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A note from Jenny

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The power of regional coalitions

This mini newsletter is chock full of upcoming regional events across Texas - scroll down to "Upcoming events and opportunities" to see them all. I have long touted the power of our regional coalitions - learning from your neighbors, those ranching in your area. I just spent a few days at the Montana Grazing Expo and while I haven't managed land in Montana for three years now, my husband still has ranching clients in Montana and the surrounding states.



We all hear about ranchers doing things that sound novel or cool. Things that would save us money, bring more profit to our operations, and might require a big paradigm shift.

That hit me right in the chops as I sat on a panel with three other ranch managers - two from Montana, two from Texas. We were discussing "things we wish we had known earlier or adopted sooner." I am often explaining to Texas ranchers how a big difference in Montana operations was quite simple. One word - SNOW. Thus the need to make hay all

summer and feed it all winter and calving in the dead of winter. This was largely because if you want to be the guy at the coffee shop with the highest weaning weights, you have to get started early, right? I fully understand calving later, matching those reproductive cycles to when the forage base is coming on strong in late spring, and I have shifted my recommendations to clients, tenants accordingly.

But the power of someone doing something and doing it well right in your own neighborhood hit me smack in the face Saturday afternoon. The two Montana ranch managers on the panel have both not fed hay (absolutely none) in several years. One was in Western Montana, the Matador Ranch. I had fallen into the mindset that “well, they have lots of resources” (financial and human) - most can’t do that. But along comes the fellow that sat next to me. He is doing the same thing in the plains of eastern MT near where my husband grew up. The part of the state where summers meant only one thing. Haying. Haying your own ground. Haying someone else’s on shares. Not a vacation in the mountains. A summer job from college. Haying. Followed by feeding that hay six months later.

This guy was not feeding hay just west of Cohagen, MT in the literal middle of nowhere with harsh winters. When he recounted how his expenses had plummeted, profitability dramatically increased, and how much better off the family was with the reduced labor requirements, I sat up and took notice. He was making this work in a part of the world I thought I understood.

And that, friends, is the power of TXGLC regional coalitions. We pay attention if the source of the information is in our world, operating with similar resources to our own. It might be standing in Servando Leal’s pasture on the border, Frank Price’s ranch where he fed no hay during a back breaking drought in West Texas, or any of a dozen other examples. Learning from each other is powerful.

With that in mind, check out all the upcoming events in this newsletter. Lots going on in September-November. Take a day and see what is happening in your end of the great state of Texas. Whether they’re our events or one of our partners, I know you will learn something, make friends, and grow your network.

Jenny



Our new normal as a non-profit NGO

Texas GLC is a non-profit, non-governmental organization founded in 1994. What does that mean? It means 1) we are an organization that does not profit from our work and 2) we are not a part of state or federal government, although we have historically accepted federal funds through USDA-NRCS contribution agreements and grants. We are governed and guided by a board of active ranch owners and managers, our regional coalitions are led by volunteers, we have one part time executive director, and six part time contracted experts. Our team all share a passion for stewardship of grazing lands.

With federal budgets tightening across the board, and in order to further our work, we have pursued more private dollars in recent years. This has resulted in partnerships with donors like the Walmart Foundation and others. While we are proud of these partnerships, we still have lots of ground to cover to be able to operate at the next level.

So, if you feel your interactions with Texas GLC has been valuable to you, whether through workshops, technical assistance, or educational materials, please consider giving as you're able to help us expand our breadth across the state. Scan the QR code below, or [click here](#) to donate.

Help support Texas GLC!



New World screwworm (NWS) best practices

Texas GLC Chairman Stephen Diebel asked us to share the following information with our readers regarding new world screwworm:

- No need to panic, we have a plan in place that works
- The food supply is safe, this is not a food safety issue!
- Treated and inspected cattle can move
- Monitor and report. Quicker to report, quicker to get sterile fly dispersal**

We ask ranchers and landowners to regularly put eyes on their livestock and wildlife, maintain a strong relationship with their veterinarian for treatment and prevention protocols, and report suspicious wounds or infestations immediately. Early detection, rapid response and managing animal movement inside infested zones when necessary, remain our strongest tools for containing and eradicating NWS. Sterile flies will be disbursed to those areas that report, so please encourage everyone to report. Maintaining continuity of business is essential and following protocols set forth by the Texas Animal Health Commission and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department remain imperative in the protection of our resources.

Resources:

[USDAAPHIS New World Screwworm Site](#)

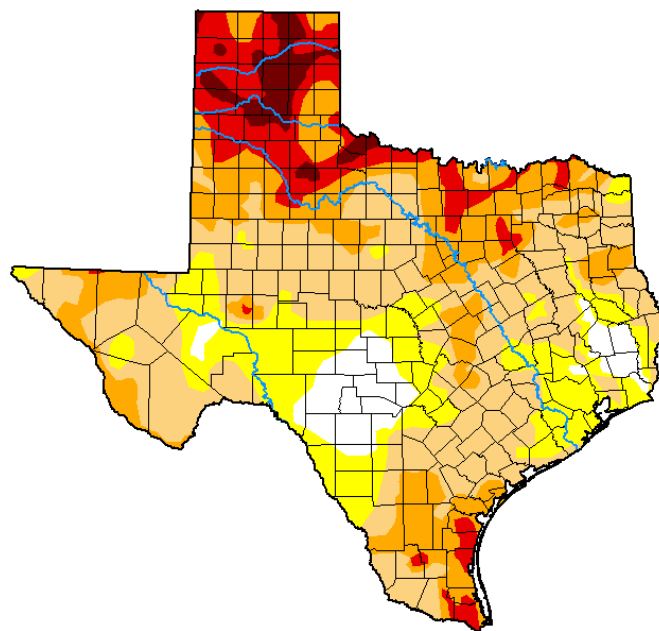
[Texas Animal Health Commission New World Screwworm Site](#)

