

The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) at Texas Cooperative Extension

The results of RREA programs in Texas have increased private landowner's abilities to manage rangelands and forests for wildlife, water, and recreational benefits. Through workshops and other training programs, RREA provides land managers the tools they need for sustainable land management across 144 million acres of private farms, ranches & forestlands. Programs supported by RREA in Texas have resulted in programs that generate over \$1.5 million in annual support from other sources. RREA programs conducted recently include the following:

- Wildlife and fisheries management workshops targeting absentee landowner were conducted in 6 major urban areas – Dallas, Ft. Worth, Austin, Amarillo, Houston and San Antonio. A total of 292 landowners controlling 196,186 acres participated. On the average, landowners reported an average in their value of \$1,114 earned or saved as a result of attending the workshops – this was equal to \$1.82 per acre.
- A Pronghorn Symposium supported by RREA reached over 150 participants responsible for managing greater than 2 million acres of habitat.
- Over 100 County Extension Agents have completed the Natural Resources Leadership Course supported by RREA. These agents have each gone on to support development of high-quality natural resource programming activities in their counties.
- The Award-winning Texas Master Naturalist program has trained over 3,000 master volunteers, annually providing over 100,000 volunteer hours and reaching over 250,000 citizens with natural resource programming.



“County Agents are on the front line of natural resource management. The tools and knowledge from this class really make a difference.”

Texas County Extension Agents are trained for leadership in Natural Resources Management

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