



**April 2026**

## **A note from Jenny**

*Jenny Pluhar, Executive Director, TXGLC*



The last month has been busy and we anticipate the pace will only pick up significantly through the spring and summer. We held our first “Principles B4 Practices” workshop at the Rocker B Ranch hosted by the Concho Valley GLC regional group. It was a windy day, but the Rocker B stallion collection barn proved to be a great venue before we got out on the land in the afternoon. These workshops will be occurring across the state, so look for one to be coming soon to a venue/pasture in your neighborhood. People seem to be gravitating towards and connecting with the basic information of the soil health and grazing management principles. If you want a workshop in your neighborhood, reach out!

March ended with one of Texas Grazing Land Coalition’s favorite events of the year: Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Convention and Trade Show in Fort Worth. We debuted a new look in our booth, talked to literally thousands of the 4700+ attendees, made new friends and applauded our own Chairman, Stephen Diebel, as he takes the reins as TSCRA President for the next two years.

It is always fun to see people from across Texas and have the opportunity to explain TXGLC to new friends as well. Kason Haby, one of our Technical Assistance Specialists, worked with 750 students and 150 parents and teachers at a local school agriculture day as March closed out. Our rainfall simulator is always an eyeopener, whether the audience is students, long time ranchers or even urban folks.

You will be seeing flyers, etc for upcoming events from several of our coalitions including Cross Timbers, North East Texas, Trans Pecos and South Texas. Join us anytime. Ever wonder how that one neighbor has survived the drought without feeding hay? Well, come on and get together with a local group.....we share what works and what doesn't!

If grazing management were easy, we'd call it "rocket science!"

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## We've taken PB4P online!

Are you looking to enhance your understanding of rangeland management and sustainable practices? Make sure to check out our online course, "**Principles B4 Practices**"!

This self-paced course, developed by Texas Grazing Land Coalition, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, and the Center for Grazinglands and Ranch Management is designed to equip you with the foundational knowledge and practical tools needed to effectively assess and care for your rangeland. Among the presenters are ranchers who employ the techniques you will learn and share their experiences with them.

### **What you'll gain from "Principles B4 Practices":**

- **Master the Six Soil Health Principles:** Gain a deep understanding of the core principles that drive healthy soil rangeland ecosystems.
- **Effective Rangeland Assessment:** Learn how to evaluate and monitor your rangeland to make informed decisions and plan appropriate actions.
- **Grazing Management Expertise:** Discover and apply key grazing management practices that align with soil health principles.
- **Self-Paced Learning:** Complete the course at your own convenience, in approximately 1.5 hours.

Whether you're a seasoned rangeland manager or just starting your journey, "Principles B4 Practices" will provide you with invaluable insights to foster healthier, more productive rangeland.

This course is also available with Spanish captions. Ready to transform your approach to rangeland stewardship?



## PRINCIPLES B4 PRACTICES

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A **FREE**, self-paced online course from Texas Grazing Land Coalition that equips rangeland stewards with essential knowledge in soil health, rangeland assessment, and grazing management practices proven to support resilient landscapes.

**Available in both English and Spanish.**

Funding for this project is provided by the USDA NRCS Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) (NR237442XXXXC015)



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Un curso en línea **GRATUITO**, autodirigido, de la Coalición de Pastizales de Texas, que brinda a los administradores de pastizales el conocimiento esencial sobre salud del suelo, evaluación de pastizales y prácticas de manejo de pastoreo comprobadas para apoyar paisajes resilientes.

**Disponible en inglés y español.**

Financiamiento para este proyecto proporcionado por la Iniciativa de Conservación de Pastizales (GLCI) de USDA NRCS (NR237442XXXXC015).

**Grazing Management 101 @ TSCRA**

Five ranchers from across the state participated in a panel discussion with Executive Director Jenny Pluhar at TSCRA's School for Successful Ranching. Hunter Lehman, Parke Greeson, Michael Vance, Garrett Kunz and Mike Turner represent ranching operations from the Panhandle to the Mexican border, East Texas and the Edwards Plateau to the Coastal Prairies.

Some of the notable quotes from these ranchers and the audience stuck with me:

"I got tears in my eyes listening to these guys talk about rotational grazing and soil health. To know the next generation is paying attention to what is really important really moved me!" Deborah Clark, Birdwell Clark Ranch, Henrietta.

