

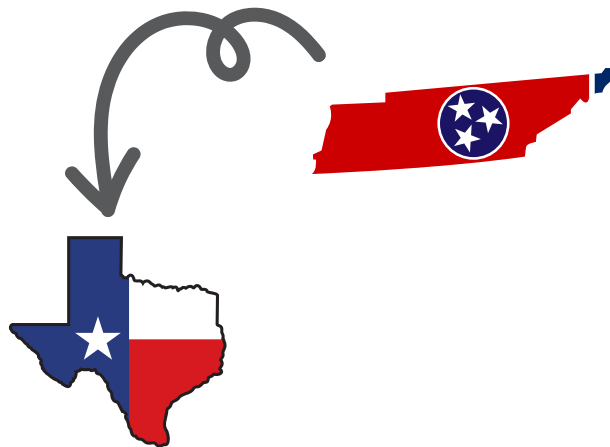


My name is Jeffrey Hester and I am serving as your agriculture and natural resources for Webb County. I am from Pleasant View, Tennessee where I grew up on our family farm and participated in the Tennessee 4-H program, showing horses, raising tobacco and participating in leadership

and citizenship events. I earned my bachelor's in agricultural sciences at Austin Peay State University and master's in agricultural leadership, education, and communications at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. My wife and I moved to Laredo in the summer of 2021. I worked for a couple of school years for United Independent School District. Prior to moving to Laredo, I served as the agriculture and natural resources agent for the University of Tennessee Extension in Sumner County. I pray that I can always be a valued educator in AgriLife Extension, where people see me as a servant to their community. I will strive to teach and guide those in my community to emulate their experience in order to continue cultivating change within their own community. I am excited to have my family here growing with this family-centered community.

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What is the Monthly Digest?

As part of an all reasonable efforts in communication to our county and program participants, I will be combining information from agriculture hot topics, upcoming program information for our county as well as programming outside of our county that you may be interesting in, dates to remember, and other information that may pertain to Webb County.

In the future, we may be taking this email communication piece to a weekly email, if we see the need. As programs grow, we may also be splitting this email into more specific interest groups.

So please, don't just delete the email without reading! You never know what information is here!



Upcoming Agriculture & Natural Resources Programs

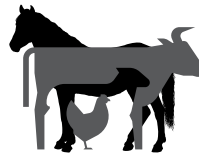


The Texas Master Gardener Program will begin in October 2023. We are excited to integrate this great program into the communities of Webb County. The Master Gardener Program trains community members in many areas such as soil health, water conservation, vegetable gardening, and so much more! After training, these volunteers then take this information back to their own communities to make a difference right in their own backyards! If you would like to find out more about this program, contact our team or call our office!



Ranch Management

From bird watching to hunting, managing the land is of great importance in our county when it comes to the conservation of our land to attract wildlife. Along with other wildlife agencies, we will work with land owners to help them reach their goals for their land!



Youth Horse & Livestock Programs

In partnership with the Webb County 4-H clubs and our 4-H Agent, we will implement programs to bring awareness of current agriculture issues facing our country.



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