



Schedule:

Friday

12:30pm

Field Trip at the Ranch

*Depart at noon from the Uvalde Adult Activity Center
to carpool and/or caravan*

Saturday

7:30am-9:00am,

Breakfast available at the Uvalde Adult Activity Center

8:00am-9:00am

Optional session on Pesticide Laws and Regulations

9:00am-5:00pm

2011 Farm & Range Forum



The Farm & Range Forum provides an ongoing dialog between rural landowners and urban conservationists. In Texas, with 90+ percent of land in private ownership, conserving wildlife habitat depends upon landowners who provide good stewardship. In rapidly urbanizing Texas, city dwellers should understand the issues of rural landowners to provide necessary political support. The Farm Bill, conservation programs, research funding, and tax-valuation incentives, for example, need the support of urban voters.

This year's theme is **"Conserving Our Rural Heritage."** Throughout the decade, the underlying message of the forums has been "Managing to Make a Living" — acknowledging that landowners must be able to earn reasonable support from the land to sustain ownership. That means they can continue to protect habitat for wildlife and provide public-interest services like clean air, pure water, and carbon sequestration.

The first South Texas Farm & Range Forum was held in 2000. It continued annually until 2006, then began again in 2010. The first Forum focused on the state of quail. The 2010 forum, in Fredericksburg, examined "Preserving the Hill Country for Future Generations." Past venues included San Antonio, Hondo, Seguin, and Bulverde.

Friday Field Trip: This year's program features a half-day visit to a large working ranch outside Uvalde to examine rangeland management, riparian values and protection, income diversification, and healthy plant diversity. Dinner at the ranch will be followed by a campfire and conversation.

Saturday's Program Is Jam-Packed. It offers a range of informative panels on topics as diverse as public benefits of private lands, land fragmentation, estate planning, economic development, crop diversification, rain enhancement, and ways to maximize conservation values of rural lands. We'll learn about the "Barn Again" program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and a tax-credit program for barn restoration. A feature will be a discussion by landowners who have chosen to place conservation easements on their property. Our luncheon keynote speaker is Con Mims, General Manager of the Nueces River Authority.

The Planning Committee: The 2011 Farm & Range Forum is presented by Bexar Audubon Society, Edwards Region GLCI, Green Spaces Alliance of South Texas, Hill Country Alliance, Nueces River Authority, San Antonio Conservation Society, Texas Agricultural Land Trust, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Wildlife Association, and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Sponsors and Exhibitors, as well as those requesting further information, are encouraged to contact Courtney Hollimon at (800) TEX-WILD, or chollimon@texas-wildlife.org.

REGISTRATION FORM
2011 Farm & Range Forum • Uvalde, Texas • April 1-2

Please Print — NAME(S): _____

Organization/Ranch Affiliation (if applicable): _____

ADDRESS (Street/City/State/ZIP): _____

AREA CODE/PHONE(S): _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL (all future communication will be by e-mail): _____

Friday Only: _____ @ \$40 per person (field trip, steak dinner at the ranch, campfire)

Saturday Only: _____ @ \$65 per person (breakfast, breaks, and lunch)

Both Days: _____ @ \$85 per person

Student Registration: _____ 1/2 price

Total Amount: \$ _____

Form of Payment: _____ Check _____ VISA _____ MasterCard _____ American Express

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Do you require vegetarian meals? _____

How did you learn about this year's Farm & Range Forum? _____

Do you want CEUs for Certified Professional in Rangeland Management? _____ YES _____ NO

Will you attend the optional Saturday morning session on Pesticide Laws and Regulations to receive CEUs for Certified Private Applicator? _____ YES _____ NO

A block of rooms is being held for a limited time at the Holiday Inn Express in Uvalde at \$89.95 per night.
Call (830)278-7300 and reference the "Farm & Range Forum."