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# 2012 URBAN RANCHER LANDOWNER TRAINING

Population growth in Brazoria County is on the rise. This is changing the face of Brazoria County agriculture. Large tracts of farmland that were once managed as single units are being subdivided into small tracts and sold to individuals who wish to escape the pressures of city living. These smaller parcels are commonly referred to as ranchettes, while individuals who make this move from population centers to small ranches are referred to as urban ranchers.

Typically, the urban rancher commutes to a full-time job at a major population center each weekday, and devotes weekends and holidays to work on their ranchette. Despite the fact that many ranchette operators have at least one college degree, they often lack significant experience and training in agricultural science and land management.

The Urban Rancher program is designed to strengthen the technical knowledge of the ranchette operator by providing 28 hours of classroom instruction and hands-on training over a comprehensive list of topics that pertain to ranch selection, establishment and management. Participants are encouraged to attend all Urban Rancher lectures and Saturday workshops. Over 175 adults have completed the Urban Rancher program since its inception 9 years ago.

The Urban Rancher Program is overseen by a committee of six individuals, all of whom have participated in past Urban Rancher programs. Texas AgriLife Extension and the Urban Rancher Committee's goal is to provide the highest quality educational experience for our participants. We'll eat at each and every event, with meals catered by volunteers who were Urban Rancher participants in past years! Our speakers are the absolute best in their field, and we're certain you'll enjoy our program.

## TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION AND THE URBAN RANCHER COMMITTEE OF BRAZORIA COUNTY OFFER URBAN RANCHER LANDOWNER TRAINING

January 19, 2012 - March 8, 2012

Experts from Texas AgriLife Extension, Texas A&M, Brazoria County, and other cooperating agencies provide lectures pertaining to ranchette management. Sessions begin on Thursday, January 19, 2012. Eight, 2-hour lectures are scheduled for every Thursday evening through March 8th. Two Saturday workshops are scheduled for hands-on training. Lectures to be held at the Brazoria County AgriLife Extension Office. Workshop locations TBA.

### THURSDAY LECTURES – 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

- Farm Safety
- Imminent Domain
- Beef Cattle Production
- Agriculture Taxes
- Agriculture Service Custom Rates
- Farm Pond Construction & Management
- Fence Material Selection
- Livestock Handling Facilities

### SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

- Livestock Health and Handling  
February 18, 8:30 am-1 pm
- Pasture Forage Management &  
Weed/Brush Control  
March 3, 9 am-1 pm

Extension Programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Court of Texas Cooperating.

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in any Extension activity, are encouraged to contact the County Extension Office for assistance 5 days prior to the activity.

## **URBAN RANCHER LANDOWNER TRAINING 2012 REGISTRATION FORM & QUESTIONNAIRE**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

RANCHETTE LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

MOBILE TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Is your personal residence located on your ranchette property?  NO  YES  
If yes, indicate  primary, or  secondary
2. Indicate time (in years) in residence at your ranchette: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Please indicate the county where your ranchette is located: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Number of acres: \_\_\_\_\_
5. List type(s) of livestock of interest to you: \_\_\_\_\_
6. List type(s) of specialty product(s) produced on your ranchette: \_\_\_\_\_
7. List resources available on your ranchette (e.g., barn, pond, soils, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Please indicate your property tax exemption status: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Briefly describe your experience with agriculture: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Do you presently have a TDA pesticide applicator license?  NO  YES

Tuition covers: refreshments and meals; reference book on toxic plants; reference book on livestock health; desk reference CD with binder; Private Pesticide Applicator books and class; guest lecturer transportation costs; etc.

Call the Brazoria County Office of Texas AgriLife Extension at 979-864-1558 x 110 for more information or to register, and mail this registration form and questionnaire with payment payable to: *Ag Committee Funds of Brazoria Co.*

**Entire Lecture/Workshop Series:**  
\$ 185 for individuals  
\$ 200 for couples (2 people)  
*- guests may attend for \$10/session*

**Mail To:** Urban Rancher Program  
Texas AgriLife Extension Service  
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**Class Limited to first 30 participants.**