

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: Agriculture & Livestock  
TIME & DATE: 10:00 AM, Wednesday, June 1, 2022  
PLACE: E2.010  
CHAIR: Rep. DeWayne Burns

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The Committee will meet to hear invited and public testimony over the following interim charges:

1. Monitor the agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and oversee the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 87th Legislature. Conduct active oversight of all associated rulemaking and other governmental actions taken to ensure the intended legislative outcome of all legislation, including the following:

- HB 2089, relating to the detection and mitigation of plant pests and diseases;
- SB 1, Rider 27 (Department of Agriculture), which relates to determining methods to increase the number of grocery stores in food deserts; and
- SB 1, Rider 28 (Department of Agriculture), which relates to the Experimental Use Program for feral hog abatement.
- Overview of the Herd Certification Program, a summary of the USDA report findings.

2. Study the access of the state's agricultural industry to available capital through loans, grants, or other sources. Make recommendations to ensure the agricultural industry has sufficient access to available capital, as well as how the Texas Department of Agriculture can educate farmers, agricultural producers, and others about available sources of capital.

3. Study the impact on agricultural operations of governmental and regulatory requirements and practices including those that prevent or prohibit an activity that is a normally accepted agricultural practice, and make recommendations to facilitate and encourage agricultural production in the state.

Electronic public comment will be available for:

HB 2089, Plant pests and diseases  
SB 1, Rider 27, Number of grocery stores in food deserts.  
SB 1, Rider 28, Experimental use program for feral hog abatement.  
Agricultural availability of capital through loans and grants.

The right to farm in Texas.  
Herd Certification Program, a summary of the USDA report findings.  
Monitor the agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction.

For those persons who will be testifying, information for in-person witness registration, can be found here:

<https://mytxlegis.capitol.Texas.gov/HWRSPublic/About.aspx>

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