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CCHD receives good audit report

The CCHD Board of Directors met Aug. 25, and head good needs from the auditors.

For the first time in nine years, the district is showing a positive bottom line of \$628,000.

There are numerous reasons for this tremendous improvement, according to CEO Linda Rasor.

"The hospital became a Critical Access Hospital in 2004 and this designation improved the reimbursement to the hospital from Medicare to where we are now being paid a percentage of cost," she said. "The hospital also brought the billing department back in house in December, 2003. There was a major cleanup done of all billing procedures and improved collections, including small

claims court."

The district also decreased expenses by closing OB and the geripsych departments and reducing staff through attrition. A change in insurance benefits also decreased expenses. Every department has decreased expenses, Rasor said, noting that the auditor anticipates this positive trend to continue for the district.

After a lengthy discussion, the board voted to set the tax rate at .445, which is the effective rate and will raise the same amount of tax monies as last year. Tax revenues for the district will offset the million dollar plus indigent and charity care provided to the county, including inmate care, Rasor said.

"Many people do not realize that it is very costly for the district and all other hospitals to provide care to the uninsured and charity care patients, but it is our responsibility," she said.

The board approved selling a building on Front and Bedford that at one time was Dr. Hardee's office. The sale is expected to be complete by Sept. 15.

Stats were reviewed with several departments, including occupational and physical therapy, laboratory, surgery and respiratory therapy and hospice services, all showing an increase in numbers from the prior month and an overall increase for the fiscal year, which began May 1.

Dr. Skylar Bizzell reported for

the medical staff. He said that Dr. Andrew Peterson, D.O., will be interviewing for a Family Practice position this month. He would replace Dr. Percy, as well as relieve the need for an ER group to cover Dimmitt's ER, which will help decrease that expense. A third Family Practice physician is needed at the clinic to help provide family primary care, he said. Dr. Sheets and Dr. Conard, ER physicians, were granted consulting privileges by the board.

In other matters, the Five-Year Strategic Plan was reviewed with progress noted on several items, including the new roof, ambulance and new radiology room. Plans continue to be looked at to centrally locate administrative

offices, billing and medical records. The hospital building has not been updated since 1992 and the renovation plan was also reviewed. Plans to build a clinic next to the hospital were also reviewed. This would help decrease the computer issues, parking problems, lab and X-ray concerns and ER physician issues. All services, including DME, Home Health and Hospice, will be located at the hospital.

All District services will be on one campus, which will also decrease the overhead expense. As a Critical Access Hospital, a percentage of the renovation and building costs will be reimbursed through Medicare, which is a

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Friday marks 60 years from WWII end in Pacific

By DAVIE ANN BROWDER
Managing Editor

World War II in the South Pacific never received as much press as did the European war. Maybe because Americans considered Europe closer, therefore the more immediate danger. And to this day, you'll see more documentaries on the end of World War II in Europe, D-Day, the Battle of the Bulge than you'll ever see dealing with Iwo Jima, Tarawa, Leyte Gulf. About the only story that historians like to talk about from the Pacific Theatre is the dropping of two atom bombs on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. And then they do it with something akin to an apology.

If you want to know about the war in the Pacific, talk to the people who were there - who saw the hand-to-hand fighting - the determination of the Japanese to fight to the last man - and woman - and child. Instead, today, many historians try to make Americans feel guilty about dropping those bombs - and incidentally saving hundreds of thousands of American (and Japanese) lives.

Carroll Webb was only 15 when World War II started - his birthday is Dec. 8. But by Dec. 8, 1943, when he was all of 17, he had signed up for the U.S. Navy and was off to boot camp - for 12 days.

"Then I was sent to Coronado to learn to drive landing craft," Webb said. He was asked what he thought about such a dangerous job - driving people up to the beaches under fire.

"I was a ninth-grade dropout, no education, so I was expendable," he said. "They knew boys driving those landing craft probably weren't going to come back. I fooled them."

After the training, he boarded the USS Uvalde and headed to the Pacific.

J.R. Brown was also in the Pacific Theatre. His job was getting a mobile Army surgical hospital (better know these days as MASH), set up in New Zealand to take casualties from the various Pacific battles.

