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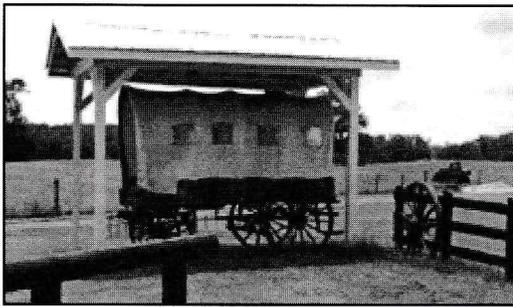
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MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Thursday, May 13, 2021 7:00 pm
Rolling R Ranch and Venue
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Come have supper with other members, learn more about our association, and educate yourself on how to improve your herd.

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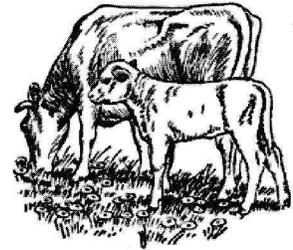
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MEAL: Grilled hamburgers served with sides and desserts

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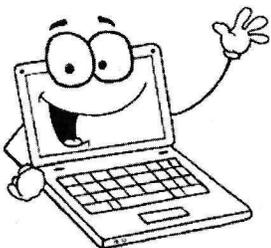
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LADIES: The Cattlewomen will have a meeting that evening.

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Deadline to RSVP - Tuesday, May 11 at NOON

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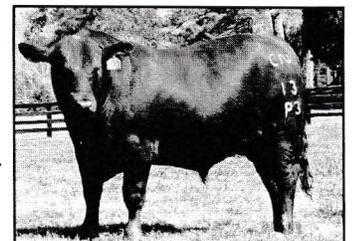


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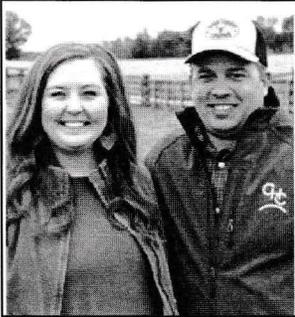
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



WILL GODOWNS
MGCA PRESIDENT

Hay season is finally upon us again. All of the late nights and early mornings are highly anticipated as we work to put up nutrients for our herd. We have finished wrapping ryegrass

baleage for the year and are blessed to have made a good crop that will serve us well later on this year. I know that a lot of you in the middle Georgia area are in the same boat, and I surely hope that you were given a good crop as well. As hay season progresses, don't hesitate to reach out if you find yourself in a tough spot. I think it's pertinent that the community that is made up of the cattle producers in our area band together, especially after losing so much of the sense of community after the last year.

Charlsy and I have been wide open, as I'm sure many of you have been as well. It's a hard thing for me to remember, but sometimes you have to slow down and smell the roses, or the cow manure- whichever you may be around at the time. Our industry has been faced with highs and lows, or maybe you identify better with roses and manure. It never ceases to amaze me though, at the diligence and persistence that we have within our industry. It's something that you can only understand if you're invested in this industry and have those embedded memories and experiences to remind you. Mid-Georgia Cattleman's Association has embodied that over the last year. Thank you all for your continued support and excitement! I'm ready to see where we'll go next.

Part of that manure was the incredibly volatile market that we saw during the peak of COVID-19 and market disruptions. Don't forget to meet with your FSA agent to be sure that you've got everything lined up for CFAP payments. If you received CFAP 1, you will be automatically eligible for CFAP 2. It's not a program that fixes everything that's broken, but it doesn't hurt to have a Band-Aid every now and then.

I'd consider some "roses" to be the increase in prices that we've seen as of late, and the ability to celebrate BEEF Month in May! Georgia Beef Board has resources ready and we would encourage each of the counties to promote beef in their own ways this month. Some ideas that have been shared are:

- Cook and serve hamburgers to local law enforcement, firefighters, EMS, etc
- Purchase copies of "Can-Do Cowkids" from Amazon and donate to local libraries and schools
- Host a county farm tour for local leaders
- Provide beef materials at your local grocery store

Check out page 61 of the April Georgia Cattleman magazine for a list of materials that you can request through the Beef Board. The opportunities are endless, and we'd love to see county participation!

