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Agriculture and Natural Resources - In early August our two on-farm replicated cotton variety trials were harvested. During the Young Business Professionals of the Coastal Bend’s 2020 Ideas Week, I was asked to present on Texas Hemp Production via Facebook Live. Since the August 24 presentations, 413 viewers have watched the recording. September 25 through October 12, I was deployed to Butte Co., CA through a Emergency Management Assistance Compact between our two states. Along with the Texas A&M Veterinary Emergency Team, we provided assistance for the sheltering effort for over 500 animals displaced by wildfire. On October 15 our Fall CEU Conference had 86 on-line and in-person attendees. Collectively they manage over 98 thousand acres of land and placed the total economic value of the program to their operations at $964,500. Participants also indicated that 86.4% of them would adopt at least one of the recommended practices highlighted during this program. On October 22, we conducted a Soil Fertility Webinar for 31 viewers to kickoff this year’s Soil Testing Campaign. To date 12,111 acres worth of soil samples have been submitted from Nueces County through this year’s campaign. On October 26, our first session of a four-part Beef Cattle Webinar Series was offered to 27 registered participants. Since then it has been viewed 22 additional times on YouTube.

Healthy South Texas - Contact tracing has continued in response to COVID-19 through the partnership with the Corpus Christi Nueces County Public Health District. Agents Mutz and Muñoz along with county support staff continue to support this local effort daily. Agent duties with the COVID-19 Task Force are currently the major responsibility. Agents and staff are committed to assist with this effort through Spring 2021. The Healthy South Texas Coalition and the Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors continue to meet, provide guidance, and serve the county. State-wide training for the Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors is offered virtually on a monthly basis. Healthy South Texas programming has moved to a virtual format. Programs are offered through our online platform: agrilifeflearn.tamu.edu/. There are free codes for many of our featured programs. D11 Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences continues to provide educational messages through Focus Friday segments. Dr. Elaine Friest, Healthy South Texas Associate Director joined Agent Muñoz in a discussion of Healthy South Texas programs and how to participate in them. Follow Focus Friday on the D11 EAFCS Facebook page for health and wellness segments.

Horticulture - August and September saw us knee-deep in the COVID-19 pandemic. We continued virtual horticulture education including the Gulf Coast Gardening Series, Aggie Horticulture Facebook Live Events, and the Port Aransas Lecture Series. Topics covered included “Beneficial Insects in the Garden” “Gardening with Gingers”, “Understanding Soils along the Texas Gulf Coast” “Turf Maintenance”, “Growing Herbs on the Texas Coast”, and “Citrus Varieties”. Similar programming continued in the month of October. Master Gardeners successfully held their annual plant sale on October 10th at the Jewish Community Center on Everhart. Following COVID-19 protocols almost 200 attendees were able to browse and purchase plants grown locally by Nueces Master Gardeners. Nueces Master Gardeners and South Texas Master Naturalists continued to meet via zoom to hold committee and monthly meetings.

Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program

This quarter the Nueces County EFNEP Staff taught 72 adults and 2,442 youth participants. The adult educators taught 22 virtual zoom classes and the youth educators taught 134 online classes. We also hosted 4 Texas A&M University-Kingsville Dietetic Interns this quarter. Our unit also participated in 1 Health and Resource Fair “Trunk or Treat” Event with CCISD’s Los Encinos Elementary School.