"As soon as we got the hospital in New Zealand up and running, we had to take it apart and ship it to New Caledonia," Brown said. "The tide of war had turned and we were re-taking the islands that the Japanese had occupied. My job was to make sure the hospital had the supplies it needed."

Brown went into the service in October, 1942. In May, 1943, he shipped out of California with orders reading, "for further transfer outside the continental limits of the United States."

"I didn't know where I was going," he said.

At that time, he said, it was still up in the air as to whether the U.S. would win the war.

"A lot of people don't realize how close we came to losing the war," Brown said. "Had the Japanese continued their assault on Hawaii and decimated our Pacific Fleet, we'd have been in trouble."

Webb said it took his ship 31 days after leaving the West Coast to reach the Admiralty Islands, his first stop in the Pacific.

"I didn't think there was an ocean that big," he said. "After about four days, I thought 'We're just going around in circles and what's a 17-year-old boy from Leuders, Texas, doing here?'"

His second day in port an ammo ship two berths away blew up and took all 1,500 men on board down.

"I knew then I didn't have any business over there," Webb said. "Then we went to New Guinea. That's when Tokyo Rose told us the Japanese planes were on their way - and they were."

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Above, U.S. officials at the signing of the peace treaty with Japan at the end of World War II, Sept. 2, 1945, on board the U.S.S. Missouri, in Tokyo Bay.



J.R. Brown and, at left, in the Navy



Carroll Webb and, at left, in the Navy



DISD tax rate stays the same

DISD trustees met briefly at noon on Monday to hear from any taxpayers before the tax rate and budget for the 2005-2006 year was approved.

There were no interested taxpayers on hand at the hearing, so after 15 minutes the board adjourned the public hearing and reassembled to vote on the budget and tax rate.

The budget for 2005-06 was unanimously approved, as was the tax rate of \$1.50.

"This is not an increase over last year," said DISD Superintendent Les Miller.

In other action, the board approved a couple of minor amendments to the budget and agreed to a proposal to increase pay for paraprofessionals who have college experience.

The board unanimously approved Miller's proposal that for every 10 hours of college credit a paraprofessional can prove he or she has earned, that person's pay will go up one step on the pay scale.

High Plains Water District rates stay unchanged

During an Aug. 19 special meeting, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 Board of Directors voted to adopt a 2005 ad valorem tax rate of .0083 cents per \$100 property valuation. This is the same tax rate adopted in 2004. Created in 1951, the

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On the Go

with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

We know that the Truman Touchstones have recently been to London, England. I've not gathered all the information that I'd hoped for about their trip, but I have a letter from my daughter, Susan Owens, who visited London recently.

She related a story about meeting a young wife and mother from Nigeria

"Her name was Thelma. She worked as a clerk in an accessories shop around the corner from our hotel. Each day we would pass the shop on our way to the underground station. Most mornings we stopped to say hello and visit. One day as we entered the shop, we heard praise and worship music playing from her CD player and we began to sing and dance along with the music. Thelma as Christian! She began to laugh and clap and cry all at the same time.

"You're Christians! I just knew you were. You are much too happy to be anything else. I've been watching your faces and expressions and I just knew you were Christians."

"As we began to know Thelma better, she began to share her story. She and her husband had worked in banks in Nigeria and earned very good money, but because of their faith, their life there became increasingly dangerous. Thelma's father and two brothers were murdered and her mother had fled to London. A few months later, Thelma followed with her two children. Her husband had to stay behind because he could not afford to leave his lucrative salary.

"Contrary to popular belief, racism in England is decades being the United States. Thelma was very fortunate to have the job she

had, though it paid very little. She was supporting her children and mother and sister. Her husband sent an occasional check. Because she is black, she has little hope of having a better job. Immigration laws are very strict and she had no way of getting government aid. When we asked her how they survived, she replied, "We bless the pot." She and the members of her household literally stood around the kitchen stove and prayed over the pots and pans. She told us they always had plenty to eat. She could not logically explain it. She said, "We just keep blessing the pot."

"Having met Thelma enriched by life in ways I've still not discovered. But each time I get a little materialistic, or when I begin to take my life and blessings for granted, I always think of Thelma and say a little prayer for her and 'bless the pot' - hers and mine."

