



South District 12



Making a Difference... ...in Jim Hogg County

District Extension Newsletter for Commissioners' Courts in South Texas



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In 2007, AgriLife Extension celebrated the 100th anniversary of the County Extension Agent and of the Texas 4-H Program. I want to thank you for your continued support of our agency, but more importantly, for the opportunity it provides us to serve the people of Jim Hogg County. I hope you find this newsletter helpful in updating you about the difference that Extension education is making in Starr County and the public benefits these differences mean economically, socially, and environmentally to the community. We feel strongly that these preventive, educational approaches to community issues provide present and long term value to the County and its residents.

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Agricultural production in Jim Hogg County is deeply rooted in beef cattle, but with the cattle market as unstable as it has been in the last 25 years, the wildlife component is just as important. Managing cattle and wildlife together is a challenging endeavor, but diversifying will allow most landowners to capitalize on the two best agricultural income producing areas for this county. Focusing on these areas led to the Beef and Range Workshop held in June. With relevant topics for both cattle and wildlife. With the expansion of the Cattle Tick Quarantine Zone by the USDA into a portion of Jim Hogg County, an emerging need was met when over 55 wildlife managers, landowners, and cattlemen attended an emergency meeting pertaining to the movement of cattle and deer and the dangerous "cattle fever tick." A multi county program was held focusing strictly on White-Tailed deer with Jim Wells, Brooks, Duval and Jim Hogg Counties in October of 2008. Along



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Expansion of the fever tick quarantine zone was recently relaxed but remains an issue of concern for landowners and livestock/wildlife managers.

**2008
Educational Outreach**

Education in Group Settings

Number of Sessions	26
Number Contacts	598
Hrs Instruction	543

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2008 4-H Enrollment

Club Members	30
Total Enrollment	30

4-H & Youth Development

In 2008, the 4H program of Jim Hogg County consisted of one club with approximately 30 members and 8 registered adult leaders. Members participated in a number of different projects including: Food and Nutrition, Beef, Lambs, Swine and Goats. Shooting Sports was introduced for the first time in the form of the Archery project.



Jim Hogg County exhibitors at San Antonio Livestock Exposition

