News Release   
Central Texas Cow Calf Clinic  
January 8, 2016

The Annual Central Texas Cow/Calf Clinic in Milano Texas will be held on Friday, January 8, 2016 at The Milano Livestock Exchange, US 79. This Program is provided by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in Milam, Robertson, Bell, Burleson, Falls and Williamson counties. The Registration is from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. with the presentation’s starting at 9:00 a.m. and concluding at 3:00 p.m. three hours of General CEUs will be given for Pesticide applicators license holders. Please R.S.V.P to your local Extension office for a meal count by Wednesday January 6th. The Milam County Extension Office number is 254-697-7045.

Beef cattle production has certainly faced its fair share of challenges over the last 5 years with drought, feed costs and input costs. We have seen beef prices at the highest they have ever been and over the past year central Texas has had a surplus of rain. Now producers face what looks to be a cold wet winter and a drop in the beef cattle prices.

Topics for this year’s program will include Dr. David Anderson Extension Economist from Texas A&M University discussing current market trends as well as predications and considerations for the upcoming 2016 year. Dr. Paul Baumann Extension Weed Specialist from Texas A&M University will be giving an industry update dealing with forage production and noxious weed control and looking at new products. Dr. Sonja Swiger Livestock/Veterinary Entomologist from Stephenville will be looking at external parasite control in beef cattle and looking at new technologies. As we are all aware Weather has been the topic of discussion this year and continues to be as we begin the 2016 year. World renowned Chief Meteorologist, Brian Bledsoe of KKTV News Colorado Springs, CO. Will be discussing the long term weather forecast as well as giving his predictions from a producer’s standpoint for the upcoming year. Dr. Jason Cleere, Extension Beef Cattle Specialist, at Texas A&M University will discuss the new Veterinary Feed Directive and the significant changes we can expect to see as well as what this means for producers. Wrapping up the Clinic will be a live Bull Fertility Demonstration by Dr. Meredyth Jones Assistant Professor, Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Science Texas A&M University. She will be discussing the importance of testing bulls.