Extension Horticultural Sciences
Suggested Professional Development Emphasis

**Earth-Kind® Environmental Stewardship** – Due to the success within the Earth-Kind® Environmental Stewardship program, the unit would suggest and support County Extension Agent training in this area. Such training would provide basic landscaping and gardening concepts, with a focus on water conservation and proper use of fertilizers and pesticides. In addition to subject matter training, presentations on program development, evaluation, implementation, and result demonstrations would be included.

**Texas Superstar Plants – both stunning and water thrifty** – the brochure has recently been updated and copies can be ordered or downloaded. In addition, training on these plants and their water thrifty qualities could be held in the various regions.

**Fruit Crop Workshops**– our fruit group would be willing to meet with Regional Program Leaders to plan and conduct extensive regional workshops on the various fruit crops.

**2014 – 2015 Horticultural Training Opportunities for County Extension Agents**

**Extension Horticulture Professional Development training and planning**
29 April 2015
College Station, Texas
Contact: Larry Stein

**Pecan Short Course**
26 – 30 January 2015
College Station, Texas
Contact: Larry Stein; reduced price for agents

**Landscape Design Study Course**
29 – 30 September 2014; Landscape Design School Course I
16 – 18 February 2015; Landscape Design School Course II
September 2015; Landscape Design School Course III
College Station, Texas
Contact: William Welch, Extension Specialist
Earth Kind Landscape Design and Management Schools
Earth-Kind® Landscape Design and Management School on October 3, 4, and 5, 2014.
TAMU Dallas, Texas
Contact: Steve George

Master Gardener Specialist Training- Earth-Kind in Johnson County (could be spring or fall)
Master Gardener Specialist Training- Fort Bend County (could be spring or fall)
Contact: Tim Hartmann

Earth-Kind Landscape Short Course January, 2015 TBD, College Station;
Earth-Kind MG Specialist training, May 2015, College Station;
Contact: Memg meng Gu

Food Safety Training
Dates: 16 July 2014 GAPs Food Safety Training in College Station
August 2014 GAPs Food Safety Training in San Antonio
Contact: Juan Anciso; agents free

Small Acreage Horticultural Crops
Online webinar on August 21, October 16, and December 11.
Contact: Joe Masabni

Regional Grape Grower Meetings
Contact: Justin Scheiner

North Texas
• September 2014 – North Texas Grape Grower Tailgate meeting (location TBD)
• March 2015 – Pruning workshop (location TBD)
• April 2015 – Vineyard establishment workshop (Munson Vineyard, Grayson College)
• June 2015 - North Texas Grape Grower Tailgate meeting (location TBD)
• September 2015 – North Texas Grape Grower Tailgate meeting (location TBD)

Gulf Coast
• September 2014 – Gulf Coast Grape Grower Tailgate meeting (location TBD)
• March 2015 – Grapevine Pruning workshop at Peach Creek Vineyards, College Station
• May 2015 - Prospective Winegrower Workshop (College Station)
• June 2015 – Gulf Coast Grape Grower Tailgate meeting (location TBD)
• September 2015 – Gulf Coast Grape Grower Tailgate meeting (location TBD)
East Texas
- October 2014 – East Texas Grape Grower Tailgate meeting (location TBD)
- March 2015 – Grapevine Pruning workshop (location TBD)
- April 2015 – Pest Management workshop (location TBD)
- June 2015 – East Texas Grape Grower Tailgate meeting (location TBD)
- October 2014 – East Texas Grape Grower Tailgate meeting (location TBD)

Rio Grande Valley
- January 2015 – Grapevine Pruning workshop (location TBD)

Fruit Growers
6 and 7 October 2014; College Station, Texas
Contacts: Monte Nesbitt, Jim Kamas, Larry Stein

High Tunnel Conference
8 October 2014; College Station, Texas
Contact: Russ Wallace

Master Gardener Specialist trainings
8 – 12 September 2014, Entomology; Travis county
28 – 30 October 2014, Earth Kind; Johnson county
9 – 11 October 2014, Greenhouse; Victoria county
27 - 29 October 2014, Irrigation Efficiency; Texas A & M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, Dallas
Contact: Jayla Fry

National Master Gardener Coordinator’s online discussion held monthly
Contact: Jayla Fry

25, 26, 27 State Master Gardener association meeting; Midland
Contact: Jayla Fry
Grants

2013-2014 - National Strawberry Sustainability Initiative; Russ Wallace PI, counties involved Bexar, Atascosa, Tarrant and Hidalgo


Food Safety – Juan Anciso PI, Hidalgo, Zavala, and Uvalde.


National Earth-Kind Rose Research; Steve George, Collin County

Using Family Focused Garden, Nutrition, and Physical Activity Programs to reduce childhood obesity; Lisa Whittlesy, Co- PI; counties involved Nueces, Houston, Dallas, Walker, and Montgomery

Spinach fungicide evaluation – Larry Stein PI, Zavala
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