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High Plains Cotton Acreage Down From 2011

By Mary Jane Buerkle
High Plains producers planted less cotton than they did in 2011, according to the June 29 USDA Planted Acreage Report.

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service reports that 4.15 million acres of High Plains land were planted to cotton this year, a 9.1 percent decrease from 4.57 million acres planted in 2011.

The bulk of the shift came from the northern portion of PCG's service area, where acreage went from 1.25 million in 2011 to just 960,000 in 2012, a 23 percent decrease. Planted acreage was down just 4 percent in the Southern High Plains.

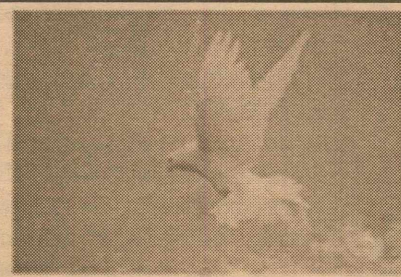
Darren Hudson, Professor and Larry Combest Agricultural Competitiveness Endowed Chair in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at Texas Tech, said the decrease likely can be attributed to price and multiple crop options, particularly in the north. As cotton prices dropped relative to corn, he said, growers may have opted into planting more corn, or another crop.

Although overall progress of this year's High Plains cotton crop is better than 2011, growers still face challenges. Rains earlier in the month

helped firmly establish crops on irrigated and most dryland acreage, but with that moisture came hail and high winds that forced some farmers to replant. Additional rain still is needed across the entire area in order to sustain the crop.

Temperatures have exceeded the 100-degree mark over most of the High Plains in the past week, and although forecasts predict a slight drop in temperature over the next several days, chances of rain at this point are slim.

Statewide, USDA reports that 6.8 million acres of cotton were planted, a 4.2 percent decrease from 2011 when Texas producers planted 7.1 million acres. Nationwide, planted acreage is estimated at 12.4 million, down 14 percent from 2011. The June Acreage report is based on producer surveys of actual planted acreage information. It is the market's first glimpse of how many acres have actually been planted to various crops during the current growing season and sets the stage for evaluating where the crop stands at this point. Up until now acreage discussions have been based on survey results designed to get a handle on producer intentions before they had actually put a seed in the ground.



Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Attracting What You Want

Some people seem to always attract good things. Others have a knack for being a magnet for the undesirable. What's the difference between these two types of people? Do you have control over which group you fall into?

Attracting what you want begins with a proper mental attitude. Those who attract the undesirable tend to have an attitude of failure and scarcity. Before they even attempt something they believe they can't do it. They conclude the world is against them and that nothing goes their way.

They expect bad things to happen. And when their expectations materialize they say, "See, I told you so." They take a passive role in resolving problems. Often they will do nothing in the hope that a problem will correct itself or just go away.

People who attract the negative create a self-fulfilling prophecy that things just don't go their way. As each of their predictions comes true, their belief that bad things happen to them is reinforced. They create their own vicious cycle of cause and effect. They don't believe they have any control over their fate and so they

never take any action to break the cycle. If they do take action, they give up at the first obstacle.

Thoughts behave as a magnet. People attract what they dwell on. Those who continually experience negative situations concentrate on precisely what they don't want. Therefore that's usually what they get. As a result these people become negative and bitter.

You can have a positive influence over what happens to you and the types of situations you attract. Start by thinking about what you want to happen and believe that things will work out in your favor. Have positive expectations instead of negative ones.

Don't have a victim mentality. A victim believes they have no control over the forces in their life or what happens to them. A victim feels powerless to alter circumstances. A victim takes a passive role in their life. A victim blames others for their problems.

If you find you are attracting things you don't want, examine your attitude and your behavior. It's impossible to get different results until you change your attitude and actions. You can't just wait for

your ship to come in, you have to swim out to find it. Passively waiting for things to improve is like playing the lottery; although there is a chance this will happen, the odds are not in your favor and are extremely slim.

Although unfortunate events do happen, good things can and will follow. If something bad happens it doesn't mean you won't subsequently attract good things. You may be tempted to change your attitude after experiencing something unfortunate but you must resist falling into this trap.

In order to turn the tide on an undesirable event or series of events, you have to maintain a belief that good things are possible and will happen. If you succumb to the temptation to change to a negative outlook, you will become a magnet for more negatives.

