

AgriLife Extension to Offer Small-Acreage Landowner Series

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SAN ANGELO - The Texas AgriLife Extension Service office in Tom Green County will conduct a series of four seminars for new small-tract landowners during October and November at the Tom Green County 4-H Building.

“The group we are targeting are mainly city dwellers who have purchased rural property for retirement, an alternative source of income or a lifestyle change,” said Steve Sturtz, AgriLife Extension agent in Tom Green County. “Most don’t have an agricultural background, so once they’ve bought the property, they wonder what to do with it.”

Sturtz said the series curriculum is based on landowners’ requests to his office on those particular topics.

The various seminar sessions are:

- Session I - Resource Inventory: tips for small or new ranchers, rural law, agriculture/wildlife exemption, and financing options, 6:00-9:00 p.m. October 27.
- Session II - Small Acreage Landowner Horticulture: water quality, rainwater harvesting and solar and wind energy, 7:00-9:00 p.m. November 3.
- Session III: Livestock Enterprises for Small Acreage Landowners, livestock options, range weed and brush control and pesticide applicator requirements, 6:00-9:00 p.m. November 10.
- Session IV: Pasture Management, small crop production, fertilization and weed control in forages and small grains, 6:00-9:00 p.m. November 17.

"To glean the most benefit from the program, participants should plan to attend the entire series," Sturtz said.

Individual pre-registration per session is \$25 through October 22 and \$35 thereafter.

To pre-register and for more information, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Tom Green County at 325-659-6524.

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