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**Fall Bee Keeping Class**  
By: Double L Feed & Kerr County Agrilife

**Where?**  
Hill Country Youth Event Center

**Cost?**  
Totally Free!

**When?**  
Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m.

**We Will Also Be Taking Early Orders For Spring 2017 NUC's!**

Molly Keck - Integrated Pest Management Program Specialist, & Board Certified Entomologist, will cover fall preparations for winterizing your hive, what foods are best for the winter, storing honey supers, preventing pests, general maintenance, and other necessary topics!  
**RSVP to Double L Feed 830-367-4100 or 830-896-7722 and reserve your seat today!**

# KERR CO. SWCD NEWS

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## KERR COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S

# NATIVE TREE SALE

**BY ORDER ONLY**

**Pickup Date: November 18**

At the USDA Service Center (2104 Memorial Blvd), Next to MG Building Supply

**Orders Due by October 28**

**ALL TREES SOLD HAVE BEEN GROWN LOCALLY AND ARE NATIVE SPECIES. 5 GALLON POTS.**

*OTHER SPECIES & SIZES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST*

SPECIES AVAILABLE :

BIG TOOTH MAPLE	GOLDEN BALL LEAD TREE
BLANCO CRABAPPLE	MEXICAN PLUM
BURR OAK	MONTERREY OAK
CEDAR ELM	ANACACHO ORCHID
CHINKAPIN OAK	ESCARPMENT CHERRY
DESERT WILLOW	TEXAS REDBUD
EVE'S NECKLACE	

For More Information or for Special Orders Please Contact:

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**Dates of Interest:**

- Oct 11: VFD Seminar
- Oct 13: Bee Keeping Seminar
- Oct 21-23 : Kerr County Fair
- Nov 3: Range, Forage, & Feral Hog Seminar
- Dec 6: Hill Country District Pecan Show

## Veterinary Feed Directive Seminar - October 11, 6:30 p.m.

Next year holds several changes regarding how we will be able to feed and treat our livestock and livestock projects when it comes to antibiotic usage. The FDA has amended new animal drug regulations to implement the veterinary feed directive (VFD). **Effective January 1, 2017**, there are certain drugs that can only be permitted under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian. This will affect the way that you feed your animals and how they are sold.

Double L Feed will be hosting an informative VFD meeting on **Tuesday, October 11 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Hill Country Youth Event Center. They welcome you and all of the public to attend this meeting and become more informed of these changes that will be affecting all of us very soon.

Doug Hefstedler, PhD, PAS, will be speaking and discussing the new regulations that will be put in to place and how we can operate moving forward. Doug is currently the Beef Technical Advisor and Manager for Elanco Animal Health and has extensive knowledge and specializes in Non-Feed to Finish Cattle Production Sectors and Feed Manufacturing Operations. He will be available to answer questions and help us as a community move forward with these new changes, so that our livestock show kids can continue to feed their animals effectively.



## USDA-NRCS & TSSWCB Programs Available

Several programs are available for Kerr County residents to apply for and receive assistance in implementing management practices for agricultural land.

The Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) is designed to assist agricultural producers in enhancing their land with certain management practices. Practices that address and improve water quantity and domestic animals are given high priority in Kerr County and include such practices as brush management, livestock water systems, fencing, and seeding.

The NRCS office accepts applications for this program year round and more information can be gained by contacting the Kerrville office at 830-896-4911 x 3 or visit the NRCS Texas homepage at: [www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov).

The Water Quality Management Program (WQMP) is a state-funded program made available through Senate Bill 503. It is a site-specific plan developed through and approved by the local soil and water conservation district for agricultural or silvicultural lands. The main goal of these plans is to abate agricultural and/or silvicultural nonpoint pollutant contributions to impaired or threatened waters as prioritized. A WQMP covers the entire operating unit and includes required practices applicable to the planned land use. The first step in obtaining a WQMP is to contact the Kerr County SWCD. There is no charge for the development of a WQMP, but there may be costs for implementing required practices outlined in the WQMP.

Financial assistance is available at this time in the form of a cost-share program for WQMPs in Kerr County. You may read more on this program at TSSWCB's website at: [www.tsswcb.texas.gov](http://www.tsswcb.texas.gov) (click on Programs, then select WQMP). You may also contact the Kerr County Soil and Water Conservation District's office at 830-896-4911x3 and ask for Deanna (SWCD) or Laura (NRCS) for assistance or to start the application process.

