

We invite you to join us for the



This year's theme is "Conserving Our Rural Heritage." Since the first Farm & Range Forum held in 2000, the underlying message has been "Managing to Make a Living" – acknowledging that it is important for landowners to be able to earn reasonable support from their land, thereby also sustaining ownership of habitat to support wildlife and ecosystem services like clean air, pure water, and carbon sequestration.

The Farm & Range Forum was developed to foster dialog between rural landowners and urban conservationists – recognizing that in Texas, with 90+ percent of land in private ownership, conservationists who wish to conserve wildlife habitat must depend upon landowners to provide stewardship. It's the greatest nexus between the long-term concerns of both of these groups. Furthermore, in our rapidly urbanizing Texas population, it's important that city dwellers understand the issues of landowners in order to engage their informed – and necessary – support in the political arena. The Farm Bill, conservation programs, research funding, and tax valuation incentives, for example, need the support of urban voters.

This year's program features a half-day visit to a large working ranch outside Uvalde, with discussions on rangeland management, riparian values and protection, income diversification, and examination of healthy rangeland plant diversity. Dinner at the ranch will be followed by a campfire and conversation.

Saturday's jam-packed program offers a range of informative panels on topics as diverse as public benefits of private lands, land fragmentation, groundwater science, estate planning, water resource management, 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.

The 2011 Farm & Range Forum is being planned 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.

Please use the attached form to sign up as a exhibitor or as a sponsor. If you have any questions, please contact Courtney Brittain at cbrittain@texas-wildlife.org or Helen Holdsworth at hholdsworth@texas-wildlife.org. Their phone number is 800-TEX-WILD or 800-839-9453.

We appreciate your time and consideration.

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