Feral Hog Seminar

Feral hogs have become perhaps the largest pest to agriculture producers and landowners in Comanche County. Not only are they destructive to most crops grown in the county, they are also a major source of bacterial contamination in the Leon River Watershed. Many folks may think of feral hogs as native wildlife or game; however they are actually an invasive species that destroys the natural resources that our native wildlife utilizes.

To help agriculture producers and landowners make informed decisions concerning control options the Comanche County AgriLife Extension will be hosting a feral hog program. The program will be held on Friday, February 7th from 9:45 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Comanche Community Center in Comanche, Texas. Mike Marshall, Leon River Watershed Coordinator, will be discussing the feral hog’s impact on water quality in the Leon River Watershed. Dan Gaskins, Extension Associate with Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, will be talking about new technologies and laws and regulations concerning feral hogs. Michael Berry, County Extension Agent in Comanche County, will be talking about previous experiences with feral hog abatement programs. Doug Steen, District Supervisor with Texas Wildlife Services, will be talking about control options offered through Wildlife Services. The Comanche County Predator Control Association will be there to answer questions about requirements for aerial hunts. Joshua Gaskamp, Research Associate with Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, will be discussing feral hog research at the Noble Foundation and some of the new trapping methods developed there.

There is no charge for the program, and there will be a sponsored meal. There will be 1 CEU in Laws and Regulations and 2 DOPA credits offered.