Although attracting what you want starts with the proper frame of mind, it must be accompanied by proactive action. You need to identify and take the steps necessary to produce the desired outcome. Then you want to be relentlessly persistent until you attract your tar-

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

Banker With A Gun

When I ventured into the bank in Chappell Hill, bank president Ed Smith gave me a little history. "You're in the oldest bank in the United States that has never been closed. We didn't close for Roosevelt's bank holiday in 1933. Our establishing date is April 1, 1907. There's a lot of banks that are older, but they closed. We didn't. So we were here before the Federal Reserve and I hope we'll be here after it's gone."

Edward Smith likes guns. A sign in gold letters on the bank's front door reads: *In respect to the second amendment if you have a concealed carry license, feel free and we encourage you to bring your firearm into the bank.*

Ed says his is the only bank in the country that allows guns to be brought onto the premises. "When we put the sign on the door, the first person to come in here to talk about the sign was a woman who has been a client of the bank for a long time. She told me she was so thankful I did that because she had been carrying a gun into the bank for fifteen years but never said anything about it. Another woman came in a couple of days later and thanked me, saying she was tired of taking her pistol out of her purse and leaving it on the car seat when she came into the bank."

The sign has been up two years and has brought comments from around the world. "I have heard from people I haven't seen in thirty years, one in Portugal who told me I was all over the internet over there. They talk about that

crazy Texan allowing guns in the bank."

Edward believes strongly that people should have the right to own guns. "I can name a lot of people who don't want you to have guns. Their names are Stalin, Hitler and Communists who want to disarm us. During World War Two, Japanese leaders said their country would never attack the US because there was a gun behind every blade of grass."

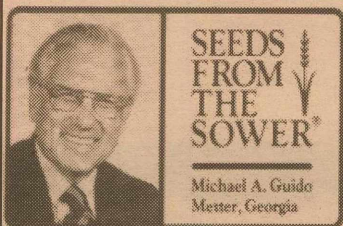
Mr. Smith has been a gun advocate for a long time. "My father was a hunter and gave me my first gun when I was nine. Texas is gun country, you know. Recently they put a man in California under psychiatric observation because he had a hundred guns in his house and maybe a million rounds of ammunition. In Texas he'd just be called a good ol' deer hunter." Once Ed was interviewed on national radio and mentioned he had heard from everywhere but the left coast. Within an hour he had a call from a man who said he wanted to put a ten thousand dollar CD in the bank. He wanted to make sure Smith knew the bank was getting some left coast money. The call was from Hollywood.

The Chappell Hill Bank has been robbed six times. "The first four were Yankees. Next a woman robbed the bank with a knife, then a guy who robbed the bank stabbed the driver of the car he was in and the car crashed. All the robbers were caught. I was told years ago you don't rob a bank with a firearm, you use a fountain pen. You make a loan and don't pay it back."

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Minister, Georgia

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What is true of the boiler is true of the believer.

How much do we love Christ? We can measure our love for Him by the amount of time we spend in reading the Bible, talking with Him in prayer and waiting on Him in worship. We can also measure our love for Him by taking an inventory of the amount of time we invest in our service to others who are in need.

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Dare to Live...

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geted results.

There are many, many people who consistently attract what they want and need. You can be one of them. Believe that you are worthy of having good things happen, because you are. Visualize the circumstances you want and yourself as a magnet for all you desire.