I hope to see many of you in Hiawassee at the GCA Summer Conference July 29-31 at The Ridges Resort on Lake Chatuge. It will be a great time to restore some of our "community" that has been missing for some time now. Committee meetings will also be going on during this time as well as GCA updates and educational sessions. It will be fun for the family and a great get-together for cattlemen.

As always, if there is anything I can do for you, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Here's to the rain when we need it, and the sun to dry the hay.

Will Godowns

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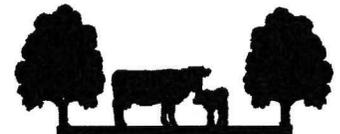
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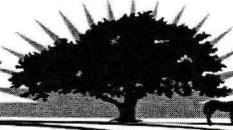
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MID-GEORGIA CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 11, 2021
Concord, Georgia

President Will Godowns called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to Caldwell Farm and Land in Concord.

Stephen Goodman led the Invocation and gave some background on their farm.

Will thanked our sponsor for the meeting, Pike Depot Feed and Farm and Middle Georgia Water Systems in Zebulon.

The minutes from the last Directors meeting were approved as printed in the Bull Sheet.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as printed.

GCA Report- Charlsy Godowns

Charlsy discussed the YCC meeting to be held in Thomasville on Saturday, March 20th with Dr. Tyson Strickland as the main speaker.

The GCA Summer Conference will be held in Hiawassee on July 29-31.

Danny Bentley, Region VP reported that the Legislative Steak Biscuit breakfast will be held at the Capitol on March 22nd. Everyone is invited to attend.

He also stressed the need for former members who have not renewed to please do so.

Cattlemen's Report - Cynthia Douglas

Cynthia announced that they are giving \$50.00 to food banks in our area to purchase beef and if you know of any, please let her know.

The Cattlemen had an online meeting recently to give awards and name their new officers. Hailey Robinson is the new Vice president for this year.

Ruth Hice was awarded the GWCA Hall of Fame.

The cattlemen will have an outing in mid-April at the South's farm.

Hailey needs all scholarship applications in her office by April 1st.

Orders are being taken for the new GCA History Book.

Cynthia mentioned that this is the 60th year of the Mid-Georgia Cattlemen's Association, which began in 1961!

The Georgia Food Animal Veterinary meeting will be held in Blackshear on April 23-25th.

Cynthia thanked all for their help at the recent WCG Steer and Heifer show. There were 23 exhibitors from 22 Chapters with 63 calves.

She also recommended that everyone go directly to mgcaonline.com to register for future membership meetings. Don't do a search for the website as you likely won't get to the correct one.

Beth Camp, State Representative spoke briefly and said that she is a member of our organization and is on the House Agriculture Committee. She also encouraged all members to tell their Ag story on social media and to contact her regarding any concerns or questions.

Agent Reports

Brooklyne Wassel, Pike County announced that the Pike Extension office is selling onions this year.

There will be a program on Rain Barrels on April 22nd and on well water on May 27th.

A program entitled Marketing For Ag Producers 2021 will be presented on March 8, 15, 22 and 29th. Contact the Pike Extension office for more information.

Hailey Robinson, Upson and Lamar Counties

There will be a program on Fire Ants in the near future. Contact the Upson Extension office for more information.

Hailey Robinson, Upson County Extension presented an



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Will Godowns gave away 3 gift cards from Country Oaks in Barnesville.

The next Directors' meeting will be April 8th, location to be determined.

The next Membership meeting will be May 13th in Lamar County.

Minutes taken and submitted by: Rodney Hilley
Approved 4/8/2021

**MID-GEORGIA CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION
DIRECTORS' MEETING
April 8, 2021
Thomaston, Georgia**

President Will Godowns called the meeting to order and Jonathan Brown gave the Invocation.

The March minutes were approved as printed.

The Treasurer's Report was given out by Anna White and was approved as printed.

Cattlemen's Report - Cynthia Douglas

Cynthia mentioned that Hailey is doing a lot of the social media work for the cattlemen and Mid-Georgia.

