

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Willacy County Program Highlights



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Agriculture & Natural Resources

Rio Grande Valley Beef 706 Program

-42 producers participated in a three program series, learning cattle selection, feeding, and carcass value

-100% increase of knowledge gained with an estimated \$1.5 million dollar impact

Rio Grande Valley Bull Gain Test

-100% of participants expected to benefit economically from the program



Healthy South Texas



Physical Activity Adults & Youth

-366 youth and adults participated in Walk Across Texas, with over 17,791 miles walked

-Lyford Elementary recognized as a Healthy South Texas Campus

Youth & Adult Nutrition Education

-143 students at Lyford CISD participated in the gardening program and positive behavior change in consumption of vegetables

-347 adults participated in five Cooking Well with Diabetes classes and two Dinner Tonight programs

4-H & Youth Development

-115% member enrollment increase from 2021-2022 to 2022-2023

-\$15,000+ brought in through fundraising, grants, and donations

-8 youth sent to state roundup at Texas A&M University for contests and college campus visits

-2 youth livestock ambassadors representing at the state and national levels

-7 state qualifying individuals in livestock judging, educational presentation, and recordbooks



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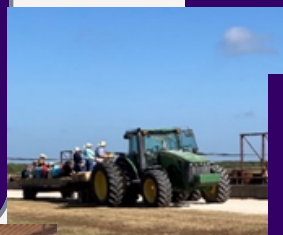
Sustainable Agriculture Program

July- Beef 706 Livestock Management 3 Program Series at Rio Beef Feed yards. Topics included beef quality grades, feed and weight gain and meat tenderness. 60 participants in attendance for this program.

July- Controlling Feral Hogs Virtual Workshop. We discussed common concern issues that farmers are facing in our area and the economic impact.

August- Beef Cattle Production & Management Virtual Workshop. Topics included biosecurity and animal diseases, biosecurity in meat packing plants, feed yards and on the farm. Over 30 participants were in attendance.

Water Resource Management Virtual programming. 18 well samples from Willacy and Cameron County private landowners were tested for common contaminants.



September- Pasture & Hayland Management Program. Over 60 participants. Topics included herbicide methods of controlling brush, pasture management, rotations, and improving herbicide applications, NRCS programming updates, and pasture, range & forage crop insurance program.

Community and Economic Development

Small Business Education

Providing technical and educational assistance to undeserved, agriculture and traditional business with programs:

Wrapped up our Annual B.I.D Academy (Government Contracting): 12 Multi-County Graduates

GET HUB CERTIFIED: 19 Participant Virtually
Worked on 6 LLC, 1 Non Profit, 7 DBA's
Assisted Agriculture Businesses Apply for Farmers Fund Grants through PVAMU AGNR



USDA Housing
Submitted 22
applications for USDA
504 loan/grant repair
program
7 have been funded



Farm Service Agency Loans
Quarter 3: Submitted \$30,000
in Youth Loans
2 MicroLoans of \$50,000
YTDT: \$942,000 In FSA loans

Emergency Preparedness Month
Released Podcast/Video with DAR
agent Matthew Rodriguez on
preparing yourself for disasters
Link Below:

<https://youtu.be/DrERTHNGY9w>