On Aug. 13, Dorothy Sheffy flew to Las Vegas, Nev. Her daughter, Donna and son-in-law, Tom Stafford, met her in Las Vegas. They boarded another plane and traveled on to Reno, Nev. On Sunday, she visited North Virginia Church of Christ. The speaker was from South Africa. They drove to Lake Tahoe, Nev., and then to Fresno, Calif., to visit granddaughters Donda and her husband Eric Bott and their children, Savanna and Nolan; and Deidra and Michael Poore and their sons, Andrew, Zackery, Joshua and Noah. Grandsons Mark and Matthew Sheffy came from Visalia, Calif. They visited Commu-

nity Church in Fresno, Calif., on Sunday and drove back to Reno that evening, stopping by Donner Lake to

watch sailboating and water skiing.

Then it was back to Lubbock to spend the night

with daughter Driscilla and Robert Storrs. After all the freeways and traffic, it sure See ON THE GO, Page 2

Hispanic Voice

with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106

Hola de nuevo. Hello again. So, is everyone enjoying all the rain? I can't complain, it's nice, but the humidity afterwards, yuck! Here's a little FYI for everyone, I am back on midnights at work, so if you come knocking at my door or try calling, don't get discouraged if I don't answer. I am probably asleep. Just keep trying or try later in the afternoon. It may take me a while, but I'll eventually roll out of bed.

The Arguijo family had a pretty busy Thursday evening. Thursdays are my day off from work and I thought it was going to be a quiet night in front of the TV. Boy was I wrong. A bunch of us got together and went out to the DHS stadium to watch Robert Arguijo play his first football game. I hadn't been out to a football game in about 10 years and had almost forgotten how rowdy it can get up in the stands. It didn't take long before it all came back to me. We all sat in a separate section (I bet the other fans were kinda glad we did) and cheered Robert on. I am not exactly a rowdy person, but it was fun to see all of the family get into the game. Boy, Robert's mom Celia, sisters Gina and Tanya, and cousin Miranda all have quite some lungs on them. Robert's brothers and other family members where there to cheer him on too. Then, cousin Darlene Hernandez joined the bunch and it got even louder. Darlene's sons BJ and Rene, also play on the JV team. Let me tell you, that's a lot of Arguijo blood out on the football field.

Even though the boys didn't win the game, they played good and hard. The Arguijo family would like ALL of the boys that played to know we are very proud of them and hope to make it out to all their games. Oh, back to our busy evening, after the game, our nephew Isaac Arguijo, decided to tag along with us so he could go play with our computer at home. Well, he and Josh went up stairs and played a few games and looked up some interesting stuff on the Internet. When it was finally time for us to take Isaac home, they were both coming down the stairs and Josh had a pretty nasty fall and sliced his finger on the way down. Isaac was very

helpful and somehow managed to get a t-shirt on Josh and we rushed him to the ER. Don't worry, Josh is fine, the ER staff got him sewn up in no time, he even got a snack out of it. After the whole ordeal, we all had a good laugh about it (it's not the first time he's come sliding down those stairs) and I warned him that I was going to have to stop letting him have his nephews over to play if this ever happened again. Of course, I was just kidding.

Congratulations to Liz and Gabriel Reyes on their new baby boy, Gabriel Reyes Jr. Gabriel was born on Aug. 7. See HISPANIC, Page 6

Naz News

with Vergie Gerber, 945-2669

Congratulations to Mary Gerber, who was honored on her 95th birthday with an "Open House" and family dinner Saturday evening in the Community Hall. It was hosted by her children: Fritz and Julene Gerber, Vincent and Toby Gerber; and Regina and Ronnie Hoelting of Nazareth; Norbert and Helen Gerber of Woodward, Okla. and Dennis and Delores Gerber of Hereford. Also 19 of her 29 grandchildren were present from Oregon, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Some 26 of her 60 great-grandchildren came and also one great-great-grandchild was there. Many relatives and friends from Nazareth, Amarillo, Vega and Umbarger helped celebrate her special day.

