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Llano Estacado Corn Conference Set For Feb. 8

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DIMMITT – South Plains producers can get an update on corn production and the farm bill at the Feb. 8 Llano Estacado Corn Conference in Dimmitt.

"This event will be held at the Castro County Expo Building," said Steve Young, Texas AgriLife Extension Service agent for Castro County. "Those who attend can get an overview on corn production. We also plan to have Congressman Randy Neugebauer address the crowd from Washington via video link. He will discuss the 2008 farm bill and other legislation that may affect West Texas."

Registration for the conference begins at 8:30 a.m. The program begins at 9 a.m. There is no fee, but Young requested reservations be made by Feb. 6 to help facilitate meal planning. Refreshments and lunch will be served, courtesy of DeBruce Grain, Pioneer Hi-Bred International and the Texas Corn Producers Board, Young said.

Speakers and topics will include: Corn Best Management Practices, Brent Bean, Extension agronomist at Amarillo; Corn Market Outlook and Biofuels Impact, Steve Amosson, Extension economist at Amarillo; Weed Control, J.F. Cadenhead, Extension range and brush control specialist at Vernon; Corn Diseases, Dr. Robert Bowling; and Pest Control, Emilio Nino, Extension integrated pest management agent for Castro County.

"We'll also have an update on pesticide laws and record keeping," Young said. "Those who attend can qualify for up to five continuing education units."

The corn conference is a joint effort of Texas AgriLife Extension Service offices in Bailey, Castro, Hockley, Lamb and Parmer counties. To register or for more information, contact the Castro County office at 806-647-4115.