The Cattlemen are still looking for places to donate \$50.00 to for the purchase of beef products in some counties.

Discussion was held about the MG Annual Meeting in November and where to have it.

She discussed the recent steer and heifer show and the need for the committee to meet to go over the show and begin plans for next year's event. The committee consists of Cody Ham, Luke Andrews, Tracy Boyt, Bo Huddleston, Ray

Brumeloe, Will Godowns, Cynthia and Steve Douglas and each Extension Agent and Vo-Ag Teacher. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 21st at The Pie Restaurant in Thomaston.

Hailey Robinson stated that she had received an application for the scholarship.

Old Business

It was decided that the July meeting will be the usual picnic at County Line Farms if the Pippins are willing to host the event.

Buggy Days was discussed and Anna has the application that needs to be submitted.

New Business

Discussion was held about the request to cook breakfast and lunch for the Georgia Hereford Association Field Day to be held at the show barn in Thomaston.

GCA Report- Charlsy Godowns

Charlsy discussed the upcoming GCA Summer Conference in Hiawassee on July 29-31st.

She also reminded everyone about the upcoming Beef Month in May.

The recent Steak Biscuit Breakfast held at the Capitol was a big success with several Mid-Georgia members attending.

County Agent Reports-

Spalding County-Phillip Hensley discussed the Farmers Market in Griffin, which is held on Friday's from 9-1 p.m.

He also discussed invasive species and some that may become a threat to this area.

Upton and Lamar Counties- Hailey Robinson discussed the following:

There will be a course on Pest Management in Pastures and Hay Fields on April 20th. (Virtual meeting at 7 p.m.)

The Tifton HERD Sale will be April 20th in Tifton.

The Honeywood sale will be held May 1st in Jackson.

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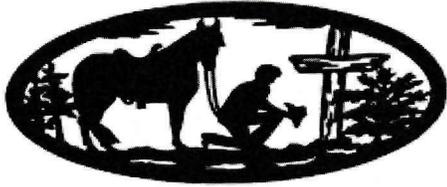
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National Hamburger Day will be on May 28th.

The ANCW Region II meeting will be hosted by the Georgia Cattlewomen on May 28th. (Virtual meeting)

The Calhoun HERD Sale is June 2nd in Calhoun.

Hailey reminded everyone to submit hay samples this spring and summer.

Contact the Upton Extension office for more information.

Monroe County- Georgia Horse Fair in Conyers on April 17th.

Monroe Cattlemen's meeting on April 20th in Forsyth. (Feeder/Finishing Cattle Nutrition by Lawton Stewart.

May 21st - Junior Herd Builder

The next Membership meeting will be in Lamar County, on May 13th.

The next Directors' meeting will be June 10th, location to be determined.

Minutes taken and submitted by: Rodney Hilley

CattleWomen's Report

By Cynthia Douglas, MGCW President

It's exciting to be able to see so many of you at events now. We have several events happening in May and June and I hope you will be able to participate.

First, we had planned a strawberry picking event and we had to cancel due to other events interfering and it was supposed to storm. Oh well, it was a beautiful day! We plan to try again on Saturday May 8. You can pick at Sweet South Strawberry patch before 11 or after our lunch and meeting. Please be at the South's Cabin at 11 till 12:30. Bring children

or friends if you wish. Just let me know how many are coming so we can prepare plenty of food. Text - 770-550-1070 or email douglasfarm@windstream.net. Address for Strawberry Patch- 701 W Moores Crossing, Thomaston and South's Cabin - 813 W Moores Crossing, Thomaston.

May is Beef Month and it is an excellent time to educate consumers about beef. We as producers have a lot of opportunities to tell the BEEF Story to others. You can organize an activity in your county at a store, restaurant, Day Care, school, Girl or Boy Scouts event, church, or other events.

The Georgia CattleWomen are hosting the American National CattleWomen's Region II Meeting on May 28th at 3:30 pm. You will need to register for this virtual meeting. Our Georgia Officers are working hard at planning this meeting. Please register and join in to learn more about the beef industry and the Cattlewomen's Association. Information is listed below.