Many relatives and friends gathered at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Lubbock on Saturday afternoon to attend the marriage celebration uniting Jeff McCallister and Amy Pohlmeier with the Rev. Ken Keller of Nazareth officiating. A reception and dance were held at the beautifully decorated Frazier Alumni Pavilion in Lubbock.

Vi Pohlmeier of Tulia and Virgie Gerber spent the See NAZ Page 8

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

NOTICE OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION APPLICATION
General Permit Authorization No. TXG 920622

APPLICATION. PATRICK CAMERON BETZEN, 1514 County Road 603, Hereford, Texas 79045, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under General Permit No. TXG920000 for authorization to operate a new dairy facility at 4,000 total head, of which 3,000 head are milking, in Castro County, Texas. The notice of intent was received by TCEQ on May 13, 2005. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this general permit except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions or events. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land.

The proposed facility will be located immediately northeast of the intersection of County Road 603 and State Highway 385, said intersection is approximately 5.6 miles north of the intersection of State Highway 385 and Farm-to-Market Road 2397. The facility will be located in the drainage area of Mackenzie Reservoir in Segment No. 0228 of the Red River Basin.

A copy of the notice of intent, application, the Executive Director's technical summary, and the CAFO general permit is available for viewing at the Castro County Courthouse, County Clerk's Office, 100 East Bedford, Room 101, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

The Executive Director of the TCEQ has made a preliminary decision to approve coverage of this facility under General Permit No. TXG 920000.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. In addition, the public may request a public meeting. If significant interest exists, the Executive Director will direct the applicant to publish a notice of the public meeting and hold the public meeting. The applicant must publish notice of a public meeting at least 30 days prior to the meeting in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the CAFO is proposed to be located. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements of the general permit and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the notice of intent for coverage under the general permit.

INFORMATION. Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas, 78711-3087. For additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the general permit process, individual members of the general public may contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

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People



Timothy Lee Herrera Sr. & Oralia Correa

Herrera-Correa

Mr. and Mrs. Gumercindo Correa Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Guadalupe Herrera Sr. have announced the engagement and approaching wedding of their children, Oralia Correa and Timothy Lee Herrera Sr.

The wedding is set for 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, Lubbock.

The bride-elect is a 2005 graduate of South Plains College, Levelland. The prospective groom is attending South Plains College.

Two from area finish peace officer school

South Plains College recognized Pedro Cruz and Jason Jackson of Dimmitt in the 2005 Peace Officer Graduation held Aug. 18, at 6:30 p.m. in Levelland.

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Two from Dimmitt elected FCCLA officers

The Family, Career, & Community Leaders of America organization has been busy this summer at Dimmitt High School. FCCLA has been a strong organization in Dimmitt for many, many years.

The students are always trying to come up with new projects which will benefit their families and community.

During the 2004 - 2005 school year, the organization was fortunate to have two students elected as Region 1 officers; Candis Rodriguez and Haley Heard. Rodriguez is the new Region 1 Vice President of Correspondence and Heard is the Region 1 Vice President of Programs.

These girls will have responsibilities at the 2006 Region and State Meeting. To learn more about their duties, the girls along with their advisors, Lyndy Nelson

and Marilyn Carter attended the FCCLA Officer Training Workshop in Denton during the summer. At the officer training, the two girls spent a week learning and becoming familiar with their fellow officers in Region 1 as well as the other four regions and the state officers.

The officers participated in workshops which taught them about public speaking, script writing, public relations, letter writing, and team building.

They also completed a mini-ropes course to help understand the impact of leadership abilities and teamwork skills. Two nights were spent planning the upcoming region and state meetings. Besides the work side of the trip, Candis and Haley were also introduced to the beautiful campus of Texas Women's University, dorm life and college food.

During the National FCCLA Convention, over 5,400 guests, members, and advisors attended. Texas was represented by 350 delegates.

This was an incredible opportunity for the officers to see and experience other places.

Each officer was responsible for duties such as serving as a voting delegate, ushering, workshops, as well as attending the general sessions and representing Dimmitt High School and Texas. Other area schools who attended with regional officers, contest winners, and STAR Event winners



Candis Rodriguez and Haley Heard were elected Region 1 FCCLA officers recently.

were Friona and Springlake Earth High School. A project completed at the National Convention was "Quarters from Kids" a National Outreach Project.

