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Healthy Cooking School, Extraco Events Center, Creative Arts Building
6:00—8:00 pm
Live cooking demonstrations will teach how to prepare easy, nutritious, Mediterranean inspired meals for your family.

Tuesday, February 3rd Sessions

Registration begins 8:00 am

Beef Session, Creative Arts Building
9:00 - 11:45 am
- Real Market Facts – What Are Your Cattle Worth?, Brian Uptmore, West Auction Company
- sire Selection Factors, Dr. Steve Hammack, Extension Beef Cattle Specialist, Emeritus
- Evaluating 83000? Replacements, Dr. Ron Gill, Associate Department Head for Extension Animal Science
- Management Considerations to Reduce Hay Storage & Feeding Loss, Dr. Steve Hammack
- Wrap Up and Hot Topics—all speakers

Grain Session, General Exhibits Building
9:00-11:45 am. CEUs: 2 General
- Sugarcane Aphids, A New Pest of Sorghum and Update on Spidermites in Corn, Dr. Allen Knutson, Extension Entomologist
- Value of Variable Rate Technology: Current and Future Application, Dr. Ronnie Schnell, Extension State Cropping Systems Specialist
- New Developments in Wheat, Dr. Clark Neely, Grains and Oleoed Extension Specialist
- AflaGuard and At-36 Update, Dr. Thomas Isakeit, Extension Plant Pathologist
- Blackland Cotton and Grain Association Meeting immediately following the Cotton Session

Rural Land Management Session, Extraco Hall
9:00-11:45 am.
- Landowner’s Rights and Responsibilities, Tiffany Dowell, Extension Specialist-Agriculture Law
- Ranching 101 and Adding To Your Property Value, Kent Ferguson
- Panel Discussion: Alternative Income Options for Small Landowners—Bee, Pecan, Fruit and Vegetable Production, other options

Horticulture Session, Back Porch Club
9:00—11:45 am.
- Producing Fruit, Nuts, and Grapes in the Texas Blacklands, Monte Nesbitt, Program Specialist-Pecan/Fruit/Citrus
- EarthKind® Practices and Principles, Tim Hartmann, Program Specialist-EarthKind® Horticulture
- Bee Management, John Talbert, Sabine Creek Honey

Cotton Session, General Exhibits Building
2:00—4:00 pm. CEUs: 2 General
- Cotton Root Rot, Dr. Thomas Isakeit, Extension Plant Pathologist
- New Herbicide Resistant Technologies, Dr. Jonathan Siebert, Eidest Field Specialist, Dow AgroSciences and Doug Pustejovsky, District Sales Manager, Monsanto
- Panel Discussion of New Herbicide Resistant Technologies
- Variety and Technology Update, Dr. Gaylon Morgan, Extension Cotton Specialist
- Blackland Cotton and Grain Association Meeting

Wildlife Session, Extraco Hall
2:00—4:00 pm. CEUs: 1 General
- Pond Water Quality and Aquatic Plant Identification and Management, Dr. Todd Sink, Extension Fisheries Specialist
- Farm Pond Construction & Site Selection, Jeff Brister, Soil Conservationist, McLennan County NRCS

Forage Session, Creative Arts Building
2:00 - 5:00 pm. 1 CEU
- Is Your Hay Cut Right But Baled Wrong? James Rogers, Noble Foundation
- Considerations in Leasing Land, Tiffany Dowell, Extension Specialist-Agriculture Law
- Bermuda Grass Stem Maggot, Grasshopper and Sugar Cane Aphid Control, Dr. Sonja Swiger, Extension Entomologist
- Timing Applications of Fertilizer, Herbicides and Insecticides, Dr. Vanessa Corriher-Olsen, Extension Forage Specialist

Horse Session, Back Porch Club
5:30 pm.
- Psychology of Training, Dr. Dennis Sigler, Extension Horse Specialist
- Hoof Management, Dr. Dennis Sigler
- Biosecurity/Disease Control, Dr. Michelle Coleman, Lecturer, Biomedical Sciences

Wednesday, February 4th Sessions

Private Appraitor Training, Back Porch Club
8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Big Recertification Program, Creative Arts Building
8:30 - 3:00 pm 5 CEUs—1 L&R, 2 IPM, 2 General
- Identification and Control of Pests in Livestock Pastures, David Stichler, DuPont Crop Protection
- Identification and Control of Pests and Diseases in Row Crop Production, Dr. Ronnie Schnell, Extension State Cropping Systems Specialist
- Importance of Riparian Function and Managing Riparian Vegetation, Ricky Linex, Wildlife Biologist-NRCS
- **Noon Meal—Mid Tex Luncheon**
- Laws and Regulations, Dr. Don Renchie, Program Leader Agriculture and Environmental Safety
- Identification and Management of Plant Disease, Dr. Kevin Ong, Extension Plant Pathologist

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