

# Jefferson County Lets Take the Hog Outta Texas



## HOG HUNTERS

County officials will be certifying the number of hogs harvested in the County for the months of **September-November**. Proof of harvest must be submitted to local officials for hogs to count toward our County tally. The County will be accepting time/date stamped photos via email: (Emilee.Bean@ag.tamu.edu), signed affidavits, and tails cut from harvested feral hogs.

For more information on how to certify your hogs please contact:

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Texas is home to an estimated two million feral hogs, which accounts for about fifty percent of all the feral hogs in the United States. Feral hogs have adapted to every region of the state and can be found in the pine forests of east Texas to the deserts of far west Texas. Jefferson County has a favorable climate for breeding and supporting a sustainable feral hog population. State agencies in Jefferson County have reported increased feral hog damage to crops and pastures, especially among local rice farmers and cattlemen.

While most Jefferson County landowners would prefer to eradicate this destructive species from our landscape, it is just not feasible. However, the logical solution for coping with this species boils down to a concerted effort of control.

The local need for control has driven the Jefferson County A&M AgriLife Extension Service and a coalition of local landowners to work toward a solution for hog control for the county that will be both safe and long lasting for Jefferson County. We currently have over 200,000 acres of the county enrolled to compete for a grant being implemented by the Texas Department of Agriculture. The goal is to make Texas more aware of the destruction these hogs cause and increase abatement technologies among local landowners and citizens.

As a part of this grant process educational programs will be held in association with the Southeast Texas Beef Symposium and Trade Show on October 28 at the Winnie-Stowell Community Building in Winnie, and the Pesticide Applicator Recertification Training for TDA license holders November 20th at Ford Park. Educational materials will be provided.

C/O Emilee Bean

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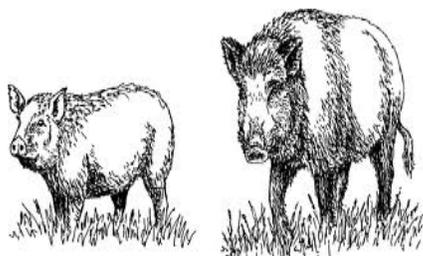
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