"These cattle prices are giving ranchers a huge opportunity to profit AND be able to rest some pastures. Things are penciling easier. We are using this as a season of rest, for the land and the people." Michael Vance, Southern Reds LC, Anderson County.

"As a recovering game ranch manager, I now understand cows can be a problem in your wildlife enterprise, but they are ALWAYS the solution to improving habitat for wildlife." Hunter Lehman, Lehman Cattle Co, Cotulla.

"You have to know how much forage you have at all times. How many days, months. You better plan for drought 365 days a year." Garrett Kunz, Redeemed Cattle Co, Luckenbach.

Parke Greeson, Sarco Creek Ranch, Goliad County, shared successful strategies for communicating with landowners, be they family, absentee, whatever the situation.

Mike Turner, Blue Ranch and Taylor Ranch, Moore County shared his positive experiences with virtual fencing and other technologies.

Perhaps my favorite quote came from someone unable to attend who I spoke with on my way into Fort Worth Wednesday before all the fun started: "I used to call myself a 'cattle rancher,' then I graduated to referring to myself as a 'grass rancher.' Now I tell people I am a 'roots rancher.' If the roots of the grasses are in good shape, the soil is in good shape and the rangeland is in good shape." Joseph Fitzsimons, San Pedro Ranch, Dimmit and Maverick Counties.



*The Texas GLC panel of speakers at TSCRA's School for Successful Ranching, left to right: Mike Turner, Parke Greeson, Michael Vance, Hunter Lehman, Garrett Kunz, and Jenny Pluhar. (above)*

## **Bloody Buckets Cattle Company & Los Hermanos Ranch honored with 2026 Texas Environmental Stewardship Award**

*Originally written and published by TSCRA*

FORT WORTH, Texas (March 31, 2026) — Bloody Buckets Cattle Company and Los Hermanos Ranch were presented with the Texas Environmental Stewardship Award at the 2026 Cattle Raisers Convention & Expo held March 27-29 in Fort Worth. The award recognizes exceptional stewardship and innovation in ranching across Texas.

Bloody Buckets Cattle Company and Los Hermanos Ranch, owned by the Clement family and managed by James Clement III and his partners Alfonso “Poncho” Ortega Sr. and Alfonso “Poncho” Ortega Jr. Rooted in South Texas, the operation spans more than 15,000 acres where intentional grazing and water management practices support healthy soil, productive cattle and thriving wildlife. The ranch has expanded in recent years while maintaining a focus on improving land across both owned and leased properties.

The operation uses adaptive multi-pasture grazing, brush management and water conservation practices to improve soil health, increase forage production and support wildlife habitat. Under the leadership of James Clement III, a Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association director, the ranch combines practical experience with research-based approaches and technology to guide management decisions and support long-term sustainability.

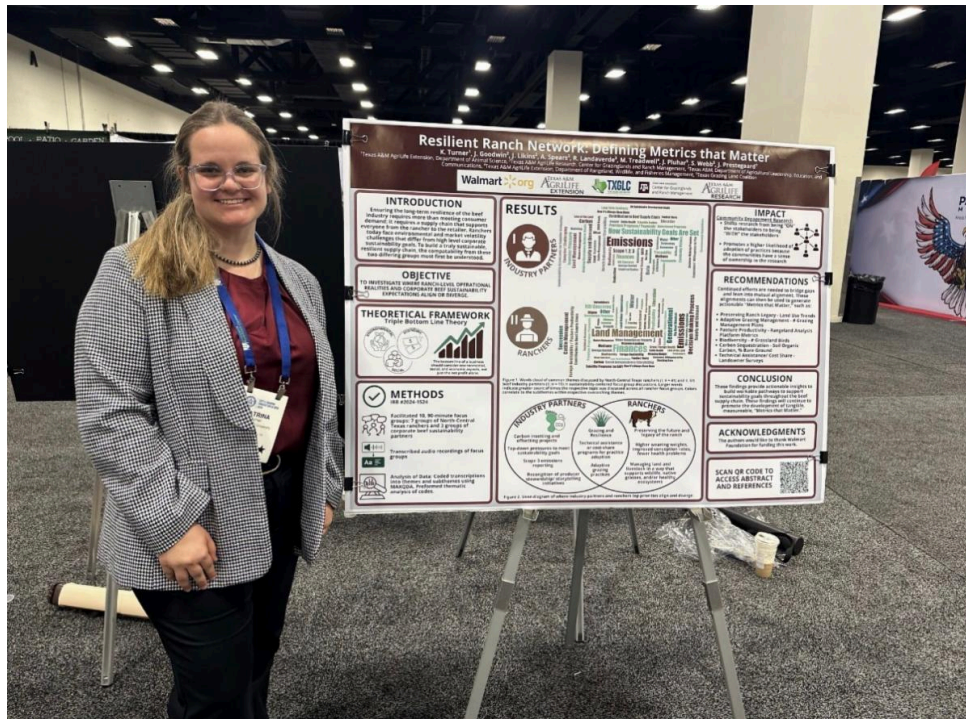
“Bloody Buckets Cattle Company and Los Hermanos Ranch exemplify what it means to steward the land with intention while building a resilient and sustainable operation,” said Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Second Vice President Dan Gattis. “Their commitment to improving rangeland health while maintaining a productive operation sets a strong example for the industry.”