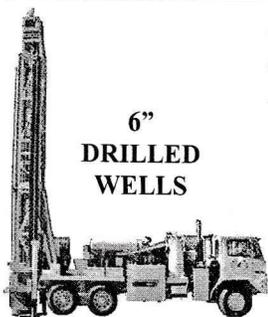
Upton County Extension is planning a Kids Cattle Camp for June 18th. Check out the announcement in this issue. Sign your children or grandchildren up for this event.

Beef Day at Country Oak Feed and Home Supply in Barnesville is June 19. Mark your calendar to come help serve Hamburgers from 11-1:30pm. This is a great time to meet and greet our consumers.

Your officer team looks forward to seeing you at the May meeting in Lamar County.

NOTE: If you haven't been getting emails about the cattlewomen's events, please send me your email address so you can be put on our Mid-Georgia CattleWomen's email list. (douglasfarm@windstream.net) Thanks!

Cynthia



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We will be sending the zoom link out to you the week of our meeting, so stay tuned!

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/region-ii-virtual-meeting-tickets-150809656743>

Connect with GCWA on Social Media:

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Facebook: @GACattlegirls

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YouTube: Georgia Cattlegirls

Sale Barn Evaluation Program



Date: June 17th Time: 6:30pm
**Location: Upson County Livestock
(Sale Barn)**

Just like the previous two evaluation programs we hosted in 2019 and 2020 at the sale barn, we will learn how to assess live cattle and what USDA graders look for. Register for this program at the Upson County Extension Office.

Upson Extension Office

Address: 35 S Hightower Street, Suite 170

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Number: (706)647-8989 Email: hrobinson@uga.edu



**United States
Department of
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**After Identifying Gaps in Previous Aid, USDA Announces
'Pandemic Assistance for Producers' to Distribute
Resources More Equitably**

**USDA Reopens Program Sign-Up to a Larger Share of
Producers with Plans to Expand Outreach and New
Programming**

USDA is establishing new programs and efforts to bring financial assistance to farmers, ranchers and producers who felt the impact of COVID-19 market disruptions. The new initiative—USDA Pandemic Assistance for Producers—will reach a broader set of producers than in previous COVID-19 aid programs. The Department will also develop rules for new programs that will put a greater emphasis on outreach to small and socially disadvantaged producers, specialty crop and organic producers, and timber harvesters, as well as provide support for the food supply chain and producers of renewable fuel, among others. Existing programs like the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) will fall within the new initiative and, where statutory authority allows, will be refined to better address the needs of producers.

USDA reopened sign-up for CFAP 2 for at least 60 days beginning on April 5, 2021. The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) has committed at least \$2 million to establish partnerships with organizations with strong connections to socially disadvantaged communities to ensure they are informed and aware of the application process for CFAP 2

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The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, enacted December 2020 requires FSA to make certain payments to producers. This includes:

- An increase in CFAP 1 payment rates for cattle. FSA is automatically issuing these payments. Depending on how producers filed the original application, they may be asked for additional information.
- Information on the additional payment rates for cattle can be found on farmers.gov/cfap. Eligible producers do not need to submit new applications, since payments are based on previously approved CFAP 1 applications.
- Additional CFAP assistance of \$20 per acre for producers of eligible crops identified as CFAP 2 flat-rate or price-trigger crops beginning in April. This includes alfalfa, corn, cotton, hemp, peanuts, rice, sorghum, soybeans, sugar beets and wheat, among other crops. FSA will automatically issue payments to eligible price trigger and flat-rate crop producers based on the eligible acres included on their CFAP 2 applications. Eligible producers do not need to submit a new CFAP 2 application. For a list of all eligible row-crops, visit farmers.gov/cfap.
- USDA will finalize routine decisions and minor formula adjustments on applications and begin processing payments for certain applications filed as part of the CFAP Additional Assistance program in the following categories:
 - ◆ Applications filed for pullets and turfgrass sod;
 - ◆ A formula correction for row-crop producer applications to allow producers with a non-Actual Production History (APH) insurance policy to use 100% of the 2019 Agriculture Risk Coverage-County Option (ARC-CO) benchmark yield in the calculation;

◆ Sales commodity applications revised to include insurance indemnities, Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program payments, and Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus payments.