After the dreadful Tsunami that hit in December, FCCLA National Officers made a goal to raise as much money as they could for Tsunami relief. Money was collected from December to July at the Regional, State, and National Meetings. FCCLA organizations all over our Nation collected over \$65,000 dollars for Tsunami Relief. With this donation, FCCLA will be able to help rebuild

children's camps and pre-schools in Sri Lanka that were affected by the South Asian tsunami.

The FCCLA chapter at Dimmitt High School is looking forward to a great year. Upcoming projects include: selling HOME-MADE Ice cream at the Harvest Day Fair, officer elections, and planning and implementing a training workshop for those elected, as well as our Homecoming Dinner.

Look for the FCCLA chapter this year and see what a difference they're making at Dimmitt High School and the community.

Card of Thanks

Thanks to all of you who sent food and cards during my surgery. Friends like you can't be thanked enough.

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Oleda Schumacher



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Monday: NO SCHOOL

Tuesday: Breakfast - Peanut butter/strawberry jelly sandwich or cereal and blueberry muffin. Lunch - Fajitas with peppers and onions, Chinese egg rolls, turkey and noddles, frijoles refrieto, rice dressing, peas, tossed salad, taco condiment salad, watermelon, fresh fruit, fresh melon, flour tortilla, crackers.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Donut with peach cup or cereal and Honey Bun. Lunch - Meat loaf with Creole sauce, fried chicken, burrito with chili, butter beans, parsley buttered potatoes, broccoli/cauliflower, Mexipinto beans, tossed salad, taco condiment salad, fresh melon, fresh fruit, tossed salad, taco condiment salad, rolls, cowboy cornbread.

Thursday: Breakfast - Grilled cheese sandwich or cereal and apple muffin. Lunch - Chicken fillet strips, enchilada casserole, pepperoni pizza, mashed potatoes, frijoles refrieto, green beans, tossed salad, taco condiment salad, fresh fruit, fresh melon, carrot/celery/raisin salad, rolls, arroz Mexicano.

NISD Menus

Friday: Breakfast - Sausage on roll, cereal. Lunch - Corn dogs, chicken strips with bread, broccoli and cauliflower salad, rice, peaches, strawberry shortcake.

Monday: NO SCHOOL

Tuesday: Breakfast - French toast, sausage, cereal. Lunch - chicken nuggets, steak fingers, bread, tossed salad, potatoes, fruit cocktail, Rice Krispie treats.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Breakfast pockets, cereal. Lunch - Chicken spaghetti with rolls, chef salad, tossed salad, corn, pears, Jello.

Thursday: Breakfast - Sausage and pancake on stick, cereal. Lunch - Ham sandwich, corn dogs, potato wedges, lettuce, macaroni salad, green beans, grapes, cookies.

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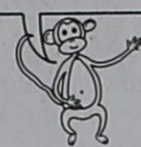
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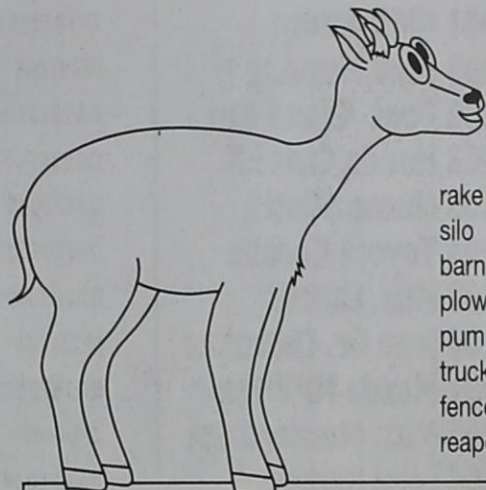
Farming is Hard Work!

Farming is a lot of hard work. Farmers need to think about the condition of the soil, the weather, caring for plants or animals, harvesting, shipping and selling products at the market. The days are long!

There are many kinds of farms. Read the clues inside the barn to fill in the crossword puzzle with the names of different kinds of farms.

Farms have buildings for shelter, storage and sales. It also takes many pieces of equipment to run a farm. Can you find and circle the items below that you can find on different farms?

Excuse me! I also separate and gather the seeds from the plant!

