

Sheep/Goat event set for San Angelo

By Steve Byrns

What organizers tout as the largest, most comprehensive sheep and goat production educational opportunity in recent times is coming to fruition. A diverse and changing sheep and goat industry will highlight two back-to-back educational opportunities in San Angelo on Friday and Saturday, August 28-29. (Texas A&M AgriLife Communications photo by Steve Byrns)

The venue is actually two events set back-to-back on August 28-29 in San Angelo, said Marvin Ensor, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service regional program leader in San Angelo.

He said the first of the two is the 42nd Annual Sheep and Goat Field Day conducted by and on the grounds of the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center located just north of San Angelo. That event starts with registration at 8 am. followed by the program from 9 am to 1 pm August 28.

The second event is the first ever Texas Sheep and Goat Expo set from 2 pm to 8:30 pm, also on August 28, and again on August 29 from 7 am to 4 pm at the San Angelo Fairgrounds.

“The Texas sheep and goat industry is undergoing tremendous change,” Ensor said. “And the AgriLife agencies, AgriLife Extension and Texas A&M AgriLife Research, are staying abreast of those changes. The industry is as diverse now as perhaps it’s ever been, so we are offering these events that will specifically target this diversity.

The annual Sheep and Goat Field Day is a long-standing tradition of the AgriLife center dating back to the 1970s. The field day is generally scheduled the first Thursday of each September, but Ensor said both events complement one another so well that planners opted to move the field day to coincide with the expo as a convenience to participants.

The expo is to be a premier state-level event with emphasis on demonstrations and hands-on activities that will follow the center’s August 28 field day. Activities on August 29 will start early at the San Angelo Fairgrounds with a chuck wagon breakfast followed by concurrent sessions featuring the various management and marketing techniques specific to wool breeds, hair sheep, club lamb production and meat goats.

Commercial businesses will exhibit new equipment, products and services at both events.

“Both these programs will be packed with information,” Ensor said. “We’d like folks to first attend the center’s field day that touts work being conducted there, including the extensive flock guard dog work being done, work on using juniper in deer feed to limit the problem of feral hogs eating much of it, insight into factors affecting lamb prices, the latest in prescribed fire management and some very interesting wool garment work. After a sponsored lunch at the center, activities will move to the San Angelo Fairgrounds for the start of the

expo.

“It will be a full two days, and participants can take part in any or all of both events. We do hope they will take advantage of both programs though, as we have never offered such an opportunity before.”

Ensor said expo presenters will include AgriLife personnel, Texas A&M University faculty, veterinarians, Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory staff, agribusinesses and area ranchers.

The concurrent expo sessions will include: Wool Sheep Session; Hair Sheep Session; Club Lamb Session; and Meat Goat Session.

The AgriLife Center sheep and goat field day is free including the lunch there.

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mentioned asking Corby to put his sheep in the pens to eat the weeds down and also to remind him to rebuild fence.

The discussion then turned towards the next meeting. At the next meeting, members will discuss getting donations for the Homecoming event. Jennifer Murray motioned, seconded by Bartley Murray, to make a minimum of a \$50 donation for a banner, name in the program, and the paper. Any donation less than \$50 will get their name in the program and in the paper.

The next meeting will be Sunday August 16, 2015, at 6 pm.

At 6:57 pm, Jennifer made a motion, seconded by Corey Virden, to adjourn the meeting.

At 6 pm on August 16, 2015, the Coke County Roping Club met at the arena in Bronte. President Bartley Murray called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. Members present were Bartley and Jennifer Murray, Tyson and Jenny Baker and Bailey Leeton.

Minutes of the July 19, 2015, meeting were approved following a motion by Bartley Murray and a second from Jenny Baker.

Jennifer Murray informed the members that FNBSC requires the club’s EIN number and minutes of the meeting detailing who may sign on the account. Bailey Leeton made a motion to have the club’s president, vice president and secretary/treasurer on the signature card. Tyson Baker seconded the motion and it passed. Bailey Leeton made the motion to only require one signature on a check, seconded by Jenny Baker. All were in favor.

Bartley Murray reported on his conversation with the adjoining landowner regarding the connecting fence and the possibility of him grazing animals on the CCRC property.

The domestic not for profit paperwork will be filed by Nick Arrott and the club authorized Katie Austin to deliver the filing fee to Arrott.

A discussion was next held about the upcoming “horseless”goat roping set for September 26, 2015. Bailey Leeton and Tyson and Jenny

Baker will be responsible for providing the rules. Jenny Baker and Jennifer Murray will handle the advertising, with Bailey Leeton providing the flyers for the event. It was stressed to make sure “horseless” was prominent in all marketing materials.

The books for the event will open at 7 pm with the adult/12 & under roping beginning at 8 pm. At 7:30 pm, a 5 & under

ribbon pulling will be held, followed by a 10 & under goat tying and kids dummy roping. The goats will be staked. Prizes for the evening were discussed.

Bailey Leeton will talk with the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department about doing the evening’s barbecue as a fund raiser for that organization. If the BVFD is not interested, other groups will be approached.

A Halloween Playday has been

tentatively scheduled for October 31, 2015, at 1 pm at the arena in Bronte. In addition to kids and horses in costume, a “trunk or treat” is being discussed.

Jenny Baker nominated Bailey Leeton to fill the vacated rodeo co-chair position. Bartley Murray seconded the nomination. All were in favor.

The next meeting is set for the third weekend in September.

2015 Property Tax Rates in EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

This notice concerns the 2015 property tax rates for EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT. It presents information about tree tax rates. Last year’s tax rate is the actual tax rate for the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year’s *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year’s *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year’s tax rate:

Last year’s operating taxes	\$556,602
Last year’s debt taxes	\$0
Last year’s total taxes	\$556,602
Last year’s tax base	\$128,602,818
Last year’s total tax rate	\$0.432807/\$100

This year’s effective tax rate:

Last year’s adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$555,837
÷ This year’s adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$117,198,090
= This year’s effective tax rate	\$0.474271/\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings)

This year’s rollback tax rate:

Last year’s adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for an transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures)	\$555,837
÷ This year’s adjusted tax base	\$117,198,090
= This year’s effective operating rate	\$0.474271/\$100
x 1.08 = this year’s maximum operating rate	\$0.512212/\$100
+ This year’s debt rate	\$0/\$100
= This year’s total rollback rate	\$0.512212/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT adopts a 2015 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.474271 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2014 taxes by \$9,734.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit’s property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
UNENCUMBERED FUNDS	191,000

Schedule B - 2015 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Interest to be Paid		Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
	Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	from Property Taxes		
	0	0	0	0
Total required for 2014 debt service				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2014				\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 0% of its taxes in 2014				\$0
= Total debt levy				\$0

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates’ calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 13 E. 7TH STREET, ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

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