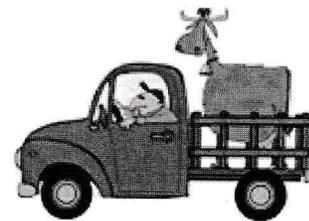
USDA Pandemic Assistance for Producers includes investing \$6 billion to expand help and assistance to more producers and adding \$500 million of new funding to existing programs.

Please visit farmers.gov/cfap to learn more about the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program and farmers.gov/pandemic-assistance for additional information and announcements under the USDA Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative.

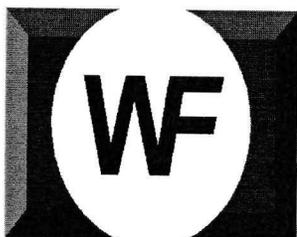
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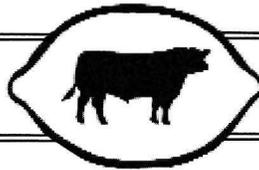
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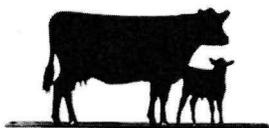
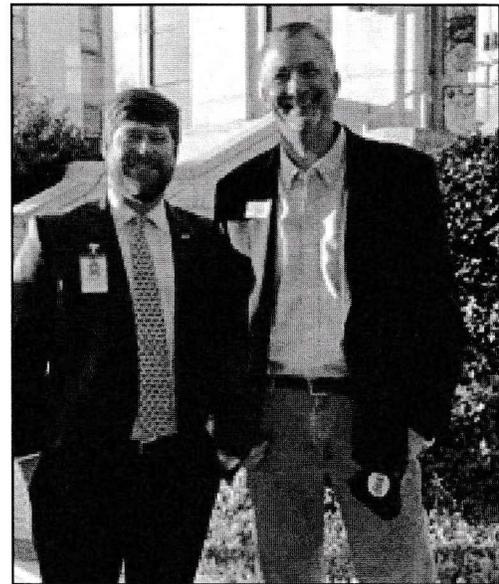
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Farm Bill

Wetland Provisions Swampbuster

Swampbuster is a conservation compliance provision that was introduced in the 1985 Farm Bill to discourage the production of agricultural commodities on converted wetlands. The rule requires that people who convert wetlands to allow production of agricultural commodities will be ineligible for USDA benefits until the functions of the converted wetlands are mitigated or restored.

Maintaining USDA Program Eligibility

To maintain eligibility, participants must not produce crops on converted wetlands after December 23, 1985, and must not convert wetlands to make agricultural production possible after November 28, 1990.

Any activity that alters natural wetlands, making possible the production of an agricultural commodity or forage crop, is prohibited. These activities may include:

- Filling
- Draining (surface ditching or subsurface tiling)
- Land leveling
- Clearing woody vegetation where stumps are removed

In most cases, drainage systems and other conversions that existed prior to December 23, 1985, can be maintained to the extent they existed at that time. Consult your local NRCS office for details.

If Swampbuster is violated, all USDA farm program benefits may be lost. Participants who plant a crop on wetlands

that were converted between December 23, 1985, and November 28, 1990, will not be eligible for certain benefits any year a crop is planted. After November 28, 1990, participants who have altered the wetland to make crop production possible will not be eligible for benefits until the previous functions are restored or mitigated. Please note that ineligibility applies to current and future participants associated with the wetland.

NRCS wetland determinations are conducted to implement the wetland conservation provisions of the 1985 Farm Bill. The determinations/delineations may not be valid for identifying the extent of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Clean Water Act jurisdiction for wetland sites. If you intend to conduct any activity that constitutes a discharge of dredged or fill material into wetlands or other waters, you should request a jurisdictional determination from the USACE prior to starting the work.

