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Agri-Plex Ag Day Slated for March 20 in Ballinger

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BALLINGER – The 2008 Agri-Plex Ag Day is set for March 20 at Ballinger High School. The biennial event is coordinated by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service with support from area agribusinesses and trade show exhibitors.

The program highlights agricultural and consumer issues facing rural Texans, according to event organizers.

Activities will include a trade show of about 30 commercial exhibits which opens concurrently, with registration at 9 a.m. There will be a health fair from 8:30 a.m. to noon in the junior high school gym. A women's program will take place in the school's home economics department from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A men's program will take place in the school auditorium from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. And there will be a youth program from 1-3 p.m. in the junior high gym.

All sessions will break from 11:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. for a combined awards program in the auditorium followed by a complimentary meal. Todd Staples, Texas Commissioner of Agriculture, is the scheduled keynote speaker.

The agriculture program will focus on biofuels, grain economics and drought-tolerant cotton and other new technologies. The session will conclude with the annual meeting of the Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association.

Activities during the women's program will feature Cajun cooking demonstrations and a presentation on identity theft prevention.

The youth program will deal with self-defense, firearm safety, electrical safety and wildlife safety.

Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be available for participants.

The program is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Runnels County at 325-365-2219.