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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Oct 4 – Equine Management 101**  
**Oct 11 & 12 – Beef Cattle Husbandry**  
**Nov 1 – Private Applicator Pesticide Training**  
**Jan 7 & 14 - Beef Cattle Short Course**

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**Multi-County Animal  
Husbandry Program**

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You're invited to join us, for October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> for a free, "one of a kind" beef cattle program. Friday evening registration will begin at 4:30 pm at Palo Alto College (Performing Arts Center) with the program to follow at 5:00 pm. Dinner will be provided compliments of the Texas Beef Council.

Topics will include Beef Quality, Food Safety and Beef Nutrition. Attendees will also get to participate in a taste panel.

Saturday morning October 12<sup>th</sup>, registration will begin at 8:30 am at Brehm Farms (8990 Hildebrandt Rd. San Antonio). Topics will include Cattle Selection, Cattle Handling, Body Condition Scoring, Chute Side Demonstration, Common Cattle Parasites and Environmental Stewardship.

Please RSVP to Patricia at (210) 631-0400. Two hours of CEUs (1 Gen, 1 IPM) will be offered to attendees.

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**Private Applicator  
Pesticide Training**

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A Private Applicator Pesticide Training program is scheduled for Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at the Bexar County Extension Office, 3355 Cherry Ridge Street, Suite 208. The training will begin at 8:30 am and conclude at 12 noon.

Lunch will not be provided. This training is for people who do not have a license to apply restricted use pesticides on their property or those who had a license that expired at least a year ago.

If you plan to attend, please contact Patricia (210) 631-0400 to register.

The program registration fee is \$50/person which includes the training and study materials. Study materials are available at the Extension Office and can be picked up in advance.

Participants should plan on bringing a calculator and photo ID.

**Need Pesticide CEU's**

**For various online opportunities, follow the  
link below.**

<https://ceusearch.texasagriculture.gov/>

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## Beef Cattle Short Course

### Save the Date

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Mark your calendar for the Annual Beef Cattle Short Course January 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at Palo Alto College – Ozuna Library.

Registration will begin at 4:30 pm January 7<sup>th</sup> and 5:30 pm January 14<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$15/session. Please contact Patricia at (210) 631-0400 to register.

### **Tentative Schedule:**

#### **Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

- TDA Pesticide Compliance (1 hr. L&R CEU) – Optional
- Range and Pasture Herbicide Product Update (1 hr. IPM CEU) – Benny Martinez
- NRCS Programs Available to Producers – Samantha Salinas, Hector Pruneda  
Animal Traceability – Joe Paschal

#### **Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

- Marketing Your Calves - What your livestock marketing professional wants you to know and do – Greg Gordeau
- Beef Cattle Nutrition and Supplementation Strategies – Bryan Bettice, Brayden Hawkins



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## Planting Winter Forages

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*Vanessa Corriher-Olson - Extension Forage Specialist,  
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service*

Late September-early October is the ideal time for planting cool season annual forages such as annual ryegrass, small grains (rye, wheat or oats) and/or cool season annual legumes. Anytime we are incorporating new forages into our production systems it is important to make sure to match the forage species to your location (soil type, average annual rainfall, intended use, etc).

Three methods for establishing cool-season annual grasses include planting into a prepared seedbed, the light disking method and over-seeding or sod-seeding into undisturbed soil.

**For more information on establishment, fertilization and utilization:** [Establishing Cool-Season Annual Grasses](#)

Over-seeding warm-season perennial grasses with cool-season legumes offers several benefits:

1. Grazing can begin 4 to 6 weeks earlier grazing in the spring, which reduces the winter-feeding period.
2. Legumes typically have higher nutritive value than do most grasses.
3. Legumes fix nitrogen from the atmosphere and make it available to the pasture system.
4. A good stand of legumes can help control spring weeds by competing for space, water, sunlight and nutrients.

