

Pecos Valley Farm and Ranch Seminar slated for April 22 in Monahans

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MONAHANS – The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the Pecos Valley Farm and Ranch Seminar from 8:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. April 22 in the Ward County Convention Center, 400 E. 4th St. in Monahans.

Caleb Eaton, AgriLife Extension agent in Ward County, said the program is being conducted by his office, but he invited those from surrounding counties to attend because the program material should be of interest to producers across the region.

“The new farm bill brings many changes that will affect farmers and ranchers here in the Pecos Valley, just as it will those elsewhere across the state,” Eaton said. “We are very happy to have Dr. Jackie Smith, AgriLife Extension economist at Lubbock, join us to discuss in detail the changes the new farm bill will precipitate and answer any questions that may be on producers’ minds.”

Individual registration is \$12 and will include lunch. Those planning to attend should preregister by April 15 by contacting Eaton at 432-943-2682, cleaton@ag.tamu.edu .

One Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education unit in the general category will be available for those with a valid private applicators license. Eaton reminded those wishing to obtain the unit to bring their license number as a driver’s license will no longer suffice.

Other program topics will include a talk by Eaton on chemical brush and weed control; a U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service update by Rustin Tabor of Monahans, and Ranching in Extended Drought by Dr. Bruce Carpenter, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist at Fort Stockton.