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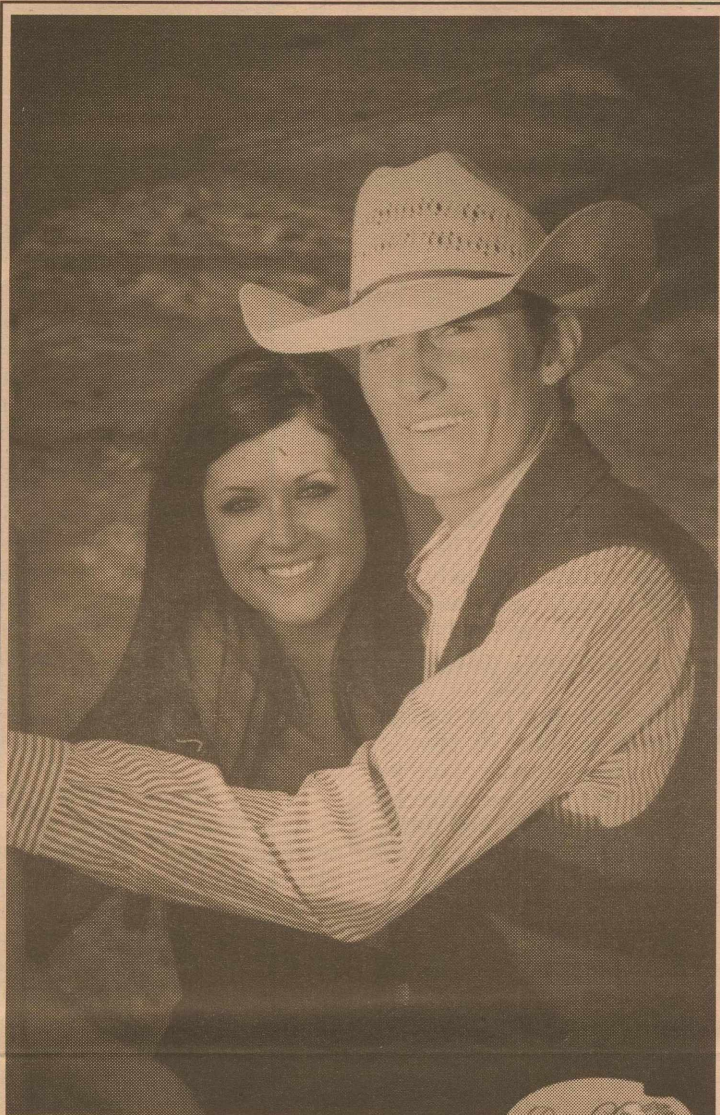
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Whitney Anderson and Kye Fuston

Anderson, Fuston Announce Nuptials

John and Kevva Anderson of Gail, TX are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Whitney Lynn Anderson to Kye Wintz Fuston.

Kye is the son of Leck and Lisa Fuston of Turkey, TX. The bride-elect is 2006 graduate of Borden County I.S.D. and a 2009 graduate of Texas A&M University in Agricultural Leadership and Development. She is currently employed as

an Account Executive with Integracare Hospice.

The future bride-groom is a 2006 graduate of Valley High School and a 2008 graduate of Clarendon College in Animal Science. He is currently employed as a camp manager at the Bell Ranch.

The couple will marry on September 22, 2012 at First United Methodist Church on Broadway in Lubbock, TX



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A Big Thank You

The Borden County Youth Horse Club would like to say Thank You to our sponsors this year. Because of our sponsors we were able to give awards to each of the 44 members that we had this year. All of our 13 lead line age division kids received a belt buckle. Each child in the 5 & Under all the way through the 13-18 age division received a halter as well as 1st - 4th place All Around prizes. Those awarded are as follows:

Saddle Winners-Ryder Day, Macye Maben and Tegan Dickson.

Buckle Winners-Rayna Jo Epley, Luke Carpenter and Rayme Jones.

Saddle Pad Winners-Jaityn Mires, Reagan Hale, McKaylee Butler and Avery Wright.

Headstall Winners-Harbor Hill, Kambell Schmidt and Fallon Forbes.

The winner of our iPad raffle was Trent Smith of Gail.

For more photos you can find us on Facebook (Borden County Youth Horse Club).

Our 2012 Sponsors are: Lamesa Tire and Battery; A/R Contractors-Ft. Worth, Tx.;

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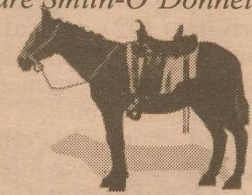
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Borden County Youth Horse Club



Last weeks meeting ended the Borden County Horse Club season, pictured above is the 5 and under through 13-18 divisions.



Pictured is the Lead Line division of the Borden County Horse Club.

Legal Notices

CITATION BY PUBLICATION - CIVIL THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOSEPH LLOYD BOWEN, DECEASED, Defendant.

Defendant Greeting: **NOTICE**

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 AM on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after the date of issuance of this Citation, default judgment may be taken against you."

Said Plaintiff's Petition in Condemnation was filed with the 132nd District Court of Borden County, Texas on May 17, 2012, the file number of said suit being Case No. 1218.

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition in Condemnation at or before ten o'clock AM of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance of this Citation before the Honorable 132nd District Court of Borden County, Texas at the Courthouse of said County in Gail, Texas.