**For more information on establishment and utilization of cool-season annual legumes:** [Cool-Season Forage Legume Management Guide](#)

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## USDA NASS Cash Rent

### Survey Results

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*Tiffany Dowell Lashmet - Ag Law Specialist, Texas  
A&M AgriLife Extension Service*

The USDA National Ag Statistics Service surveys landowners and producers each year to publish average lease rates by state. In odd-numbered years, they break that information down by region within the state and by county.

Keep in mind, of course, these are merely averages. The lease rate for a particular property will depend on a number of factors such as the quality and quantity of grass, the existence of and quality of fences, access to water, brush situation, etc. These published reports at least give a person a ballpark when looking at a particular property. All numbers below are reported as per acre, per year.

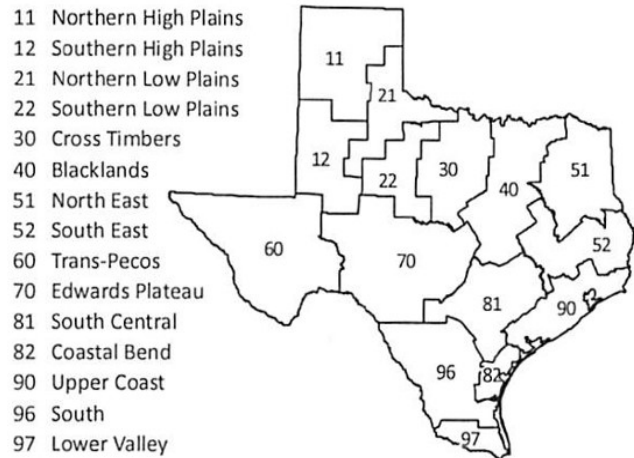
The **nationwide** average cash lease rate results are as follows:

- Irrigated cropland: \$220.00 (Up \$5.00 from 2018)
- Non-irrigated cropland: \$127.00 (Up \$2.00 from 2018)
- Pastureland: \$13.00 (Up \$.50 from 2018)

For **Texas**, the average lease rates for 2019 are:

- Irrigated cropland: \$92.00  
(Up \$1.00 from 2018)
- Non-irrigated cropland: \$30.00  
(No change)
- Pastureland: \$6.80

Additionally, the report breaks Texas down into 15 regions and gives the average cash lease rates for each. Here is a map of the various regions.



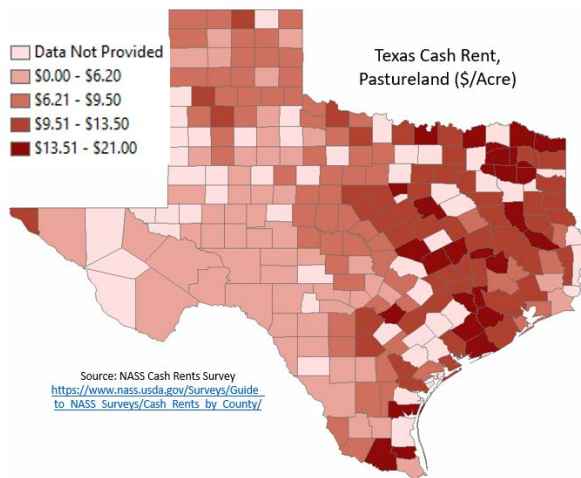
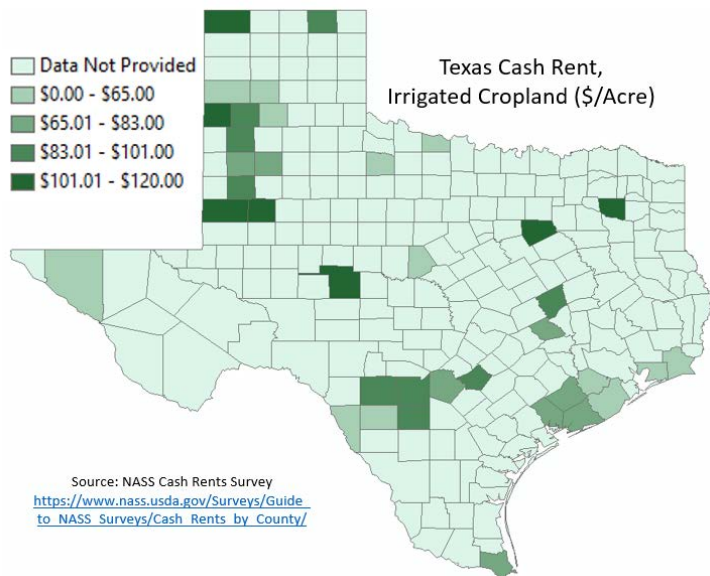
Average cash lease rates for each **Texas region** are as follows:

