

# Education Program for Feral Hog Management

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# Feral Hog Management Workshop

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- Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> Luling Civic Center
- Covered feral hog biology, behavior, laws, regulations, and management strategies
- 125 in attendance



# Meetings

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- 1 Site visit
- Native Prairie and Wildlife Workshop – Cat Springs (11/9)
- Geronimo Watershed Partnership (11/13)
- Moderate 2 Feral Hogs CoP webinars
- Forage and Brush Workshop Guadalupe Co. (12/11)
- Nixon-Smiley High School presentations – 3 (1/10)
- Greener Pastures Workshop Conroe (1/18)
- Watershed Coordinators Roundtable (1/22)
- Travis Co. Presentations – 2 (1/24)

# Feral Hogs Community of Practice

- [http://www.extension.org/feral\\_hogs](http://www.extension.org/feral_hogs)
- National collaboration between professionals
- Articles, FAQs, Ask an Expert
- Webinars in planning process

## Feral Hogs

### Biology, management, and control of invasive feral hogs

Here are some of our featured articles and activities...



#### Rooting Behavior of Feral Hogs

One of the more destructive habits of feral hogs is their rooting behavior. Feral hogs root to obtain food. Rooting breaks up and loosens the surface and near...

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**Feral Hogs** community



#### In The News...

June 11, 2012  
Feral Hog 'Community of Practice'  
Provides Multi-state Expertise,  
Resources

January 12, 2012  
Publication Focuses on Feral Hog  
Exclusion from Wildlife Feeding Stations

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# Media

- 2 with AgriLife Communications
- Radio interview with Outdoor Trails Network
- 2 Wild Wonderings Blogs
- 1 Tweet
- 1 Facebook post

## New feral hog publication strives to set the record straight on accurate numbers

Figures show feral hog harvest numbers lag behind population growth

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COLLEGE STATION – Hardly a day goes by that the feral hog invasion doesn't draw media mention, but the math associated with many of the reports has been mostly speculative – until now, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Jared Timmons, AgriLife Extension Plum Creek Watershed Feral Hog Education Program assistant in San Marcos, said the new publication *Feral Hog Population Growth, Density and Harvest in Texas* (SP-472), has solid numbers backed by research to substantiate many of the claims made by those following the feral hog invasion. The publication available for \$1 per copy joins more than a dozen other feral hog-related publications available at <http://agrilifebookstore.org>.

"It's pretty well accepted that feral hogs cause at least \$52 million in agricultural losses each year in Texas,"

Timmons said. "But what's poorly understood are the pests' population dynamics; their survival, reproduction and density for example. The work represented in this publication literally puts facts to figures when it comes to this invasive species that exhibits the highest reproductive capability of any hoofed animal. That trait alone makes population reduction difficult."

The publication reports the number of feral hogs in the state as between 1 million and 4 million. These estimates are not based on scientific fact, though increased reports of damage suggest the statewide population is growing and expanding in range.

By examining a number of scientific studies throughout the southeastern U.S. and Texas, the publication authors were able to create a statewide mathematical model of feral hog populations



# Project Funding

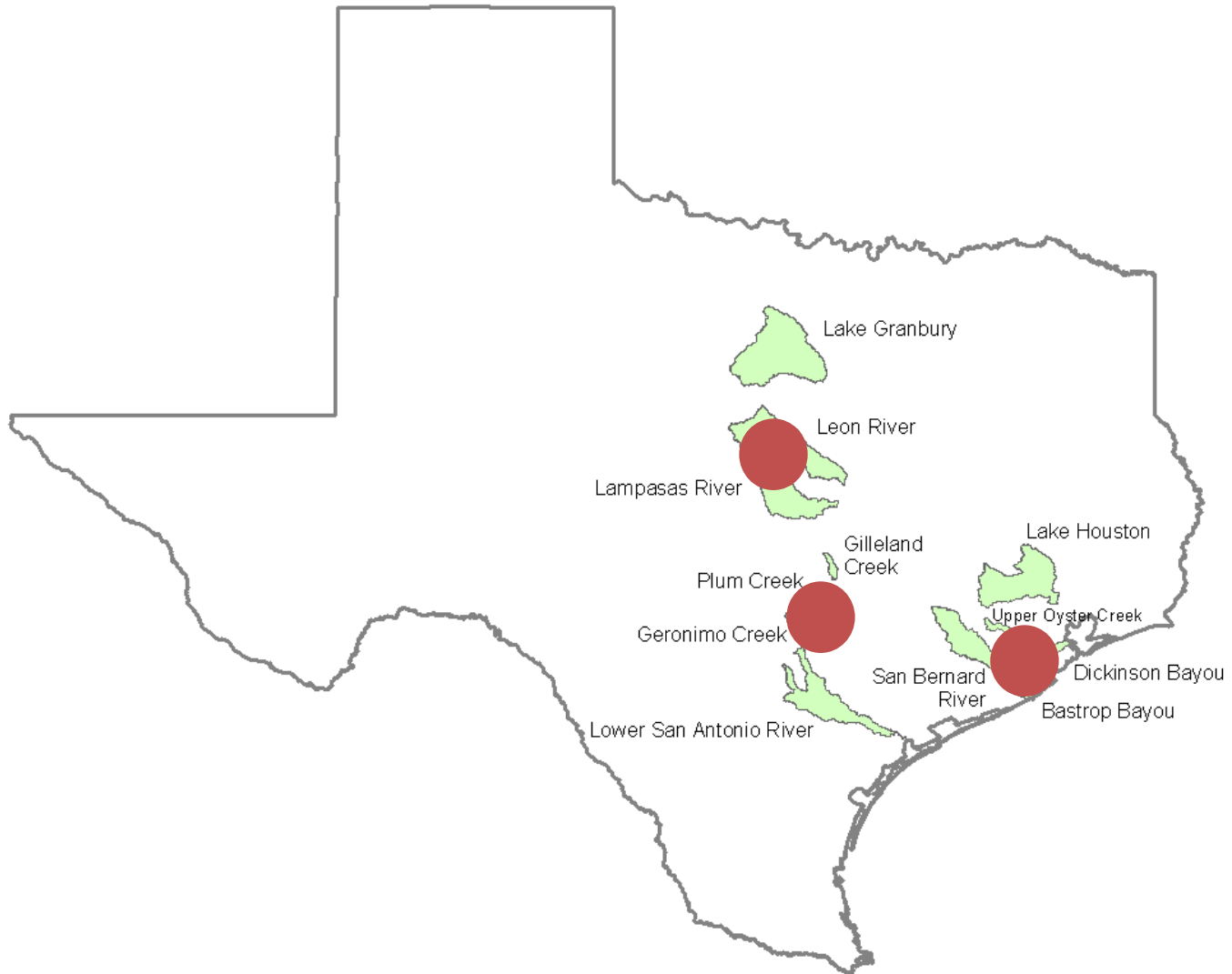
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# Future Feral Hog Education Program

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# Questions?

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