The names of the parties in said suit are:

Wind Energy Transmission Texas, LLC (Plaintiff)

v.

Sandra Brown, Donald

Bowen, Allen Dale Bowen and **The Unknown Heirs of Joseph Lloyd Bowen, Deceased (Defendants).**

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: **Eminent Domain / Condemnation** as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition in Condemnation on file in this suit in connection with property described as follows:

A 2.428 acre transmission line easement out a 40 acre tract of land out of the Texas and Pacific Railroad Company Survey, Section 21, Block 32, Township 3 North, Abstract 291, Situated in Borden County, Texas.

Plaintiff is represented by:

Clark Aspy of NAMAN, HOWELL, SMITH & LEE, P.L.L.C. whose address is 8310 N. Capital of Texas Highway, Suite 490, Austin, Texas 79731 and Danny M. Needham of MULLIN HOARD & BROWN, LLP whose address is 500 S. Taylor, Suite 800 Amarillo, Texas 79101.

Said Condemnation Hearing to be held on July 30, 2012 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners Court in Borden County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Gail, Texas, this the 6th day of June, 2012.

Joyce Herridge, Clerk of the Court

DISTRICT COURT, BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS
P. O. Box 124
Gail, Texas 79738

Borden County ISD Board Meeting

Regular Board Meeting June 18, 2012

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas, met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Borden County I.S.D. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas and principal, Bart McMeans were also present. No guests were present.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2012, board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the June 2012 bills. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joe Harding to approve an Option 3 Agreement with the State to equalize the Wealth of the Borden County Independent

School District for the 2012-2013 school year as required by State Law. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve a salary increase of \$100 per month plus tax sheltered annuity for Cindy Massingill and Amy Rinehart (12 month employees-\$1,320) and for Tina Stansell (10 1/2 month employee-\$1,155). The motion carried unanimously.

7. Mr. McMeans reviewed the results of the 2011-2012 reading inventory instrument for grades K-2 and the 2012 TAKS test results for the other grades as required by law.

8. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to solicit bids for propane and vehicle fuel for the 2012-2013 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Mike Valentine to continue to provide free breakfast and lunch for all Borden County I.S.D. students and employees and to charge \$1.60 for breakfast and \$3.25 for lunch for people other than students and employees. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by

Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to set the regular July board meeting for July 16, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve the 2011-2012 budget amendments as recommended by Mr. Thomas. The motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Dennis Poole to add, revise, or delete local policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the instruction sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 94. The motion carried unanimously.

13. Mr. Thomas gave a year to date financial overview, a personnel report, reported that 210 students were enrolled on the last day of school for the 2011-2012 school year, and gave a construction report. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

14. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Dennis Poole to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

BORDEN COUNTY ISD BID REQUEST

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids and/or quotes for propane, diesel, and gasoline for the 2012-2013 school year.

Proposals shall be addressed to Jimmy Thomas; Borden County Independent School District, Box 95, Gail, Texas 79738, and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked appropriately as "Propane Bid" and/or "Gasoline/Diesel Bid". Proposals may also be submitted by fax and/or by e-mail to the numbers or address listed below. Proposals will be received up to but no later than 1:00 P.M. on Friday, July 13, 2012. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and selected by the Board of Trustees or its designee as appropriate. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County ISD Board of Trustees or its designee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposal that will best serve the needs of the District.

Questions regarding bid specifications and additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing the above address; by e-mail to jthomas@bcisd.net; or by calling 806/756-4313. Transmissions by fax may be sent to 806/756-4310.

By Order of the Board of Trustees
Borden County Independent School District
Mike Valentine, Secretary

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Prescribed by Secretary of State
Section 42.003(b), Texas Election Code
3/2007

NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT

Notice is hereby given to the registered voters of Precinct ALL that this precinct has been consolidated with Precinct 4 Voting in the Court House election will be conducted at 117 E. WASSON GAIL TX (location)

for voters residing in Precinct ALL

[Signature]
Signature of County Judge

Date 6/6/12

AVISO DE PRECINTO CONSOLIDADO

Por lo presente se les da aviso a los votantes registrados del Precincto ALL que este precincto se ha consolidado con el Precincto 4 La votación en la elección Court House se manejará en 117 E. WASSON GAIL TX (sitio)

para los votantes que residen en el Precincto ALL

[Signature]
Firma del Jefe del Condado

Fecha 6/6/12