

# Texas A&M AgriLife in the North Region



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## North Region Programming Blog and Program Planning Workshops

I have threatened since Feb. 1 to start communicating with you through a regular blog entry and finally the time has arrived to get started. I will make every effort to provide information that will help you do your jobs more effectively and have a better understanding of topics/events/challenges we all face from time to time. You will receive this blog entry whenever it is needed so only expect it when there is a need to communicate or share. I hope that the time spent doing it will be worth your time reading the information.

Since our spring administrative meetings, Michael Clawson and I traveled around District 2 to meet with agents. We answered some excellent questions on expectations, program planning worksheets, and the new timeline for planning 2014 programs. These were very productive conferences and agents were prepared with good questions. Michael and I felt it was extremely valuable time spent and I think most of the agents would agree. I have set up the same opportunities for D-1 and D-3 in July/August. I know there are conflicts for some of you but hopefully you can make one of the meetings if possible. These are optional so if you already have a great understanding of the new process then there is no need to attend. The dates are: July 16 1:00 p.m. (Amarillo Center), July 17 all day (Gray County office), July 24 all day (Jacksboro), July 25 all day (Paducah), and August 6 all day (Vernon Center). We will start at 9:00 each day but you are welcome to come when you can. I look forward to answering your questions. Remember that if you can't come to these, you can always call me.

This website is your friend (bookmark) - <http://amarillo.tamu.edu/facultystaff/danny-nusser-2/>. This is where you can find 2014 expectations and worksheets for outcomes and outputs that we discussed in May. You will also find examples of the worksheets for outcome program plans. I have developed one on 4-H and one on Ag. These will hopefully give you some ideas on how to complete these and submit them. This site is also where you can view the recorded trainings on irrigation, wildfires, wheat diseases, cotton varieties, corn insects, and wheat freeze damage. There are two more websites that you should become very familiar with in the future and I would suggest you bookmark:

<http://extensionanr.tamu.edu> is a resource site for agents and has some very good resources including power points, bulletins, handouts, etc. for you to use in your counties. These will be updated on a regular basis so you need to go browse them and return often in search of materials. This is a password protected site and I have included it in the email about this blog. It is expected that there will be an opportunity for you to share some of the resources you develop and use on this site also. I hope you will take advantage of these sites and utilize the resources appropriately. There are also links to all departments and most importantly where you will find evaluation forms that will be used in 2014. These evaluations will be updated to fit your outcome programs. I hope you will view the evaluations, department resources, and agent only resources when developing your plans for 2014. Another site that is worthy of bookmarking is <http://water.tamu.edu>. A great deal of effort has been put into relocating all Extension and Research sites related to water into one place. I think you will find it useful in the future.

That's it for now! Hope you know that I am here to help in any way possible. Look forward to your calls.