

DENTON COUNTY AGRILIFE UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2021

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

HORTICULTURE

Agent Laminack hosted a class titled Options in Weed Control for professional landscapers and city parks and rec departments on September 22nd. Nine individuals attended this program which had a presentation given by one of our Horticulture Advisory members, Kevin Lebanik, and an outdoor demonstration of a [steam weed killer](#) by the City of Denton Parks and Recreation department. Agent Laminack also worked the AgriLife booth at the State Fair of Texas on September 24th, providing information about our organization and answering questions from fairgoers.

Master Gardeners spoke to several groups including Keep Lewisville Beautiful, Lake Kiowa Garden and Nature Club, and Pilot Point Community Library on horticultural topics like “Caring for Holiday Cactus” and “Vegetable Gardens.” If you would like to have a Denton County Master Gardener come speak for your group or event, visit <https://dcmga.com/request-a-speaker/>.

Applications are currently being accepted for our 2022 Master Gardener Intern Training Class. If you are interested in becoming a Master Gardener, visit <https://dcmga.com/become-a-master-gardener/> or join us for a virtual informational meeting on October 20th at 10:00 a.m. (more information at the previous link).

Master Naturalists staffed the nature center at Ray Roberts State Park, led students through activities at the Elm Fork Education Center, and answered questions through the DFW Wildlife Coalition Hotline. They also led bird walks at Clear Creek Natural Heritage Center and Ray Roberts State Park and taught LISD 7th grade teachers and Junior Girl Scouts at Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area.



FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH

Family and Community Health represented AgriLife Extension Service at the Flower Mound Senior Center Health Fair. More than 100 active seniors tasted healthy smoothies and received information on healthy eating, food safety, and food preservation. We also hosted two food challenge workshops for the 4-H teams to prepare them for the County Food Challenge. The workshops were hands-on and included practicing knife skills, food safety basics, and a mock Food Challenge to gear them up for the big County Food Challenge!

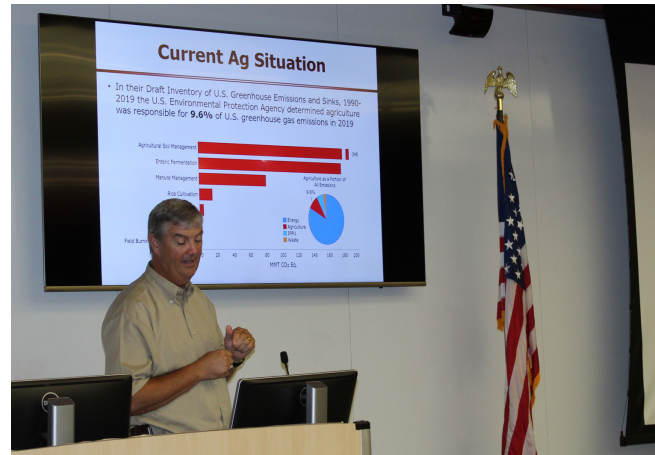
4-H & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



September has already come and gone. During September, Denton County 4-H members participated in the Denton County Farm Bureau's Food Drive. I would like to give a shout out to Pilot Point and Argyle 4-H Clubs. Pilot Point collected 741 cans and Argyle collected 677, for a total of 1,418 cans! Members of the Denton County AgriLife Extension office also participated in Farm Bureau's Food Connection Day. Food Connection day is one of their outreach programs to raise awareness to how much farmers make off a meal.

The County Officers held a social in September. We have a young officer team so we did some team building, went over the upcoming 4-H year and walked to Beth Marie's for ice cream. We are looking forward to the years to come with this group of 4-H members.

Denton County 4-H currently has 203 members enrolled. Our goal is 300 members by May! The enrollment is \$25 until October 31st, then it goes up to \$30 for 4-H members. If every 4-H member gets one new friend to sign up for 4-H, we will easily pass our 300 goals!



AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

In September we had our annual hay clinic event for producers. The event was sponsored by Denton County Farm Bureau, Dennis' Farm Store, Zimmer Kubota, Kelsoe Oil, Noble Research, First United Bank of Krum, and West Feed. As part of the program, local producers were able to bring hay samples for free testing. Hay testing provides producers with a nutrient analysis for their hay and informs them how the hay can be fed in conjunction with other feeds. Zimmerer Kubota staff was on hand with new hay equipment to showcase to attendees. 55 people attended the program. Each person received one pesticide continuing education credit unit if needed. Speakers for the clinic included Kelly Pike with Winfield solutions, his topic was controlling hay pasture weeds, and Dr. Ron Gill who discussed hay feeding strategies in cattle. Multiple door prizes from sponsors were handed out.

We also held a class to educate producers on Carbon Farming. Dr. Joe Outlaw and Dr. Ronnie Schnell were available to discuss everything producers might want to know about this trending topic.

Upcoming Events

10/14/21 Fall is for Planting: Growing Strawberries in North Texas

10/14/21 Private Pesticide Applicator Training

10/20/21 Master Gardener Informational Meeting

10/21/21 Greater Aubrey Area Gardening Series:
Made for the Shade

10/22/21 Master Gardener Applications Close

11/3/21 4-H Major Livestock Show Entry Night

11/4/21 Raising Sheep & Goats on Small Acreage

11/9/21 – Professional Landscapers Pesticide Applicator
Recertification

For more information on our events and programs,
visit Denton.Agrilife.org or call 940-349-2882