District	Irrigated	Non-irrigated	Pastureland
Blacklands	78.5	22.5	15
Coastal Bend	77.5	39.5	9.2
Cross Timbers	47.5	15	8.7
East Texas North	61.5	22.5	13.5
East Texas South	15	NA	10
Edwards Plateau	70	12.5	5.4
Lower Valley	88.5	NA	NA
Northern High Plains	127	28.5	9.3
Northern Low Plains	69	13.5	8.1
South Central	54.5	17.5	11.5
South Texas	69.5	20	3.9
Southern High Plains	69.5	37.5	4.8
Southern Low Plains	56	NA	6
Trans-Pecos	39.5	NA	1
Upper Coast	69	37	13.5

Lastly, the report also provides average lease rates by county. To look up the results for your county, [click here](#).

Here are maps thanks to Dr. Benavidez showing the average lease rates for irrigated, non-irrigated, and pastureland by **Texas county**.

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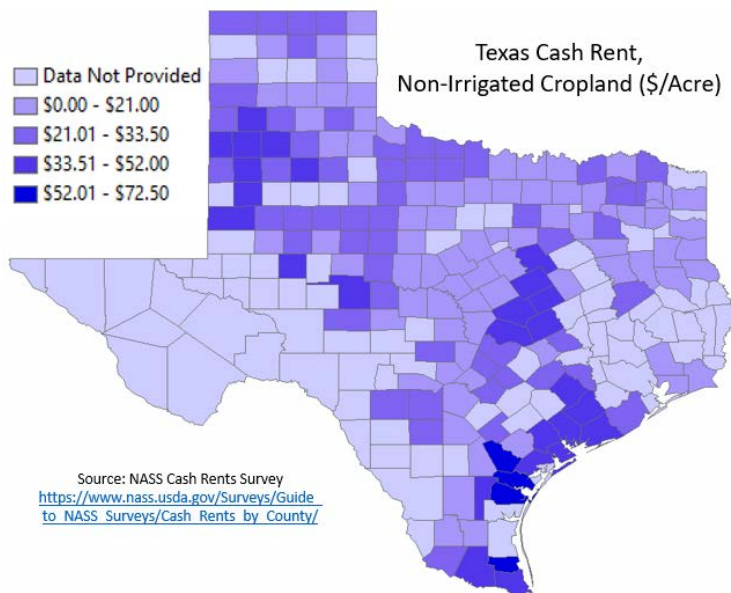
### More Information

The most important thing for any agricultural lease is to ensure the lease is in writing. There are a number of reasons for this, but having a written lease agreement is the best way to protect not only one’s assets, but also one’s relationship with the other party. We’ve got a handbook that focuses on grazing, hunting, and livestock leases and includes checklists and sample lease language. You can download that [here](#).

Additionally, each year we host a number of Ranchers Leasing Workshop events around the state. For 2019, our final workshop of the year will be in College Station on October 11 from 12 noon – 4 pm. We’ve had nearly 1,200 Texans go through this workshop and 100% of them would recommend it to a friend. To register for the College Station workshop, [click here](#).

Our 2020 Ranchers Leasing Workshop dates will be available soon—so keep an eye out for those.

Lastly, for those of you in Texas, the Rural Land Value Trends Report is also a great source of lease rate information. For more info, [click here](#).



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