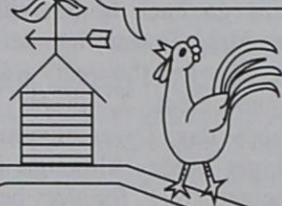


- rake silo barn plow pump truck fences reaper

- combine tractor buckets ladder planter windmill milking machine drainage system

- 1. grown for clothing, bedding 2. tap tree sap to make syrup, candy 3. vegetable grown in the ground 4. turkey, chicken 5. in warm areas, fruit, juice 6. used for "butter," oils 7. animals for beef 8. wheat, corn, oats 9. for yards, forests, Christmas 10. cows, milk, cheese, butter

Labor Day is a day when we crow about all the hard work our Moms and Dads do to keep our families going.



What's a combine?

Oh, that's a machine used in a field to cut wheat or corn.

Hey, hay! Hey! You found me!

Can you find and circle 10 words that begin with the consonant blends cr, dr, fr, gr, pr and tr?

Use the word list below if you get stuck!

- dairy cattle orange potato grain tree maple sugar peanut poultry cotton

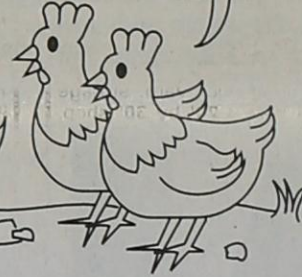
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Crossword puzzle grid with numbered starting points 1 through 10.

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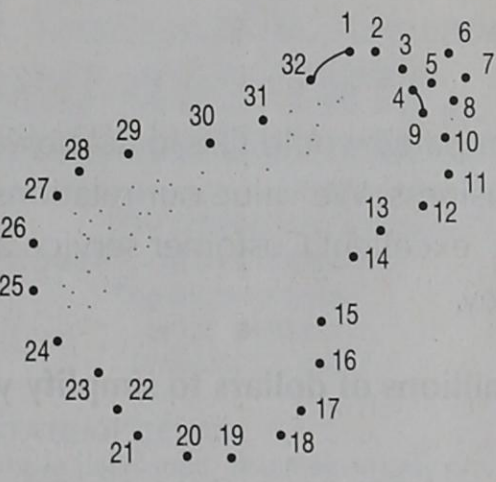
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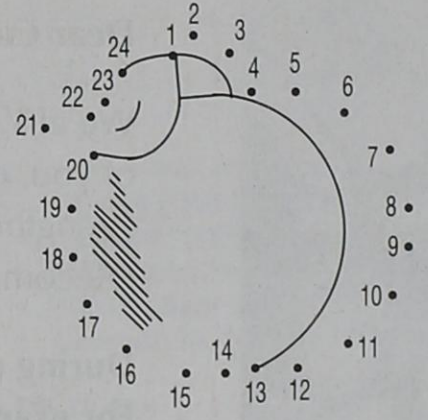
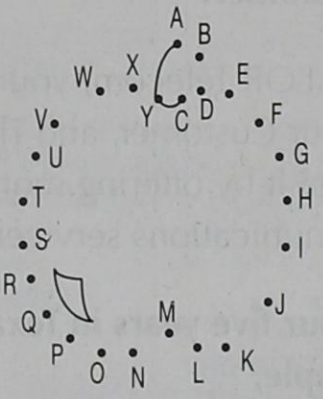
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Then I read that only about \$1.6 million would be awarded. What happened?

A. What happened is that Texas, like many states, caps punitive damages, and the cap is based on the economic damages. In the Vioxx suit, the plaintiff was awarded \$450,000 for economic damages. Our punitive damage cap limits the amount of damages to twice the amount of economic

damages, plus up to \$750,000 of damages for mental anguish.

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Q. I am single and just bought a home with \$100,000 I inherited. If I get married and divorced, will my husband be entitled to half

the house?

A. The house is your separate property and your husband will not have an interest in it. When a couple gets divorced, the court divides all of the community property.

Generally, this includes everything either of you obtain after you are married. Property you owned prior to marriage or property you inherit during marriage, however, is separate property and is not divided as part of the divorce. To insure that your interest is protected, you may want to talk with a family law attorney about entering into a premarital contract, clearly spelling out your rights.

