Dual-county Caprock Crop Production Conference slated for Jan. 24 in Floydada

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FLOYDADA – The Texas AgriLife Extension Service offices in Crosby and Floyd counties will conduct their Caprock Crop Production Conference from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 24 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center.

The center is 6 miles from Floydada on U.S. Highway 70 between Floydada and Lockney.

"We will have a number of agricultural updates crucial to our area," said Caitlin Jackson, AgriLife Extension agent in Crosby County. "We plan to have representatives from the Texas Comptrollers office on-site to explain and issue the new Ag and Timber Tax registration numbers. We'll also have information on the High Plains Water District water meter requirements and a trade show."

Jackson said the conference is open to all area producers and those interested in the South Plains crop production industry.

"We'll also have commercial booths with exhibitors on hand to introduce the latest in technology and equipment," she said.

Other topics will include a general crop disease update, drift minimization and equipment calibration, 2012 Farm Bill and conservation reserve program update, and updates on risk and pest management and crop insurance.

Seven Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be available for those with a pesticide applicators license – 0.5 drift minimization, 3.5 general, two integrated pest management and one laws and regulations. Seven certified crop advisor credits will also be available.

Individual preregistration is \$35 by Jan. 20 and \$45 thereafter. The fee includes lunch, conference cap and educational materials. Organizers also will be giving away an iPad 2 as a door prize.

For more information or to preregister, call the AgriLife Extension offices in Crosby County at 806-675-2347 or Floyd County at 806-983-4912.



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