



# COMAL COUNTY

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### **Extension Service seeking help locating pecan weevil infestations**

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*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County residents who suspect a pecan weevil infestation on their property should report it to the county's office of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

The pecan weevil is a significant pest, and although confirmed infestations have been limited to the Wimberley area in Hays County, the Extension Service is investigating a potential case in Comal County as well, said Troy Luepke, extension agent for agriculture and natural resources.

“We’re asking any landowners who notice signs of weevil infestations to bring their pecans to our office or mail them to the Extension Service in Bryan,” Luepke said. “Landowners should look for pecans that have a round BB-sized hole in the shell or two to four legless white grubs inside the pecan itself.”

Pecan weevils are the juvenile form of a beetle that bores into the nut to lay its eggs. Left untreated, the weevils can decimate a pecan crop and spread through an entire orchard within two years, Luepke said, adding that flooding in recent months has made Comal County susceptible to the weevils for the first time.

The Comal County extension office is at 325 Resource Drive, just outside the New Braunfels city limits off State Highway 46. Landowners can mail potentially infected pecans to Bill Ree, P.O. Box 2150, Bryan, TX 77806-2150.

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