

## The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) Program at Texas A&M University, FY 2008

With more than 142 million acres of private farms, ranches, and forestlands, the natural resources for supporting Texas' population of more than 24 million depend heavily upon the decisions made by private landowners. Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) funds allocated to Texas A&M University are administered by Texas AgriLife Extension. RREA funds are focused on initiating those programs that are most likely to contribute to sustainable management and conservation efforts on private lands and waters. Recent examples of RREA-supported programs are presented below.

- **Conservation Tools for Imperiled Habitats on the Trinity River** is a program developed in collaboration with the Trinity River Authority and the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. Through this program, AgriLife Extension provides training to landowners and other stakeholders in the use of the Trinity River Information Management System (TRIMS) and its application for identifying floodplain restoration opportunities that contribute to enhanced watershed performance.
- **A Portable Live-Event Production System for eLearning** is under development and testing. Two eLearning sessions on wildlife management and nature-based tourism were developed and evaluated for delivery as initial prototypes. The system is scheduled for full implementation in the coming year.
- County Extension Agents representing 16 Texas counties participated in the first of four sessions of an updated **Natural Resources Leadership Course**, an award-winning leadership training program of AgriLife Extension.



*County Extension Agents discuss advances in timber harvest technology.*

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