# Upson/Lamar Farmer

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A little bit about me: I state. I returned back to moved here from Central Texas, where I have lived that next fall for my gradufor the majority of my life. I ate degree. The first year grew up breeding and raising pigs and goats, riding Meat Science for the Anihorses, and competing in mal Science program, both 4-H and FFA. After high school I went off to Tarleton State University, a sister school to Texas A&M, where I graduated with both my Bachelors and Masters Degrees. In my undergrad I studied Animal Science with a science concentration. During that time I was a part of the Tarleton State Livestock Judging Team. We traveled all over the nation studying livestock; from frozen over feedlots in Colorado, to climate controlled swine barns in Oklahoma. After I graduated with my Bachelors, I worked for a summer in the panhandle of Texas for Texas Farms, which was then the largest commercial swine operation in the

Tarleton State University of my Masters I taught helped run the university's custom meat slaughtering

facility, and was the assispursue a career in the agri-

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scribe to our newsletter, updates, and upcoming please fill out the subscrip- events. tion form located on either the Upson or Lamar County website. Those links can be found on page 4.

We will be revamping the websites over the next

month. Keep an eye out If you would like to sub- for format changes, new There are many men and women that I look up to in the agriculture industry from big name livestock producers, to small town dairy farmers; but the one I want to highlight this week is Mr. Albert Belmont Graham. I am sure many of you are thinking "I have no idea who that is," but you will be surprised to know that you probably have heard of one of his many accomplishments.

In January 1902, Mr. Graham founded the "Boy's and Girl's Agricultural Club" which, with the help of Ohio State University, turned into what is now

known as the 4-H program.

Graham's original reasoning behind creating his program was to teach boys and girls about harvesting corn, planting gardens,

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The second weekend of April is the Georgia Cattlemen's Association Convention and Beef Expo. It will be located at the fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia. The convention schedule and registration can be found on their website:

### www.georgiacattlemen.org

Monroe County is hosting a Sheep and Goat Short Course on April 19th from 8:30am to 2pm. The cost will be \$20 with lunch and materials provided. Contact the Monroe County Extension Office if interested. The event flyer is located on both the Upson and Lamar websites.

(478)994-7014

Between Upson and Lamar, we have two programs that will be hosted during the month of April. Each program is not only open to individuals in the counties but also anyone in surrounding counties.

This **Food 4 Thought** is designed for individuals that are wanting to learn about

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## What is UGA Extension?

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http://extension.uga.edu/county-offices/upson.html or http://extension.uga.edu/county-offices/lamar.html

# AG Comic of the Month I think going wireless was a mistake!