



Natural Resources Conservation Service  
13434 Leopard St. Suite A14  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78410

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
July 6, 2010

Contact: Melissa Blair, 361-241-0609  
melissa.blair@tx.usda.gov

## FERAL HOG WORKSHOP

*Helotes, Texas, July 6, 2010* – A Feral Hog Workshop will be held on Tuesday, August 24, 2010 at the 4-H Building, 12132 Leslie Road, in Helotes. Attendees who complete the workshop will receive three hours of continuing education units (CEUs) which include two hours general, and one hour laws and regulations.

Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. with the first session at 9 a.m. The workshop will provide landowners and land managers an opportunity to learn more about feral hogs, including their population dynamics, regulations and laws for hunting feral swine, agricultural regulations, controlling feral hogs, trapping, transportation and holding facilities and diseases.

Texas is home to more than 2 million feral hogs, the largest feral hog population in the United States and their numbers continue to increase due to high reproductive potential and the lack of natural predators.

Feral hogs wreak havoc on property, livestock, crops and pastures across the state and frustrate landowners because of their destructive nature. The spread of disease by feral hogs is a major concern with the potential to jeopardize people, livestock and pets. In addition, there is a risk to the pork industry through the potential transmission of disease from feral hogs to domestic swine. The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that feral hog damage to agriculture in Texas alone exceeds \$52 million annually.

Sponsors include Alamo Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D), USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Texas Agrilife Extension, Texas/Mexico Border Coalition CBO and the San Antonio River Authority.

To reserve your seat for the workshop, contact Melissa Thompson at (830) 249-6163 or mail a check payable to “Alamo RC&D” to 39350 IH 10 west, Suite 7, Boerne, TX 78006. Registration is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door, and includes beverages, lunch and handouts. Deadline to register in advance is August 19. If reasonable accommodations are required, please notify the Alamo RC&D office two weeks prior to the event.

For more information on the workshop and/or programs offered through the Alamo RC&D, call (830) 249-6163 or visit the Web site at [www.alamorcd.org](http://www.alamorcd.org).

###

