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Tech research projects plan chuckwagon meal

A field tour and chuck wagon cookout for Texas Tech's sustainable forage/livestock/crop systems research projects will be at 5:30 p.m. June 17.

The event will be held at the Texas Tech agricultural field lab near New Deal. Take Exit 14 off Interstate 27, travel 6.4 miles east on FM 1729, and turn right into the teaching and research laboratory facility.

Since 1997, Tech researchers have been experimenting with an integrated system of crops, forages and livestock as a possible alternative farming system for the southern High Plains.

Make reservations by June 15 by calling (806) 742-2828. More information is also available at this number.

Peanut growers to hold marketing seminars

Western Peanut Growers has scheduled three peanut marketing seminars for producers.

The first will be at noon June 16 at the American Legion Hall, 800 Seagraves Road in Brownfield. A barbecue lunch begins at 11:30 a.m.

The second will be at 7 p.m. June 16 at K&S Steak Place, 2224 Hobbs Highway in Seminole. Dinner begins at 6:30.

The third will be at 8:30 a.m. June 17 in Lamesa at the Dawson County Community Center, South Eighth and Houston. Breakfast burritos and doughnuts will be available.

Speakers include Marshall Lamb, an economist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture/Agricultural Research Service National Peanut Lab in Dawson, Ga., state Farm Service Agency specialists Kathy Sayers and Kirk Goodman, and Dan Hunter, manager of Southwestern Peanut Growers.

There is no charge for these seminars. Area shellers have been currently:
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invited to the seminar to answer contract-specific questions on an individual basis.

For more information, call Western Peanut Growers Association at (432) 758-2050.

Groundwater sampling program in the works

High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, in a cooperative effort with the Texas Water Development Board, soon will begin a groundwater sampling program within the district service area.

From June through September, HPWD technicians Dan Seale and Clint Kaufman will be taking water samples that are primarily within the established state network of water level observation wells.

Once the samples are taken, they will be shipped to the TWDB contract laboratory in Austin to determine the possible quantities of various constituents or parameters of the water, including alkalinity, arsenic, chloride, fluoride, lead, nitrogen compounds and sodium.

The water district will receive the results of the water quality sampling, and these data will be provided to the cooperating well users.

For more information, call the HPWD office at (806) 762-0181, visit them at 2930 Ave. Q in Lubbock or go to their Web site at http://www.hpwd.com.

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