



Agri-Land Resources Workshop

focused on assisting agri-land owners and managers
Topics include: USDA/FSA, NRCS opportunities, programs for urban and small-scale farming, Rainwater Harvesting for Agriculture, Grazing Land Conservation and MORE!

November 10, 2022

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Schattenbol at DeCock Farm, 2374 Highway 90 East,
Castroville, Tex. 78009-5009

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1:00 pm **Registration/Opening Remarks.** Bertha T. Venegas, Director, Alamo Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area, Ken Weidenfeller (Invited), Regional Director, Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), Serafin Aguirre, Outreach Consultant, Alamo RC&D Area

1:20 pm **Homesteading and Marketing through CSA's— Michelle Steubing, The Betsy Blue Farm.** Small acreage farming and marketing through Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), select stores, chefs, restaurants, and roadside stands.

1:50 pm **MVSWCD—Janet Zerr, District Technician.** An introduction to the Medina Valley Soil & Water Conservation District will be presented.

2:00 pm **NRCS Programs— Kaitlin Friesenhahn, LaToya Irvin, Hondo, USDA- NRCS.** Information will be provided about both technical and financial assistance through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

2:20 pm **Bale me out of this Drought!— Kason Haby, Grazing Land Specialist, USDA-NRCS.** Grazing strategies to endure and recover from drought. A live demonstration of the Rangeland Analysis Platform website where you can map out your ranch and it will give you a carrying capacity estimate for grazing animals.

2:50 pm Break

3:00 pm **FSA Programs and Loans – Clint Koenig, District Executive Director, Hondo, USDA – FSA.** An overview of what Farm Service Agency (FSA) programs are available and how they can benefit landowners.

3:30 pm **Rainwater Harvesting for Agriculture – Taryn Titsworth, County Extension Agent, Texas A & M Agrilife, Medina County.** Rainwater Harvesting Basics for gardens, wildlife, and livestock.

4:40 pm **Urban Ag Opportunities – Wilma Tichelaar, Texas State Urban Conservationist, USDA-NRCS.** Information will be provided about how USDA NRCS supports urban and small acre agriculture through financial and technical assistance.

4:40 pm **Schattenbol at DeCock Farm – Maureen Tschirhart, Owner.** A history of the DeCock farm and how operations have been diversified to meet new challenges in the agriculture market will be presented

5:00 pm Wrap Up and Closing

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