

# Texas A&M AgriLife in the North Region



June 29, 2015

## Upcoming Beef/Range/Wildlife Retreat – July 28, 2015

It is time to start preparing for the upcoming retreats and first on the list is the Beef/Range/Wildlife retreat to be held in Floyd County at their county facility east of Floydada (Muncy). The program will be “all day” on July 28, 2015 and you won’t want to miss it. Just for clarification, all agents that plan to focus on Beef or Range or Wildlife need to plan to attend this all day event. If you are not focusing your in-depth program in one of these areas, the following criteria might indicate you need to be there;

- Beef/Range/Wildlife are commodities of interest in your counties
- You have been employed less than 5 years
- You need to schedule a specialist or part of a multicounty effort in one of these focused area

This program will be very beneficial from a professional development, planning, and networking standpoint. If you do not plan to have an in-depth program in one of these areas you are not required to attend but you won’t want to miss the opportunity.

### Tentative Schedule

8:00 a.m. Registration and Refreshments

8:30 a.m. Welcome and Presentations

- Opportunities in Aquatic Plant Management/Pond Management -- Peter Woods
- Wildlife Program Opportunities – John Tomecek
- TCFA programs – Robert Devin/TCFA representatives
- Quail Demonstrations and Educational Opportunities – Greg Jones

10:00 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. In-depth Program Planning (break into groups with specialists)

- Program Coordination (travel, specialists involved, opportunities)
- Plan 2016 Professional Development
- Review Program Indicators/Evaluation Questions

Noon – Catered (Continue working through lunch)

1:00 p.m. – Cluster/Multi County/Regional Program Planning and Opportunities

- Wildlife/Pond Management Group
- Beef/Range Group
- Livestock Workforce Group

2:00 p.m. Report on Discussions

2:30 p.m. Break and Set up for Scheduling

3:00 p.m. Schedule dates for county, multi-county, district, and regional programs

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I need you to come with an open mind and willingness to look at ways to improve programs, visibility, credibility, and specialist/agent working relationships. Our goal should be to provide producers with quality, in-depth education towards a specific topic and our programs should reflect this. I know that is a different mentality but I need you think in terms of quality and not just exposing them to information. If your programs are reaching all potential audiences with quality in-depth programs, continue on that path. If this isn't the case, let's look at some new ideas and approaches.

I need you to do the following by 5:00 p.m. on July 23 (if you are going to be gone then, do it before this date);

Let me and Jerri know if you are planning to attend this retreat

Indicate In-depth Plan for 2016 (if not Beef/Range/Wildlife then indicate this to me). We need specific area such as Beef Health or Deer Nutrition or Brush and Weed Control because these are the groups we will break into on this day.

Review the program indicators and evaluation questions for discussion

I look forward to the outcome of these retreats and this one will set the stage. I hope you can join us on this day.

## July/August Dates to Remember

July 1 – Certain Agents turn in plan for Swine, Sheep, and Goat videos

July 4 – Happy Independence Day

July 9-11 – Texas Pork Industry Conference

July 13 – Curriculum Enrichment Opportunity Training in Lubbock (morning)

Program Planning Help Session for Agents in Lubbock (afternoon)

July 17 – Curriculum Enrichment Opportunity Training in Amarillo (morning)

Program Planning Help Session for Agents in Amarillo (afternoon)

4-H Plans are due on-line for first review

July 18-22 – TCAAA Corpus Christi

July 23 – RSVP for the Beef/Range/Wildlife Retreat in Muncy

July 28 – Beef/Range/Wildlife Retreat (Training, Planning, and Scheduling)

August 1 – District 1 Sheep/Goat Clinic -- Amarillo

August 3 – Final Plans approved by 5:00 p.m. on line

August 5 – P-4 Training in Canyon for new agents

August 7 – Required face to face planning (agents with plans not approved by August 3) in Amarillo

August 8 – District 1 Swine Training – WTAMU Nance Ranch

August 15 – District 2 Swine Training – Levelland

August 24 – Corn/Sorghum/Small Grains/Dairy Retreat (Training, Planning, and Scheduling) Amarillo

August 27 – Cotton Retreat (Training, Planning, and Scheduling) Lubbock

August 29 – District 2 Sheep/Goat Clinic -- Lamesa