

Fall feral hog webinar series set

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SAN MARCOS – The eXtension Feral Hogs Community of Practice will conduct a feral hog educational webinar series this fall for anyone needing information on this growing problem, said the webinar’s coordinator.

“Despite all the control efforts and the public’s awareness of the issue, feral hog numbers in the state continue to rise at an alarming rate,” said Jared Timmons, AgriLife Extension Plum Creek Watershed Feral Hog Education Program assistant at San Marcos. “The purpose of this series is to provide the public with the most current feral hog-related facts available in such a way that participants can interact with the experts from anywhere as long as they have Internet access.”

The Feral Hogs Community of Practice is a resource area within eXtension concentrating on the control, adaptive management, biology, economics, disease risks, and the human interface of feral hogs across the U.S., Timmons said. Its goal is to provide critical information, resources and expert application of knowledge.

To join the webinars, log in as a “guest” to: <https://connect.extension.iastate.edu/feralhog> . There is no charge for the series.

The four sessions are from noon-1 p.m.

The session dates, topics and speakers include:

– Sept. 18, The History and Biology of Feral Hogs in the United States, Dr. John J. Mayer, manager, Environmental Sciences, Savannah River National Laboratory, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions LLC.

– Oct. 23, Control Techniques and Managing Feral Hog Populations, Dr. Billy Higginbotham, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist, Overton.

– Nov. 20, Feral Hog Disease Issues, Dr. Joseph Corn, Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Georgia.

– Dec. 18, Current and Future Feral Hog Research, Dr. Tyler Campbell, Feral Swine Project Leader, U.S. Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, National Wildlife Research Center, Florida Field Station.

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