
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Melissa Blair, Public Affairs Specialist
melissa.blair@tx.usda.gov (361) 241-0609

Deadline Aug. 17 to Register for Grazing Workshop

Ranchers and landowners interested in learning about improving their cattle operation and profitability will want to register by Aug. 17 for the Ranch Management Clinic on August 21, 2012 at the American Legion Post #0436, 1404 Zanderson Avenue, in Jourdanton. The workshop is being hosted by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative.

Bill Armstrong, who spent 32 years managing the Texas Parks and Wildlife Kerr Management Area and will offer insight on what it takes to restore degraded, brush infested land for both livestock and wildlife. He will share tools on how a producer can manage livestock to positively impact their wildlife.

Mark Hazard, whose family stocker operation has been described as one of the most consistently profitable agricultural ventures in the U. S. and abroad. Mark will share the principles that make this operation run smoothly and profitably, year in and year out. Mark will also draw from his experiences as president of First Commerce Bank in West Point, Mississippi to share the banker's view on cattle loans.

Vance Mitchell is a sixth generation Texas rancher who will talk about how he stays flexible and profitable in the livestock business by operating both cow/calf and stocker operations on his ranch. Mitchell will share his philosophy for dealing with changing livestock markets and grazing management.

A beef industry expert from CattleFax will provide expertise that translates to a more profitable bottom line - whether you are a beef producer, allied industry business partner or financial institution.

RSVP by August 17, 2012 by calling (361) 592-0309 ext. 3 or email Jason Hohlt at jason.hohlt@tx.usda.gov. Cost is \$25, and CEUs will be offered along with lunch.

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations and/or alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, Large print, audiotape, etc.) associated with this meeting should contact Melissa Blair at (361) 241-0609 at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting with his/her specific request.

-30-