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Report Analyzes Record-High Fertilizer Prices

Farmers and economists are wringing their hands on how to get a handle on record-high fertilizer prices heading into the 2022 crop year, and a new report compiled by the Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University suggests prices may not be done going up due to several factors.

Joe Outlaw, Ph.D., co-director of the Agricultural and Food Policy Center and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist, told farmers at the Blackland Income Growth Conference in Waco that fertilizer prices could escalate as much as 80% this year as supply and demand gyrate at never-before-seen levels.

A recently completed AFPC report, which analyzed the economic impacts of higher fertilizer prices on 64 representative farms, was compiled from a study initially requested by U.S. Rep. Julia Letlow, R-La. Outlaw said producers are not only experiencing sticker shock, but may see product shortages.

“Coupled with current COVID supply chain issues, this will further stress the production environment for agriculture across the country,” Outlaw said.

The fertilizer report is the most recent in a series of analyses by AFPC, which has previously released impact reports on supply disruptions to the U.S. cattle market and proposed estate tax legislation.

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Last Chance Pesticide Applicator Training set Jan. 25 in San Angelo

The Last Chance CEU Training Course for pesticide applicators will be held Jan. 25 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 7887 U.S. Highway 87 North, San Angelo.

The cost is \$25. Preregister by calling the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office in Tom Green County at 325-659-6522 or 325-659-6523.

Onsite registration starts at 12:30 p.m.; the program will begin at 1 p.m.

“Though the speakers and topics change from year to year, the format will be familiar for those who have attended this program in the past,” said Josh Blaneck, AgriLife Extension agent for Tom Green County. “We call it the last chance course because it’s the last time our office will offer Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units before this year’s Feb. 28 deadline for license holders.”

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Owning Your Piece of Texas Program Announced, Starts Feb. 7

The 2022 dates for the Owning Your Piece of Texas: Key Laws Texas Landowners Need to Know program have been announced.

Three sessions of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service event will take place Feb. 7 in Conroe, March 14 in Fort Worth, April 8 in Burnet, and Sept. 12 in Fredericksburg.

The cost is \$75 and advance registration is required for each event at <https://tx.ag/AgLawEvents22>. All attendees will receive a hard copy of the “Owning Your Piece of Texas: Top Laws Texas Landowners Need to Know” handbook. Lunch will be provided.

The Conroe event will be from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. at Tom LeRoy Educational Building, 9020 Airport Road. The details for the Burnet and Fredericksburg events are available on the registration page.

“Agricultural law is such an important topic for Texas landowners,” said Tiffany Lashmet, AgriLife Extension agricultural law specialist, Amarillo. “This program provides attendees with information on a broad number of common issues facing landowners from water law to eminent domain to landowner liability, fence law, special use tax valuation, wildlife management valuation and more.”



Expert speakers will include Lashmet and Blake Bennett, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist, Dallas, as well as local attorneys from each area.

In 2018, Lashmet recognized that Texas landowners needed information about legal issues that affect their property, whether they were first-time landowners or stewards of multi-generational land.

She formed a team to provide rural landowners and agricultural producers with general guidance and education on key legal issues related to their property.

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Ranchers Leasing Workshop 2022 Dates Announced, Starts Jan. 10

The award-winning Ranchers Leasing Workshop will be held four times in 2022.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service programs are scheduled for Jan. 10 in Hallsville, Jan. 11 in Wylie; Feb. 8 in Brenham and Sept. 13 in Kerrville.

The Rancher's Leasing Workshop is \$50, and preregistration is required at <https://tx.ag/AgLawEvents22>. Each participant will receive a copy of the "Ranchers Agricultural Leasing Handbook," containing checklists and sample lease language. Lunch is included.

Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, AgriLife Extension agricultural law specialist in Amarillo, and Greg Kaase, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension agricultural economist and risk management specialist, Bryan-College Station, both with Texas A&M's Department of Agricultural Economics, are the program presenters.



"The pyrethroid only takes care of the ones that are in the field while the growth inhibitor provides a residual affect that will kill new hatches and any caterpillars that migrate into the field," she said. Applicators should always follow all label instructions on pesticide use and restrictions, she said.

"These Ranchers Leasing Workshop events have been extremely popular over the past several years," Lashmet said. "Over 1,200 Texans, representing over 1.6 million acres, have attended these live programs, and 100% of them would recommend them to a friend based on post-event surveys."

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