

Making a Difference

2020 Maverick County Extension Office Annual Report

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2020 Maverick General ANR – Oscar Galindo CEA AgNR

This year we were able to conduct a Pesticide Applicators License CEU's Workshop offered to the TAHC Tick Riders and the open public. The event included the Beef Quality Course offered by Texas A&M AgriLIFE Extension Specialist Dr. Joe Pascal and other presentations offered by the veterinarian of the TAHC. The attendees were able to obtain 5 CEU's that is enough to cover the need to keep updated their pesticide applicators license. They also learned about cattle management issues like insect control and the use of different chemicals. Another important aspect of the presentation was the precautions needed during the time of handling any chemical like pesticides or herbicides. We were able to deliver pesticide applicators license CEU's to more than thirty attendees plus the educational resources offered at the workshop. The attendees were able to learn or add to their knowledge different aspects of the cattle operation of how important is to responsibly follow all the steps from the pen in the ranch to a dinner plate in someone's family. The proper use of external or internal chemicals in cattle have to be used according to the label instructions was another topic instructed. Another aspect the instructor addressed was the importance of reading the label and follow the instructions to be aware of the withdrawal time of any chemical.

2020 Maverick CO Agricultural Field Day In-Depth Plan – Oscar Galindo CEA AgNR

The plan this year was to offer the Agricultural Field Day with presentation of Texas A&M AgriLIFE Extension Specialist like Dr. Robert Lyons also Dr. Juan Enciso and Dr. Samuel Zapata. Since the event was to be coordinated between AgriLIFE Extension and the USDA – NRCS they would offer presentations with USDA Specialists. The support of the local water district would cover the food and drinks plus some advertisement expenses. The program would cover aspects like irrigation some brush management topics and agriculture economics. Unfortunately, the COVID – 19 pandemic issue along with the local government restrictions did not allowed us to offer the program. The results for this year were not as planned because in our county and I imagine everywhere else the pandemic hit us very hard and the people got very scared. I talked with the USDA – NRCS Agent here in Maverick County about alternative options with technology but the farmers and ranchers are not familiar with online programs.

2019 – 2020 Maverick County 4-H Projects Education Plan – Oscar Galindo CEA AgNR

We been having many rewarding times with our 4-H kids in all of the activities like in the District 12 4-H Archery Match of the 3-D and the Modified 600 we obtained several second and third places as well as a first place. In the District 12 4-H Rifle Match we do not do as well as the archery, but we enjoy the competition conducted in Benavides, Texas also. The District 12 4-H Postal League of Archery and Rifle is another activity in which many kids participate specially in archery that goes along with the FFA Archery. The 4-H Photo Show is another convenient 4-H activity because is conducted online and the kids have the opportunity to participate without going to any particular place. In the 4-H Fashion Show we all the time get some participants that after obtaining a first place locally the participate at the District 12 4-H Fashion Show. The same thing with the 4-H Food Show we have a group of 4-Hers that enthusiastically participate at this event

2019 – 2020 Maverick Youth ANR and Livestock in Depth Plan – Oscar Galindo CEA AgNR

This year it was one of those that was accomplished with no problems at all it went very smooth. The number of animals in each species was greater than any previous year and the auction sell was a little less than last year but still with great numbers of about \$ 380,000 and the exhibitors were very pleased with the results. The 2019 Muy Grande Prospect Show was another successful event for our kids to practice and the ones from other counties, and this year with the opportunity to show not only lambs and goats but steers heifers and hogs. The concession stand during the prospect show was for the 4-H program and the kids did a great job selling different items. The 4-H kids were also in charge of the concession stand during the 2002 MCJLS Queen Pageant making a good profit for the Maverick County 4-H program. This year as usual the MCJLS Association was in charge of the concession stand during the annual livestock show and one half of the profit was for the Maverick County 4-H of about \$ 7000.00 the rest was for the FFA and the association. We had a great number of steers going to the San Antonio Livestock Show this year more than any other year plus the lambs the goats and the hogs that were also a good number. There were also some kids that went to the Houston Livestock Show that unfortunately was cancelled but some were able to show goats and lambs

2019 – 2020 Maverick County 4-H Grows – Oscar Galindo CEA AgNR

We had very good results because of the support of the 4-H Club Managers and the volunteers that assisted in many aspects trough out the year. All of the 4-H Club meetings were conducted as planed and they were announced in the monthly 4-H Newsletters that were posted in our webpage and also emailed to our 4-H members. Almost all of our 4-Hers were able to show at the local livestock show except some that lost their animal project or just did not pass their 2nd nine weeks. The community services offered by the Extension Office were the 4-H Toy Drive and the 4-H Food Drive that counted 5 points each, now the 4-H Clubs also did their own community services liker cleaning the highway the feast of shearing on Thanksgiving and the Walk for Life. Oher community services were helping at the validations and at the concession stand during the Muy Grande Prospect Show and the MCJLS Queen Pageant. As a promotional 4-H Activities the kids participated on the 4TH OF July Parade of 2019 with also at the 2019 Back to School Fair organized by Texas A&M and Commissioners Court plus the participation of the 4-H in the Halloween Contest of the Maverick County Sheriff's Department.