EXEMPTIONS TO SWAMPBUSTERS

Provisions

Several exemptions have been included in the wet-land conservation provisions. Consult with your NRCS wetland specialist to determine if any apply to your farm. A few that are commonly used are:

Prior Converted (PC):

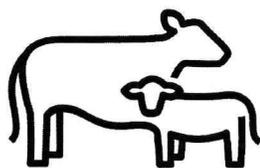
Wetlands converted prior to December 23, 1985, on which an agricultural commodity was produced at least once prior to this date, and as of this date, did not support woody vegetation. No restrictions on use.

Artificial Wetlands (AW):

Wetland areas created due to the activities of man. No restrictions on use.

Manipulated Wetlands (WX):

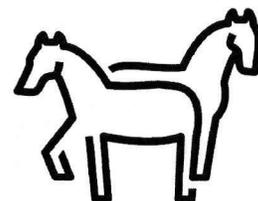
Wetlands that have been manipulated but not for the purpose of, or making possible, the production of an agricultural commodity.



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Mitigation Exemption (MIW):

Compensation through wetland restoration, enhancement, or creation for wetland functions that are lost on a converted wetland. Mitigation areas are generally located on the same property as the converted wetland and often require a greater ratio of restored wetland to converted wetland acres.

OTHER PROVISIONS

Scope and Effect:

In some cases, drainage may be maintained as it existed prior to December 23, 1985. No added drainage may be achieved after this date.

Non-Agricultural Activities:

Swampbuster does not regulate non-agricultural activities, such as road or home site construction.

Most wetlands, including “Artificial Wetlands” and wetlands converted for non-agricultural activities, fall under U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ (USACE) jurisdiction under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Contact the USACE before conducting any planned activities in or around potential wetlands.

WETLAND DETERMINATIONS

It is the landowner’s or program participant’s responsibility to contact USDA if he or she plans to do any type of work in wet areas. Prior to starting any work, the landowner should visit the local USDA Service Center to review any existing wetland determinations and fill out an AD-1026 form at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office if a determination is needed.

Most wetland determinations completed prior to July 3, 1996, are not considered “certified”, and therefore may not be valid for determining compliance with the provisions.

NRCS will determine if a producer’s land has wetlands that are subject to the Swampbuster provisions.

Depending on the circumstances, the agency may conduct an off-site or an on-site determination.

If you disagree with the NRCS determination, you will be

provided the opportunity to appeal the determination before it becomes final.

Frequently Asked Questions

Are “isolated” wetlands subject to Swampbuster?

Yes. All wetlands, regardless of size and proximity to streams, drainages etc., are subject to the Swampbuster provisions.

Can I clear trees from a wetland area?

Normal timber harvesting practices are generally not affected by Swampbuster if the site remains in timber production and cut stumps remain intact at ground level. Land clearing on a wetland involving stump grinding or stump removal, making possible the production of an agricultural commodity, is prohibited. (Note: Suppression of woody regrowth on logged wetlands may lead to a Swampbuster violation.)

Can I install subsurface drain tile or surface drainage ditches on an existing crop field?

In most cases, drainage systems that existed prior to December 23, 1985, can be maintained. Before installing or maintaining any drainage system, you should contact NRCS. Installing any drainage system in or adjacent to a regulated wetland is prohibited. (Note: Fields determined by NRCS to be prior converted (PC) cropland are exempt from USDA wetland compliance regulations. After confirming the PC determination, planned activities can be completed without further delay, as long as adjacent wetland areas are unaffected.

When purchasing or renting a farm, what questions should be asked about wetlands?

Have certified wetland determinations been completed? What types of wetlands are present and what are the restrictions? Are there any wetland conversions that occurred on the property after December 23, 1985? If there are converted wetlands, what options are available to resolve the



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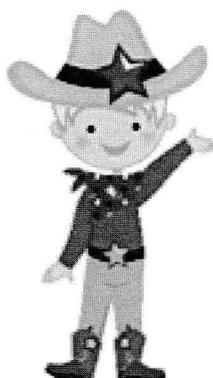
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situation?

What types of wetlands could be present on my property?

Wetlands occur in many different forms and on a wide range of land uses. They commonly occur in wooded areas, pastures, hayfields, cropland, and odd areas around the farm. NRCS can assist you to determine what wetland determinations have been completed on your property and if a certified wetland determination might be needed.



