

Texas A&M Agrilife Extension- Zavala County 2021 Year in Review

FOREWARD: This document is being provided to you to highlight some of the educational programs, services and opportunities afforded to the people of Zavala County. These efforts would not have been possible without the support of the Zavala County Commissioners Court. Thank you for all that you do in support of the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service in Zavala County. This is only a highlight of some of the programs and activities conducted during 2021. There are many other events not included.

June: Officially began a career as Zavala County Agrilife Extension Agent on June 1st. Zavala County steer validation was conducted on June 12th, with the help of the Zavala Agriculture Exposition, 6 steers were validated.



August: Attended another professional development opportunity in at College Station, "Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course". I learned more in depth about beef cattle management so I may apply that knowledge to Zavala County beef cattle producers.



Russ Pulfer hired as Zavala County Extension Agent



Webb, Starr and Cameron counties.
Russ moved a lot growing up. He lived in the Midwest until moving to Texas in 2015, graduated high school from Waxahachie High in 2017. He attended Tuleton State University and received his degree in Agriculture. Russ received a position in Agriculture and Extension in 2021. He is a lifelong student and plan to learn as much as I can in the agricultural field and apply my knowledge to my surrounding community as well as hopefully on a national or global scale in the future.

ture job and took interest in that. I also interned at the Ellis County Agrilife Extension office in Waxahachie. At my parents house we manage and tend to a flock of sheep which we use to train sheep dogs (Border Collies) and eventually plan on getting into production.
"I consider myself more of a jack of all trades, master of none when it comes to agriculture. However, I am a lifelong student and plan to learn as much as I can in the agricultural field and apply my knowledge to my surrounding community as well as hopefully on a national or global scale in the future."



July: Attended a professional development opportunity, "Texas County Agriculture Agent Association" in San Antonio where I built relations with numerous agents and learned about different farming commodities such as hay and turfgrass. Also, all 4-H clubs in Zavala County were officially chartered.





September: Assisted in Peanut Variety Trial and field day in Pearsall County with the collaboration of Atascosa, Frio, and Zavala County. Also celebrated National 4-H week and One Day 4-H. Batesville 4-H hosted a community service clean up with 18 adult volunteers and 17 youth.

October: Hosted first ever Cross County 4-H Officer Training with 16 kids in attendance from 5 different clubs. Also had a Zavala County Lamb and Goat Showmanship Clinic with 15 participants. Zavala County Validated 32 sheep and goats at Crystal City Show Barn.



November: Assisted judging in District 4-H Food Show and Food Challenge located in Premont and Alice. Following, hosted the Zavala County and Texas state Hog Validation, 9 validated in total. Also, put on the first of two Zavala County Show Barn Clean-Ups with 13 youth participants.

December: Hosted Christmas parties for all clubs in Zavala County (Batesville, Crystal City, La Pryor). Also attended Region 13 Nueces Flood Planning Group Meeting in Tilden, TX for future Zavala County disaster preparations.

