This program will attempt to answer that, and provide useful information for established landowners.

Managing your Piece of Texas: New Landowners' Conference will be held on **Tuesday, September 12th** at the American Legion Post 533 hall in Bastrop, Tx, with check in beginning at 8:30am. **Registration for the event will be \$10 before September 5th**. After this date, a \$10 late fee will be added onto the original fee. Please pre-register by visiting the Extension office at 901 Pecan St. Bastrop, Tx 78602.

FALL PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TRAINING ON SEPTEMBER 14TH

Looking to get your private pesticide applicators' license? Bastrop County Extension will be offering a Pesticide Applicator Training class on **Thursday, September 14th** at the Bastrop County Annex building meeting room (Next to the Elections Office). Doors will open at 8:30am.

To ensure enough materials can be ordered in time, please submit your **\$65 registration fee** to the Bastrop County Extension office by **Monday, August 28th**. For more information on applicator training or registration, please contact the Extension office at 512-581-7186 or email Bastrop-tx@tamu.edu.