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Alfalfa Workshops Set at Three Sites in August

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COLLEGE STATION – Crop producers, cattle raisers and grass farmers who are interested in alfalfa should mark August 7, 12 and 13 on their calendar. Those are the dates for three alfalfa workshops sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and the Alfalfa Council.

“These half-day workshops will cover a wide variety of production topics – anything from varietal selection, fertility and irrigation to weed control and entomology,” said Calvin Trostle, Extension agronomist based at Texas A&M’s Research and Extension Center here. “Each workshop will also include a visit to a nearby field, where participants can review scouting techniques and insect pests.”

Each workshop begins with registration at 8 a.m. The program will run from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Custom hay and dairy industry representatives will lead a discussion on how alfalfa producers can achieve optimal hay quality.

Registration costs \$10 per person and includes lunch and a book of alfalfa publications put together by Extension and the Alfalfa Council. Those who plan to are encouraged to pre-register at least one day in advance.

Those who attend can qualify to earn 2.5 CEU’s (continuing education units), including one unit in Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Trostle added.

Here is the workshop schedule:

August 7 -- Lamb County Ag Exposition Center on U.S. 385, two blocks north of U.S. 84. Contact Kent Lewis in the Lamb County Extension office at 806-385-4222.

August 12 – Dawson County Community Building at South 8th and Houston Streets in Lamesa. Contact John Farris in the Dawson County Extension office at 806-872-3444.

August 13 – Bar-H Restaurant at 1010 East Highway 54 in Dalhart. Contact Mike Bragg in the Dallam County Extension office at 806-244-4434.