This 2026 Texas Environmental Stewardship Award is presented as a joint effort between Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and Texas Grazing Land Coalition. As the 2026 winner, Bloody Buckets Cattle Company will compete among other outstanding ranchers for the national Environmental Stewardship Award Program.



## What a time we had in Fort Worth!

We are still on cloud nine following the Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Convention and Expo held in Fort Worth. Thank you to everyone who stopped by the booth to visit, learn, connect, and plan with us. Scroll through the photos below to see just a few snapshots from our time there!











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## Are you in need of technical assistance?

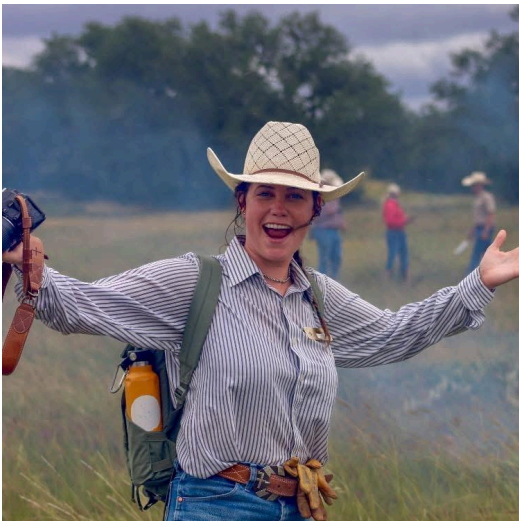
Ryan Walser (Albany area) and Kason Haby (Hondo area) are now joined by a new specialist, Shiner Webb (Abilene area, Resilient Ranch Project), and are our Technical Assistance Specialists here at the Texas Grazing Land Coalition. They have had full careers in rangeland and grazing management and we are incredibly fortunate to have them on our team. You will likely see them at some of our outreach events and they are available to assist with conservation planning on your property. Their contact information is listed here and at the bottom of the newsletter. If you need technical assistance and do not live near them, please call us. We also collaborate with [Wildlife Habitat Federation](#) in matching technical assistance specialists to meet your unique needs. We can make arrangements to help you make the most out of the land you love!



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## **The answer is KNOW!**

In order to speak the language, one must know the words. Similarly, on rangelands knowing which plants are growing in your pastures and how to manipulate them to meet your forage goals is crucial. Every month we will explore a new plant in our newsletter.



## Rattlesnake master

*Eryngium yuccifolium*

It's April and the rattlesnakes are out in full force across the state. We in the plant world have our own rattlesnake, a very unique forb called Rattlesnake Master. It is in the carrot family and looks kind of "thistly," but it is not actually true carrot nor thistle. The leaves look like small yucca leaves, hence the specific epithet "yuccafolium."

Not used much by wildlife, it is an excellent nectar source for butterflies, including Monarchs and Swallowtails and bees. It can get to 4-5 feet in height. So why the name "Rattlesnake Master?" It was believed to be an antidote for rattlesnake venom, although that theory has never been proven. It is always a fun find on the rangeland, signaling a healthy vibrant plant community.

