

Fall Hill Country Expo set for October 1 in Mason

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MASON – The Texas AgriLife Extension Service’s office in Mason County will conduct their Fall Hill Country Expo from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. October 1 at Saint Paul Lutheran Church in Mason.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be available.

“We’ll be addressing some major issues and concerns that our producers need to be familiar with so they can make informed decisions, not if, but when, those issues arise,” said Brent Drennan, AgriLife Extension agent in Mason County. “We’ll also present some timely management topics that all our area producers need to be aware of.”

The morning’s topics will include:

- Animal Health Issues (Trichinosis in Beef Cattle), Dr. Dave Rosberg, Mason veterinarian.
- Carbon Credits, What They Are and What It Means to Landowners, Joe Franklin, range specialist, Natural Resources Conservation Service.
- Land Owner Experience With Prescribed Fire, Chris Hotard, Mason County landowner.
- Effects of Prescribed Fire on Prickly Pear and Woody Plants, Dr. Mort Kothmann, Texas A&M University range professor at College Station.
- Wildfire Prevention, Dr. Charles “Butch” Taylor, superintendent, Texas AgriLife Research Station at Sonora.

Lunch will be served on site at the end of the morning sessions.

Dr. Judon Fambrough, senior lecturer and attorney with the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University at College Station, is the scheduled keynote speaker for the afternoon session. He is set to speak on emerging issues facing the Texas Hill Country including imminent domain, power line easements and landowner liability.

The program is sponsored by AgriLife Extension, Hill Country Resource Conservation and Development Area and the Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Mason County.

Individual registration is \$10 at the door, but organizers are asking participants to call the AgriLife Extension office in Mason County at 325-347-6459 or the Hill Country Resource

Conservation and Development Area at 325-347-5005 by September 25 so an accurate lunch count can be made.

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