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Types of Inspection for Abattoirs

By Hailey Partain, Upson/Lamar ANR Agent

There are different types of abattoir (slaughter facilities) out there. The main three types of inspections are: **Custom-Exempt**, **State-Inspected**, and **Federally-Inspected**. So what is the difference between them?

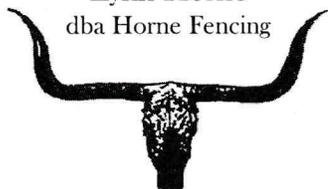
Custom-Exempt: A custom-exempt plant can only slaughter and process livestock for the exclusive use of the livestock owner(s). This product cannot be sold. Facilities are subject to periodic, risk-based inspection by USDA FSIS and/or state authorities. They are exempt from the FIMA requirements of carcass-by-carcass inspections and daily presence of inspectors.

State-Inspection (GDA): State inspection programs (State MPI: Meat and Poultry Inspection) must be "at least equal to" those imposed under the Title I and Title IV of the Federal Meat Inspection Act. State-inspected products can be sold and shipped within the state lines.

Federal-Inspection (USDA): The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (USDA FSIS) provides this type of inspection. Federally-inspected products can be shipped over state lines and internationally to many countries. Federal inspection requires a HACCP plan, SSOPs, a recall plan, daily inspection of processing facilities, and (for red meat) inspection of each animal before and after slaughter.

In short that means that **Custom-Exempt** product is for owner consumptions only, **State-Inspected** product can be sold within the Georgia state lines, and **Federally-Inspected** products can be sold over the Georgia state lines.

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Roundup Resistant Palmer Amaranth

*By: Philip Hensley, Spalding County ANR Agent
 Adapted from: L. M. Sosnoskie, T.M. Webster, A. S.
 Culpepper, and J. Kichler*

Palmer amaranth, commonly called "pigweed," is a highly competitive weed of field corn, cotton, peanut, and soybean and has been confirmed to be resistant to glyphosate in nearly every agronomic county in GA. It has the ability to grow in pastures and feedlot conditions, and can be found in feed that consist of whole seeds. Some seeds, especially tiny, hard-shelled seeds from Palmer amaranth, can escape digestion by cattle. Glyphosate-resistant Palmer amaranth establishment has been assisted by its rapid growth rate, extensive root structure, high seed production, physical seed movement (man, animal, water), and most importantly by pollen (wind) dispersal. Growers must understand the biology and ecology of Palmer amaranth to be effective at controlling it.

Palmer amaranth converts carbon dioxide (CO₂) in the air into sugars via photosynthesis more efficiently than corn, cotton, or soybean which allows for rapid growth even under hot and dry conditions. Because Palmer amaranth is so efficient at fixing carbon, it is capable of growing several inches per day under ideal growing conditions. Herbicides tend to be more effective on smaller, rather than larger, plants. Due to pigweed's rapid growth rate, the window of time available to make effective topical herbicide applications is very short.

Palmer amaranth has a deep taproot as well as a network of fine, fibrous roots. Research from North Carolina has shown that Palmer amaranth can produce more and longer

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roots than soybean and are more capable at penetrating compacted soils. Because of its rooting structure, Palmer amaranth may have more access to water and nutrients than many commonly grown crops. This contributes to pigweed's rapid growth and competitiveness. The presence of a taproot can make it difficult to remove it by hand. Broken-off stems as small as one inch can re-sprout, flower, and produce seed.

Palmer amaranth is capable of producing extraordinary amounts of seed. Research conducted by UGA has shown that Palmer amaranth females produced up to 460,000 seeds per plant when growing in competition with dryland cotton for an entire season. Under optimal conditions, a single female Palmer amaranth plant can produce up to 1 million seeds. Amaranth seeds require sunlight for germination; the majority of seeds that do emerge will have likely germinated in the upper 2" of soil. Although pigweed produces a lot of seed, those seeds are fairly short-lived in the soil. Research at UGA has demonstrated that after 3 years of burial almost 80% of the seed will have died.

