Where: Harman School Community Center  
When: May 29th (8:00 am-4:00 pm)  
Pre-registration: Call Coryell (254-865-2414) or Lampasas (512-556-8271) County Extension Offices to pre-register by May 25th.

FDR once said “the nation that destroys its soil destroys itself.” This has become increasingly important in light of the recent drought and general water scarcity issues in Texas. Maintaining healthy soils can be especially beneficial for agricultural producers given the fact that soil is responsible for critical functions such as water absorption, filtration, and nutrient recycling. Healthy soils provide for increased water retention, higher crop yield, lower input costs, and greater grazing capacity. Join us in Coryell County on May 29th to hear experts discuss soil health and how healthy soils can benefit you. A particular focus will be given to wildlife, livestock, and water quality as they are issues that are especially important to producers in central-Texas. Whether you are a crop or livestock producer, lease your land for hunting, do small scale gardening, or just simply interested in saving money on fertilizing your yard, there will be something for you at this unique workshop.

The cost of the workshop will be $10 and includes lunch and 3 TDA CEUs. Speakers from Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service, Texas A&M Institute Renewable Natural Resources and USDA-NRCS will present on the 5 principles of soil health and the importance of these principles to healthy wildlife populations, grazing animals, and water quality. Speakers will also cover soil testing, including how to sample, where to send the sample, and interpreting the results.

In addition to the presentations at the Harman School in the morning, we will be visiting the Hannah Ranch to watch demonstrations on using web soil survey, taking a soil sample, calculating stocking rate, plant identification, habitat assessment, and riparian function.

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