



**Animals & Agriculture Workgroup
Meeting Agenda
December 18, 2012
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
H-GAC Conference Room C, Second Floor**

Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

Review Agenda

Discussion

- **Update on I-Plan process**
- **Review Progress** Items identified in the discussion will be included in the annual plan.
 - Implementation Activity 7.1: Promote Increased Participation in Existing Programs for Erosion Control, Nutrient Reduction, and Livestock Management
 - Texas Water Resources Institute's *Lone Star Health Streams Program*: "...the protection of Texas Waterways from bacterial contamination originating from livestock operations and feral hogs..."
 - Ag BMP Effectiveness Table, developed by Texas Water Resources Institute
 - EQIP Funds
 - Distribution of funds by practice
 - Participation in NRCS Local Work Group Meetings, held to gather input for setting priorities for EQIP funding, and priorities identified
 - Inventory of Program Participation: Environmental Working Group Farm Subsidy Database
 - The Conservation Fund: Study of effectiveness of economic incentives to increase participation in voluntary programs
 - Implementation Activity 7.2: Promote the Management of Feral Hog Populations
 - 319 Grant from TSSCB: Texas AgriLife Extension awarded grant for statewide feral hog program
 - Feral Hog Community of Practice: website, publications, webinars
 - Texas Department of Agriculture 'Hog Out Month County Challenge'
 - Pork Choppers: Aerial Wildlife Permits from Texas Parks & Wildlife Department that include a landowner agreement for hogs
- **Identify Priorities**

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- What are the priorities towards which we should be focusing our efforts?
- **Determine Recommendations to BIG for Annual Report**
 - The workgroup must make recommendations to the BIG regarding activities related to the work group. Using a sample form conceptually approved by the BIG, meeting participants will consider the following:
 - Status of activities (not started/in progress/complete, ahead/on/behind schedule)
 - Progress
 - Achievements
 - Focus
- **Discuss potential modifications to the I-Plan**
 - What changes, if any, does the work group wish to recommend to the BIG?

Wrap-up

Review tasks

BIG Annual Meeting: May 14, 2012

Adjourn

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