This year's seeds become next year's weeds! Effective weed management means removing all pigweed plants from a field before they reach reproductive maturity. Winter cover crops that provide sufficient amounts of biomass can be used to suppress Palmer amaranth in strip tillage operations. Cover crops shelter the seeds from sunlight and physically interfere with seedling emergence. When heavy infestations exist, moldboard plowing may be required to bury seed below their optimal germination/emergence zone. Deep tillage operations should only be used infrequently so that the deeply buried seeds can die and decompose.

Palmer amaranth produces male and female flowers on different plants. For seed to develop, pollen from a male needs to be carried by the wind to a female plant. If pollen from a glyphosate-resistant male plant fertilizes a susceptible

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female, a portion of the offspring will also have the resistance trait. Seeds can also move resistance around. Palmer amaranth seeds are known to be spread on equipment, in flowing water, and by animals. Herbicide resistance is mobile; both pollen and seeds contribute to the spread of resistance. Resistant seed may be spread from field to field after getting caught up in cotton pickers, mowers, or trapped in mud on tractor tires. "Palmer amaranth is not a normal weed. It's going to win if you don't make every intelligent decision that you can make," says Stanley Culpepper. To slow the spread of resistance, don't allow plants to reach reproductive maturity and produce pollen and seed.

UGA EXTENSION EXPERTS:

Upcoming events

PIKE EXTENSION

May 27th Lunch N Learn: Well Water (Zoom)
June 23rd Citizens Science Academy
July Virtual Water Games

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Kiwanis Fairgrounds Farmer's Market
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UPSON/LAMAR EXTENSION

May 28th Region II Meeting hosted by GCWA (Virtual)
June 2nd Calhoun HERD Sale
June 14th Lunch N Learn: Troubleshooting in the Landscape 10:30am at Barnesville-Lamar County Library
June 17th Cattle Evaluation Program 6:30pm at Upson Sale Barn
June 18th Kids Cattle Camp 9am-3pm at Upson Sale Barn
July 12th Lunch N Learn: Troubleshooting Turf Problems in the Heat of the Summer 10:30am at Barnesville-Lamar County Library
July 29th-31st GCA Summer Conference

GA Hereford Field Day and Junior Show



GA Hereford Field Day and Junior Show will be held on June 28th at the Upson-Lee AG Barn in Thomaston. For more information contact Wes Smith 706-601-9527

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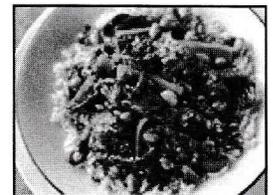
INGREDIENTS

- 1 beef Top Sirloin Steak, cut 1 inch thick (about 1 pound)
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic, divided
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoons crushed red pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped green onions
- 1/4 cup oyster sauce
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh ginger
- 2 cups bamboo shoots, edamame, baby corn or water chestnuts
- 2 cups hot cooked rice

Cooking:

Cut beef Top Sirloin Steak in half lengthwise, then crosswise into 1/8-inch strips. Toss beef with 1 tablespoon garlic and red pepper.

Heat non-stick skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add half of beef; stir-fry 1 to 2 minutes or until outside surface of beef is no longer pink. Remove from skillet. Repeat with remaining beef. Remove from skillet.



Add remaining 1 tablespoon garlic, green onions, oyster sauce, sugar and ginger to same skillet; cook for 1 to 2 minutes or until sauce is hot. Return beef to skillet. Add bamboo shoots; cook and stir until bamboo shoots are hot. Serve over rice.

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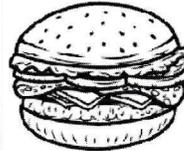
- MAY** Promote Beef Month
- MAY 8** MG Cattlewomen's Outing
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- MAY 9** Happy Mother's Day
- MAY 11** RSVP for Meeting - Noon
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- MAY 13** MGCA Membership Meeting
7:00 pm
Rolling R Ranch and Venue
475 Brent Road, Barnesville
- MAY 28** Region II Meeting
hosted by GCWA (Virtual)
NATIONAL HAMURGER DAY
- JUNE 10** MGCA Directors' Meeting
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- JUNE 19** **BEEF DAY**
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- June 20** Happy Father's Day
- June 28** GA Hereford Field Day
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