



Dimmit County 2018 Annual Report

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Dimmit County 4-H

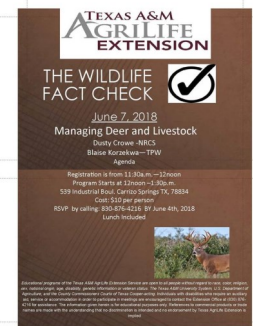
2018 Regional Water Screening



Provided private landowners and water well owners, the opportunity to gather valuable information about their wells, including information about salinity, nitrates, bacteria, as well as testing for hydro-carbon. 66 Water wells were tested during the fall and Spring water testing campaigns in a multi-county effort.

2018 Wildlife Fact Check Series

Provided Landowners as well as ranch employees a series of Wildlife related topics, that provided educational opportunity to producers, from Dimmit, Zavala, Kennedy Kleberg, Nueces, Washington, Val Verde, Bexar, Walker, and Frio Counties. Topics presented included, Deer habitat management, Exotic Ecology, Predation, and Zoonotically disease in relation to wildlife and livestock. Clientele had the opportunity to gain valuable knowledge from top notch speakers that were both present in the classroom, or remote accessed through technology. These statewide lunches and learn program gave producers an opportunity to take part in these programs in the comfort of our County, where as the rest of the state was able to gain the same information. By better utilizing technology clientele have gained a better core group of speakers that may not have been able to make it to this region of the State.



Texas Buckskin Brigade

Dimmit County AgriLife Extension continues to provide leadership in this State Wildlife Camp, that provides youth ages 13-18 the opportunity to gain a vast array of knowledge on White Tail Deer. This 5 day camp, is a great opportunity for youth to learn from not only Private Biologist, but State Biologist as well as Professors of University. Agents provide educational presentations, as well as impute into the structure and curriculum of the

2018 Mega Clinic

Opportunity for Livestock Exhibitors to learn more about their Livestock Species at this one day clinic, that taught youth about livestock selection, feeding, fitting, general livestock husbandry, as well as showing character in the show ring. 27 individuals were present for this event including parents and youth. Of the group, all youth were able to learn in the classroom about showmanship, and work their livestock projects in the show ring to gain valuable practice and critiques from the presenters. Through our evaluation strategies, 90% of the youth found the value in realizing that proper showmanship can assist you in placing higher; 100% realized that utilizing proper equipment, along with being calm and patient is the key to working livestock, and 100% were able to understand that showing



District 12 Archery Match



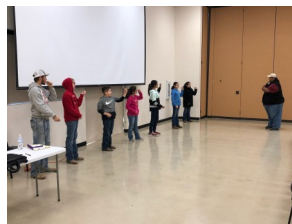
District 12 Food Show



District 12 Roundup



One Day 4-H



2018 4-H Grows

Dimmit County continues to maintain one of the most active 4-H counties in the District, with youth participation in the traditional livestock show projects, as well as youth participation in Shooting Sports, Photography, Clothing and Textiles, Food Show, Round up, as well as Horse. 36 Individuals participated at Majors shows including San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo, Fort Worth, Rodeo Austin, and Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show. 152 local members with youth from Dimmit County Participated at Local, District and State Competitions in 2018, and look forward to continuing the traditions in the years to come. Senior Team qualified for the State Indoor Rife Match, and one youth was fortunate enough to win the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship in the amount of \$10,000.



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This year Dimmit County was introduced to a Pilot Program Called the Rural Student Success Initiative, where as Dimmit County AgriLIFE is working with Carrizo Springs Independent School System to provide guidance with Local committee, and impute to provide guidance in grant monies to assist the youth of Dimmit County. The grant , \$10,000 a year for the next 2 years will assist in bridging the disconnect between students, youth, parents, and administration in getting youth better ready for higher education.