

17th Annual HOLT CAT® Symposium on Excellence in Ranch Management
October 29-30, 2020 || Virtual Symposium

The Future of the Wildlife Enterprise

Applying New Knowledge and Tools

Thursday, October 29, 2020

All presentations presented virtually. Visit krirm.tamuk.edu/symposium to register for free.

Time will be allotted after each presentation for a brief Q&A session.

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- 12:00 PM Welcome**
- 12:15 PM Future Challenges of Balancing Ranch Resources**
Dave DeLaney: General Manager of Ranching and Wildlife, King Ranch® Inc.; Kingsville, TX
Managing resource use among overlapping enterprises is seldom as easy as prescribed in the annual ranch plan. Speaking from a career's worth of experience, here are some challenges coming over the horizon.
- 1:00 PM The Changing "Nature" of Hunting**
Greg Simons: Owner, Wildlife Systems, Inc.; San Angelo, TX
Traditional hunters are retiring. Those coming behind have interests greater than the harvest. Successful and experienced outdoor managers anticipate and will capitalize on these expectations.
- 1:45 PM Break & Recognition of Texas Farm Credit Advanced Ranch Management Certificate Recipients**
- 2:00 PM "Walking in Your Boots"**
Clearly communicating expectations can eliminate many resource management conflicts. Listen closely as a wildlife manager and a stockman share their expectations of the other's enterprise.
Wildlife in the Context of a Cattle Operation
Tyson Johnson: General Manager, Sooner Cattle Company; Pawhuska, OK
Cattle in the Context of a Wildlife Operation
Marc Bartoskewitz: General Manager, Cook Canyon Ranch; Ranger, TX
- 3:00 PM Managing Public Resources on Private Lands**
Scott McFarlane: Wildlife Manager, Deseret Land and Livestock; Woodruff, UT
In most states, wildlife are a public resource inhabiting most private land. Consequently, private land managers are often caught in a quandary as to how best to manage wildlife and the natural resources they (and domestic livestock) depend on.
- 3:45 PM Hunting on Private Lands in Predominately Public Land States**
Rick Danvir: President, Basin Wildlife Consulting, LLC; Casper, WY
Pressure for public access to hunt private lands continues to rise. Invariably, legal issues arise regarding licensing and tag 'metering' regulations. This consultant has a career's-worth of experience navigating this territory.
- 4:30 PM Closing Comments/Adjourn**

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- 12:00 PM Welcome/Recap**
Chronic Wasting Disease: Myths versus Reality
Clayton Wolf: Chief Operating Officer, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; Austin, TX
Despite the attention it has garnered, CWD is still not well understood. Here is an opportunity for listeners to clear some of the confusion.
- 12:45 PM Implications of Recent Advances in Quail Management**
Fidel Hernandez, PhD: Endowed Professor for Quail Research; Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute
Novel research by CKWRI scientists and students offers new insights, advances the understanding of population dynamics, and sheds light on the effectiveness of management on wild quail populations.
- 1:30 PM Break and Viewing of Wildlife and Ranching Video**
- 2:00 PM Implications of Recent Advances in Whitetail Deer Management**
David Hewitt, PhD: Endowed Director of Wildlife Research; Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute
The effects of supplementation and genetic management (culling) have long been debated in scientific conferences and hunting lodges. Results of CKRWT supplementation and genetic management research projects provide insights to the impact of these management decisions/practices.
- 2:45 PM The Future of Hunting and Wildlife Management**
Carter Smith: Executive Director, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; Austin, TX
Symposium discussion concludes with a big-picture look at how resource managers might combine symposium learning with personal experience to position their operations for environmental, social, and economic success.
- 3:30 PM Closing Comments/Adjourn**