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USDA-NRCS Texas Priority Resource Concerns – FY 2024



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2024 LWG Resource Concerns

Responsibilities of the LWG are to:

- Identify priority resource concerns and identify, as appropriate, high-priority areas needing assistance.
- Assist NRCS and the conservation district with public outreach and information efforts and identify educational and producers' training needs.
- Participate in multicounty coordination where program funding and priority area proposals cross county boundaries.
- Utilize the conservation needs assessment to identify priority resource concerns that can be addressed by USDA programs.

Priorities:

- **Cropland**
 - Dry Cropland
 - Sheet and Rill Erosion
 - Wind and Water Erosion
 - Ephemeral Gully Erosion
 - Irrigated Cropland
 - Inefficient Irrigation Water Use
 - Groundwater Depletion



2024 LWG Concerns Continue:

- **Rangeland/Pasture**

- Livestock Production
- Inadequate Livestock Water Quality and Quantity
- Livestock Feed and Forage Imbalance
- Degraded Plant Condition
- Brush Management
- Boundary Fencing
- Plant Health

- **Urbanization**

- Number of water wells being drilled, concern with ground water availability
- Outreach to new landowners/neighbors regarding conservation activities
- Additional resources for planning for small acreage landowners
- Loss of ag land due to housing developments



2024 LWG General Concerns

- **General Concerns**
 - Wild Hog Concerns
 - Prescribed Fire Concerns
 - CRP Breakout
 - Request to Keep Pivot and Drip at \$60K
 - Loss of land due to housing development
 - The bottom of old wells not being cased

