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May - August 2020

Due to Covid-19, Face to Face programs and meetings were canceled during the period of March-August 2020.

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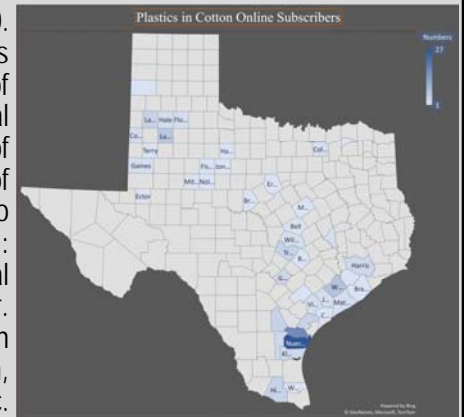
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Agriculture and Natural Resources:

An online **Plastics in Cotton Seminar** was held on May 6, 2020. This seminar was hosted by Nueces and San Patricio Counties AgriLife Extension. There were 162 registered participants, of which 138 participated in the live event as well as an additional 220 YouTube views. The adjoining map shows a distribution of participants from across Texas. This seminar was the result of programming needs identified by Nueces and San Patricio Counties Crops Committee. Speakers and Panelist included: Jeff Nunley, South Texas Cotton and Grain, Bill Norman, National Cotton Council, Ben Robles, USDA Cotton Classing Office, Dr. John Robinson, AgriLife State Cotton Marketing Specialist, Marvin Beyer, San Patricio County Cotton Producer, Jimmy Dodson, Nueces County Cotton Producer, Norlan Sapp, TAMA USA, Inc. and Tony Williams, Texas Cotton Ginners Association.



The annual San Patricio County Crop Tour was held virtually via Teams on June 2, 2020. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the San Patricio County Crops Committee decided that it would like to offer this program via the internet. Forty-four participants logged in to view the virtual program. AgriLife Specialist, Ag Industry Representatives and the San Patricio County AgriLife team worked together to create a successful program. Three CEU's were offered and 27 participants received CEU certificates.

4-H & Youth Development:

Due to the Texas 4-H & Youth Development Program COVID-19 restrictions, this year we celebrated the achievements of the San Patricio County 4-H members during a 4-H "Drive-in" Award Ceremony on August 20, 2020. This year's Gold Star Award recipients were Shane Baylor from the West Sinton 4-H Club and Anna Decker from the Clover T 4-H Club who were each awarded a buckle and a \$250 scholarship. Alison Duncan, Megan Frerich, Jacqueline Gonce, Taylor O'Brien and Parker Seago each received a \$1,000 Valerio Bill Greehey Refineries scholarship and a \$250 4-H Council scholarship. Taylor O'Brien received a \$500.00 Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship and Parker Seago received a \$500.00 Duane Champion Memorial Scholarship.



Family and Community Health:

During the month of August, Family and Community Health Agent Kathy Farrow hosted one of the District 11 EAFCS Focus Fridays. During the ten-minute virtual session, she shared invaluable tips and tricks on how to celebrate September as Family Mealtime Month. During the online opportunity, it was critical to give practical advice on how to plan, prepare and engage in family conversations during such challenging times. Families were also invited to share photos of their family meals on the Focus Friday Facebook page. In addition, these segments have extended the educational reach of the District 11 Family and Community Health agents to address a host of Family and Community Health related topics through a virtual platform.

District 11 EAFCS presents **Focus Friday** with your Family and Community Health Education

Join us on Facebook this Friday at 11am to focus on your health and wellness as **Kathy Farrow** Family and Community Health Agent - San Patricio County focuses on **Family Mealtime** How often does your family eat together at the dinner table?

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Local Child Care Staff have also completed online courses such as Special considerations for Infection Control during Covid-19 Year, Decision Making about When and How to Operate Child Care Programs during Covid-19 and Providing High-Quality Experiences in Emergency Child Care Settings during Covid-19. AgriLife has also assisted local Day Care Centers with PPE deliveries as requested by TDEM.