[TSCRA New World Screwworm Producer Guide](#)

U.S. Drought Monitor

U.S. Drought Monitor Texas

September 8, 2026
(Released Thursday, Sep. 10, 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 <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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Summary - Southern U.S.

Large parts of the South region continued to quickly dry this week amid mostly above-normal temperatures and dry weather. A few exceptions include southern Louisiana, southeast Texas (where former Tropical Storm Edouard dropped rain amounts that locally exceeded 10 inches), and parts of the western Oklahoma Panhandle, where scattered thunderstorm rains occurred. Isolated one-category improvements occurred in the Oklahoma Panhandle, while one- and two-category improvements occurred in southeast Texas, where precipitation deficits were either reduced or erased entirely, along with improved soil moisture and streamflow. Elsewhere, mostly dry weather and hot temperatures (5-15 degrees above normal) covered a wide area from western and northern Texas through most of Oklahoma, Arkansas, northern Mississippi and Tennessee. Short-term rainfall deficits continued to grow across much of the region, along with dropping soil moisture and streamflow levels, leading to widespread agricultural drought impacts. Large areas of degrading conditions spread from much of Texas into eastern Oklahoma, Arkansas, northern Mississippi and portions of Tennessee. The rapidly drying weather in Tennessee came after much wetter recent weather, somewhat lessening the impact of the recent heat and dryness there and in neighboring Kentucky.

[Click here to visit and view the U.S. Drought Monitor site.](https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu)

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](#).



Upcoming events and opportunities

Texas GLC events can be found in red.

TSCRA Ranch Gathering

Damon, TX | September 17, 2026

[More information here.](#)

Graze the Desert

Marfa, TX | September 18 - 19, 2026

[More information here.](#)

TSCRA Ranch Gathering

Navasota, TX | September 22, 2026

[More information here.](#)

National Grazing Land Coalition Bus Tour: Grazing the Heartland

Sioux Falls, SD | September 23 - 24, 2026

[More information here.](#)

Crescent C Ranch Tour

Encinal, TX | September 24, 2026

[More information here.](#)

TSCRA Ranch Gathering

Childress, TX | September 24, 2026

[More information here.](#)

7th Annual Prairie Day

Yantis, TX | September 26, 2026

[More information here.](#)

Round Rock, TX | September 27, 2026
[More information here.](#)

TSCRA Ranch Gathering
Mabank, TX | September 29, 2026
[More information here.](#)

TSCRA Ranch Gathering
Buffalo, TX | October 1, 2026
[More information here.](#)

TSCRA Ranch Gathering
Van Alstyne, TX | October 6, 2026
[More information here.](#)

TSCRA Ranch Gathering
Cameron, TX | October 7, 2026
[More information here.](#)

Working Lands Innovation Summit
Blooming Grove, TX | October 8, 2026
[More information here.](#)

TSCRA Ranch Gathering
Uvalde, TX | October 8, 2026
[More information here.](#)

Working Lands Workshop
Weslaco, TX | October 8 & 9, 2026
[More information here.](#)

Livestock Selection for Regenerative Grazing
Decatur, TX | October 9, 2026
[More information here.](#)

TSCRA Ranch Gathering
Fredericksburg, TX | October 15, 2026
[More information here.](#)

Texas A&M Beef Sustainability Field Day
Decatur, TX | October 16, 2026
[More information here.](#)

Rural Round Up: Building Fire Resilience in the Hill Country
Junction, TX | October 17, 2026
[More information here.](#)

TSCRA Ranch Gathering
Victoria, TX | October 20, 2026
[More information here.](#)

Trust in Food Sustainable Ranchers Tour

Albany, TX | October 20, 2026

[More information here.](#)

Texas Section Society for Range Management Annual Meeting

Abilene, TX | October 20 - 22, 2026

[More information here.](#)

Land + Water Symposium

Luling, TX | October 21, 2026

[More information here](#), and [registration here](#).

TSCRA Ranch Gathering

San Angelo, TX | October 22, 2026

[More information here.](#)

TSCRA Ranch Gathering

Carthage, TX | October 29, 2026

[More information here.](#)

TSCRA Ranch Gathering

Dalhart, TX | November 5, 2026

[More information here.](#)

TSCRA Ranch Gathering

Morgan, TX | November 10, 2026

[More information here.](#)

TSCRA Ranch Gathering

La Grange, TX | November 11, 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.](#)

Texas AgriLife Extension Sheep and Goat Expo

San Angelo, TX | May 25 - 26, 2027

[More information here.](#)

Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers Association Annual Convention

Boerne, TX | July 8 - 10, 2027

[More information here.](#)

WildLife Convention 2027

San Antonio, TX | July 15 - 18, 2027

[More information here.](#)

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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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.



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?



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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.

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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.

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