

Helping Texans Thrive in Ochiltree County

EXTENSION AGENTS

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IMPACTS

- ▶ A audience of over 75,000 listened to 5 wheat crop updates by radio
- ▶ The largest group of Ochiltree 4H members competed in the district rifle contest for the first time in 20 years.
- ▶ Individual visits with wheat producers were valued at \$60,000
- ▶ Seven 4H members validated 17 head of steers to be shown in 2023.

4-H & Youth Development:

- ▶ **Nine 4H members in the .22 rifle project met five times under the supervision of two certified volunteers. All of the participants learned about proper equipment, safety, and shooting technique to compete in the Panhandle District three position rifle contest. This was the largest group of Ochiltree 4-H members to compete in the district contest in over 20 years. The Junior team placed third and one junior placed fourth.**
- ▶ **Four Senior Level 4-H members met four times under the leadership of one volunteer to prepare for the State 4H Roundup Family and Community Health Quiz Bowl. The contest is a game show style contest where the members compete as a team against other teams from other counties. The questions are around the topics of Family, Consumer Sciences and Health. The Ochiltree County team competed in State 4H Roundup and placed 5th out of 22 teams.**
- ▶ **The “Fun with Foods” project met twice with one of them being their year end meeting. Participants learned basic meal planning and preparation from an adult volunteer. The last meeting consisted of all the participants preparing and serving a complete balanced meal.**
- ▶ **The annual 7 County 4-H Camp was conducted with seven counties from the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles. There were over 80 youth attending the camp including six youth from Ochiltree County. Educational workshops and organize recreational activities were conducted by Extension agents from all counties attending.**
- ▶ **Three senior level members met three times in the Entomology project to prepare for the State 4H Roundup Entomology Identification Contest. The participants also competed at State 4H Roundup. Basic insect biology and identification was learned by the participants.**



April — June 2022

Ochiltree County Interpretation

Agriculture & Natural Resources:

Wheat Yield Improvement and Profitability

- ▶ Many wheat producers utilize the county extension office as a source of information during the growing season to deal with various issues that may affect a crop. Information is delivered to these producers in the form of office visits, phone calls, field visits, texts and emails. Individual visits were made with 11 producers to address the following issues in wheat: 6 - wheat irrigation management strategies, 2 -wheat growth regulators and how they can be utilized to prevent lodging in high yielding wheat, 3 - wheat disease identification and testing procedures to management course of action. This process represented 11,000 acres and a value of over \$60,000 in private consulting fees for the producers engaged.
- ▶ Wheat is a major economic crop to all of Ochiltree County, therefore, the local and state media is interested in reporting the conditions of the crop to the public. They are always interested in the progress of the crop and how the weather may be affecting the yield predictions for the crop. During the quarter I was interviewed by two local radio outlets 4 times and one state outlet one time for growing conditions and management updates. There were a total estimated audience of 75,000 for those interviews.



General Agriculture

- ▶ Many crop and livestock producers utilize the county extension office as a source of information during the spring season to deal with various issues that may affect their operations. Information is delivered to these producers in the form of office visits, phone calls, field visits, texts and emails. Individual visits were made with 12 producers to address the following issues: Private Applicator License Testing and Recertification, Range Weed Identification and Management, Range Fire Recovery Management, Sunflower Production, Grazing Cover Crops, CRP Emergency Grazing and Rental Value, Corral Design for Beef Cattle, Goat Grazing Management, Direct Marketing of Beef Products from the Ranch. This process represented a value of over \$50,000 in private consulting fees for the producers engaged.

SPOTLIGHT

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Texas County Ag Agents Association Annual Meeting
July 24-27
- Ochiltree 4H Ambassadors
August 8
- Ochiltree 4H Parents and Leaders
August 8
- Tri State Fair Entries
August 10
- Wheatheart Wheat Conference
August 11
- State Extension Staff Conference— College Station
August 15-18
- 4H Information Night
August 23

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