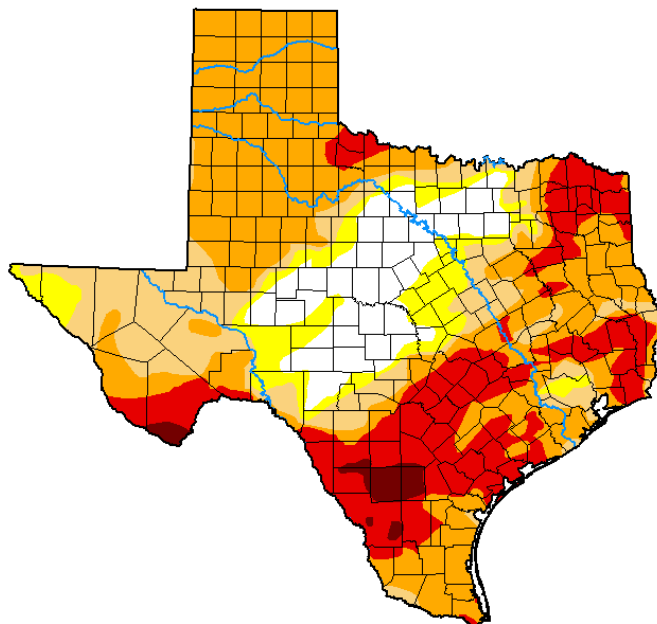


To view these and other [range plants of Texas](#), visit Texas A&M AgriLife Extension's Plants of Texas Rangelands Virtual Herbarium.







## U.S. Drought Monitor

*U.S. Drought Monitor*  
**Texas**

**April 14, 2026**  
(Released Thursday, Apr. 16, 2026)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



***Intensity:***

-  None
-  D0 Abnormally Dry
-  D1 Moderate Drought
-  D2 Severe Drought
-  D3 Extreme Drought
-  D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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[droughtmonitor.unl.edu](http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu)

## Summary - Southern U.S.

Precipitation was mixed across the region. Oklahoma and much of central and western Texas received more than 150% of normal precipitation. Farther east, eastern Arkansas and Louisiana saw light precipitation, while areas farther west and into Tennessee remained mostly dry.

Temperatures were above normal across much of the region, with only southern Texas, southern Louisiana, and eastern Mississippi near or below normal. The greatest departures occurred in western Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle, where temperatures were 12–15 degrees above normal.

Drought expanded and intensified across much of Tennessee, with moderate and severe drought expanding statewide and a new area of extreme drought developing in the northwest. In Mississippi, moderate and severe drought expanded across eastern and southern areas, with extreme drought expanding in the northwest. Arkansas remained dry, with extreme and exceptional drought expanding in both northern and southern areas.

Louisiana saw expansion of extreme drought across much of the south, as well as central and northern areas. Moderate and severe drought also expanded across southern portions of the state. Oklahoma remained largely unchanged, with only minor expansion of severe drought in the panhandle.

The most significant improvements occurred in Texas, where much of central, southern, and southeastern portions of the state saw a full-category improvement in drought conditions. However, severe drought expanded in parts of the panhandle.

[Click here to visit and view the U.S. Drought Monitor site.](#)

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## West Texas Rangelands Newsletter

Do you love newsletters? We highly recommend the [TAMU Extension West Texas Rangelands](#) newsletter! Even if you don't live in West Texas, this newsletter is full of great information, upcoming events, and the newest research coming out of Texas A&M and the worldwide rangeland community.

Sign up to receive their newsletter [here](#).



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## Principles B4 Practices at Rocker B!

Take a peek at a few moments from the Principles B4 Practices workshop held at the Rocker B Ranch!





# Upcoming events and opportunities

*Texas GLC events can be found in red.*

## **ATSWCD Soil Health Workshop**

Lubbock, TX | April 21 - 22, 2026

[More information here.](#)

## **Roots, Hooves, and Antlers Workshop**

Hondo, TX | April 24, 2026

[More information here.](#)

## **Texas A&M AgriLife Sonora Research Station 110th Anniversary**

Sonora, TX | April 25, 2026

[More information here.](#)

## **Hemphill County Beef Cattle Conference**

Canadian, TX | April 28 - 29, 2026

[More information here.](#)

## **Reading the Land to Optimize Grazing**

Decatur, TX | April 30 - May 1, 2026

[More information here.](#)

## **Texas Soil and Water Stewardship Week**

April 26 - May 3, 2026

[More information here.](#)

## **Agri-Land Resources Workshop**

Jourdanton, TX | April 30, 2026

[More information here.](#)

## **Texas Prescribed Fire Webinar Series**

**How to Avoid Trouble: Risk, Liability, and Decision-Making on Burn Day**

Virtual | May 4, 2026

[More information here.](#)

