

AGENDA

Field Day and Project Advisory Group Meeting
*Development and Implementation of an Environmental Training Program for
Manure and Compost Haulers/Applicators in the Texas High Plains*

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 14, 2011
Deaf Smith County Water Quality Demonstration Site

- 10:00 a.m. - Registration
- 10:30 a.m. - Opening Comments / Review of Project Goals / Tasks and Timeline
Ben Weinheimer / Brent Auvermann
- 10:50 a.m. - Manure Spreader Calibration Trials and Manure Calibration Kits
Kevin Heflin / Brady Miller / Marty Rhoades
- 11:20 a.m. - Water Well Sampling
Matt Davis
- 11:40 p.m. - Summary of Feedyard Manure Management Surveys
Ben Weinheimer
- 11:00 a.m. - Water Quality Demonstration Site
Paul DeLaune
 - Manure, compost and commercial fertilizer treatments
 - Preliminary results from run-off events
 - Site tour
- 12:15 p.m. - Lunch (catered)
- 1:00 p.m. - Adjourn

Project Team:

Mr. Ben Weinheimer, Mr. Brady Miller and Mr. Matt Davis, Texas Cattle Feeders Association
Dr. Brent Auvermann, Mr. Kevin Heflin, Mr. Gary Marek, Texas AgriLife Extension Service at Amarillo
Dr. Brent Bean, Texas AgriLife Extension Service at Amarillo
Dr. Paul DeLaune, Texas AgriLife Research at Vernon
Dr. Marty Rhoades, West Texas A&M University
Mr. Mitch Conine, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board

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Purpose:

To facilitate the development and implementation of an education, training and demonstration program to improve the understanding of environmental protection principles by manure/compost haulers, equipment operators, certified crop advisors (CCAs) and crop producers across the Texas Panhandle.

Project goals:

- Assess the current level of environmental knowledge of custom manure/compost haulers and the extent of training provided to equipment operators.
- Design and develop an environmental training curriculum for custom manure/compost hauler owners, equipment operators, CCAs and crop producers, including materials in Spanish.
- Promote adoption of sound water quality protection practices by custom manure/compost haulers, equipment operators, CCAs and crop producers through program delivery in at least two pilot watersheds.
- Utilize workshops, field days and hands-on demonstration of best management practices and ensure availability of education materials through website.