NRCS is an equal opportunity provider & employer.

## Range, Forage & Feral Hog Seminar—November 3

The Kerr County Extension office will be holding a Range, Forage & Feral Hog Seminar on Thursday, November 3 at the Kerr County Event Center. The program will begin with registration at 8:00 a.m. and the program will kick off at 9:00 p.m. and conclude around 4:00 p.m. Five hours of Continuing Education Units will be provided to Commercial, Non-Commercial and Private Pesticide Applicators.

The seminar will include information on range weed and brush control utilizing the newest pesticide products on the market as well as mechanical and biological means. Dr. Robert Lyons, Texas AgriLife Extension Range Specialist from Uvalde will discuss what new products are available as well as how to best utilize these products under various conditions.

During the seminar we will be taking this opportunity to recognize the 2016 Kerr County Hay Show winners. Dr. Larry Redmon, Extension Forage Specialist from College Station will be discussing forage management including fertilization, weed control and management of various insect pests we have been faced with this past year.

Beginning this year Kerr County will be implementing a Feral Hog Control program utilizing program will be explained with details on the various avenues producers and landowners can benefit.

Mr. Cody Buckaloo, Kerr County Game Warden will discuss Laws & Regulations related to hunting and transporting feral hogs. The Biology of Feral Swine and impacts from feral swine on watersheds as well as a demonstration of the corral trapping system that will be available to landowners in Kerr County will be discussed and demonstrated by Texas A&M Feral Swine specialist Josh Helcel.

The registration fee for the program will be \$35 in advance prior to October 27th and \$45 after Oct. 27th. To pre-register come by the Kerr County Extension office at 3775 Hwy 27, Kerrville, Texas or call the office at 830-257-6568. Registration will include lunch, refreshments, and educational materials.

## Hill Country District Pecan Show & Central Texas Regional Show—December 6

With the cooler weather here many homeowners and commercial growers are anxiously awaiting the Hill Country District Pecan Show & Central Texas Pecan Show, set for December 6th 2016 at the Kerr County Event Center in Kerrville. Growers throughout the Hill Country appear to be having a good crop this year and should have plenty of pecans for this year's shows. Each year pecan growers from the Hill Country area, Bandera, Kendall, Kerr and Real counties collect and enter their pecan entries to compete for awards, recognition and advancement to the Central Texas Regional Show. Growers will compete for ribbons and plaques with the Champion Commercial, Classic and Native all receiving plaques.

Immediately following the conclusion of the Hill Country District Pecan Show on December 6th, the Central Texas Pecan Show will be held here at the Kerr County Event Center as well.

Growers from this area may enter one entry of each improved variety and as many native entries as they like. Each entry must consist of 45 nuts of one variety and must be grown by the exhibitor and from this year's crop. What makes a good sample? Good pecan entries are uniform in color, shape and size; free of disease and insect markings with very little discoloration or white at the end of the pecans. Pecans should be free of splits or cracking to insure a good sample. Pecans may not be altered by marking, filing or excessive polishing, which will disqualify the entry. Each entry will be selected based on a random sampling of 10 nuts selected from the entry. The 10 nuts are then weighed in shell, shelled and a kernel weight is then taken. Based on the sized of the nuts, percent edible kernel, color and appearance the nuts are placed.

If you would like to compete in this year's Hill Country District Pecan Show please bring your pecans to the Kerr County Extension Office no later than Thursday, December 1st. Questions can be directed to 830-257-6568

## Kerr County Fair Coming Oct. 21, 22, & 23

The Kerr County Fair is coming this October! Another year of fun events have been put on the schedule. Starting on Thursday, Creative Arts entries will check in and the Carnival and Midway will be open. Friday the gates to the fair will open to the public and the Cook-Off will take place, along with vendor booths and the Carnival and Midway again. Saturday is a full day of events! The parade will take place in downtown Kerrville. The swine jackpot show will take place that morning as well, along with a salsa and Pinto Bean tasting contests. In the afternoon, BBQ Pork Ribs and Beef Brisket contests will take place along with all Cook-Off Awards. Bull Riding and the Carnival and Midway will be Saturday evening, followed by a dance! Sunday concludes the fair with the carnival and midway all afternoon. The Steer, Lamb, and Meat Goat Jackpot Shows will take place in the morning and the Scholarship Pageant will be after lunch. For full details and schedule, along with vendor and sponsor info, please visit their website:

[www.kerrcountyfair.com](http://www.kerrcountyfair.com)