Trans-Pecos Grazing Land Coalition presents:

### **Considering the Disk Chain Diker**

Balmerhea, TX | May 7, 2026

[More information here.](#)

South Texas Grazing Land Coalition Presents:

### **Drone Spraying Demonstration**

Kingsville, TX | May 7, 2026

[More information here.](#)

Northeast Texas Grazing Land Coalition presents:

### **Principles B4 Practices**

Yantis, TX | May 12, 2026

[More information here.](#)

**2026 Range Exchange Webinar Series**  
**Silverleaf Nightshade Management: What Our Herbicide Trials Reveal**  
Virtual | May 12, 2026  
[More information here.](#)

South Texas Grazing Land Coalition presents:  
**Coffee and Cows Pasture Walk**  
La Joya, TX | May 14, 2026  
[More information here.](#)

Cross Timbers Grazing Land Coalition and partners present:  
**Rancher Discovery Series: Profit on Purpose**  
Decatur, TX | May 19, 2026  
[More information here.](#)

**Fundamentals of Regenerative Grazing**  
Canyon Lake, TX | May 21 - 22, 2026  
[More information here.](#)

**Texas Prescribed Fire Field Days: Bosque County**  
Clifton, TX | May 23, 2026  
[More information here.](#)

**Texas Prescribed Fire Webinar Series:**  
**Designing a Prescribed Fire Program for Your Ranch**  
Virtual | May 26, 2026  
[More information here.](#)

**Texas Prescribed Fire Field Days: Lampasas County**  
Lampasas, TX | May 29, 2026  
[More information here.](#)

**Texas Prescribed Fire Webinar Series**  
**Differences in Seasonality of Fire: Winter, Growing Season, and Beyond**  
Virtual | June 8, 2026  
[More information here.](#)

**TSSRM Youth Range Workshop**  
Junction, TX | June 21 - 26, 2026  
[More information here.](#)

**TWA WildLife Convention**  
San Antonio, TX | July 9 - 11, 2026  
[More information here.](#)

**Oldham County Stocker Cattle Conference**  
Vega, TX | July 14, 2026  
[More information here.](#)

**Prescribed Fire School: Gatesville, TX**

Gatesville, TX | June 15 - 17, 2026

[More information here.](#)

**TSGRA Annual Convention**

Fredericksburg, TX | July 16 - 17, 2026

[More information here.](#)

**Texas Prescribed Fire Webinar Series**

**Talking Fire: Smoke, Neighbors, and Public Perception**

Virtual | July 28, 2026

[More information here.](#)

**Southern Family Farmers & Food Systems Conference**

San Marcos, TX | August 3 - 4, 2026

[More information here.](#)

**Great Plain Fire Summit**

Alva, OK | August 4 - 6, 2026

[More information here.](#)

**Texas Prescribed Fire Webinar Series:**

**Prescribed Fire - Lessons Learned**

Virtual | September 14, 2026

[More information here.](#)

**2026 Range Exchange Webinar Series**

**Cut Stump & Stem Spray: Can We Take Diesel Out of the Mix?**

Virtual | September 15, 2026

[More information here.](#)

**Prescribed Fire School: College Station, TX**

College Station, TX | September 14 - 16, 2026

[More information here.](#)

**National Grazing Land Coalition Bus Tour: Grazing the Heartland**

Sioux Falls, SD | September 23 - 24, 2026

[More information here.](#)

**Texas Section Society for Range Management Annual Meeting**

Abilene, TX | October 20 - 22, 2026

[More information here.](#)

**2026 Range Exchange Webinar Series**

**Application Technology Research: Balancing Spray Drift Concerns and Herbicide Efficacy**

Virtual | December 15, 2026

[More information here.](#)

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**Love the Land - A Texas GLC Podcast**

Did you know Texas GLC has a podcast? It's called [Love the Land](#), and you can find it wherever you get your podcasts.

If you have never listened to or subscribed to a podcast, they're like an on-demand radio show. Here's a "how to" tutorial:

1. Download a podcast app on your phone. If you have an iPhone, there is already one downloaded on your phone.
2. Open app. Use the search tool to find specific podcasts like "Love the Land" or categories like "agriculture."
3. Listen to a single podcast or subscribe and get new episodes added to your library any time they are released.
4. Love the Land podcasts are 30-45 minutes.



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