Q. My landlord has locked me out and is holding my possessions hostage until I pay rent. What can I do?

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locks on the door but he must make a key available 24 hours day. You should request a key from your landlord.

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WWII

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"They blew those docks to pieces."

Next it was to the Philippines where he helped as the Americans retook Luzon.

"I was in the first wave carrying men onto Red Beach," he said. "Of the first 10 landing craft in, I was the only one that made it off the beach. After several days of carrying troops to the beach, the landing craft were used to carry C and K rations to the men and bring wounded men back to the hospital ships."

"We were there nine days and Tokyo Rose told us the Japanese Navy was on its way to destroy us," Webb said. "But Mr. Halsey and Mr. Nimitz changed their minds."

After that, Webb drove his landing craft as we took Okinawa. Before he could land however, the battleships and cruisers had to spend a day firing at the 8x8 wall that the Japanese had built on the beach.

And it wasn't just the Japanese Navy that our men had to contend with. It was the kamikazes - suicide pilots trying in vain to stop the Allies.

"They were desperate," Webb said. "The ship next to us - a kamikaze went down its No. 3 hole, but it had already dropped its bombs, so they just lifted the wreck out and dumped it overboard. The ship I was on shot down four kamikazes."

After that, his ship went back to the states to load up and return for the planned invasion of the Japanese homeland. However, while he was back, the first atom bomb was dropped, Aug. 6, 1945, on Hiroshima. The second one was dropped Aug. 9, on Nagasaki.

Brown had also made it back to the states and was stationed in Oklahoma, but

said he and his buddies stayed close to the radio, believing that the dropping of the bombs meant the war was soon to end. "There were a lot of mixed emotions," he said. "It was a pretty scary thing, but we felt the end was near, so we were all elated."

"It had been such a vicious war - a lot of hand-to-hand combat. I saw many wounded Americans go back home with the loss of arms, hands."

"So when the treaty was signed Sept. 2, it was a happy day. I was anxious to get home. Although it seemed like forever before I was discharged, it really wasn't that long."

Webb said that the powers that be were so sure that the bombs would end the war that part of the material for the invasion of Japan was removed from his ship and replaced with rum and coke, which his ship dropped off at Pearl Harbor for the officers club.

"I've heard people say we were ruthless for dropping the A-bomb," Webb said. "But I say thank God that we did or I wouldn't be here. Anytime you can brainwash people into killing themselves for a cause, it's hard to fight that kind of people. And the Japanese were ready to give their lives."

In fact, history shows that women and children, as well as young and old men, were training in Japan for the invasion. Observers believe that had Emperor Hirohito told his countrymen to fight to the death, they would have done so, since he was considered a living god.

Webb, who was called back and served during

the Korean War has his own definition of war:

"It's young men who don't know each other, don't dislike each other, but who kill each other on the orders of old men who do know each other, don't like each other, but don't kill each other."

World War II in the Pacific officially ended Sept. 2, 1945, on the USS Missouri.

WATER

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Water Conservation District No. 1 provides for the conservation, preservation, protection, recharging, and prevention of waste of ground water stored in the Ogallala aquifer within its 15-county service area, which includes Castro County.

"The district's board of directors kept the tax rate the same as last year," said High Plains Water District Manager Jim Conkwright of Lubbock. "While the tax rate remains the same, some taxpayers may see a slight increase in their water district taxes if property valuations increased."

For example, a person with \$100,000 in property value pays \$8.30 in taxes per year to the High Plains Water District.

If the 2005 property value increased to \$110,000, then the individual's water district tax would increase to \$9.13 a year, or an extra 83 cents.

Conkwright said most property valuations increased across the district, especially those in new construction areas in Lubbock and Randall Counties.

Also, areas of oil production in Hockley County likely had property value increases.

"It's great to be able to keep the tax rate the same while expanding our programs to meet the needs of area residents," said Board President James P. Mitchell of Wolfforth.

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tremendous benefit, Rasor said.

She also noted that grant funding is also being re-searched.

"This will be such a positive step for our facility and community," she said. "It is exciting to move forward and provide the county and

surrounding areas with up to date equipment and a modern facility. It will also aid in economic development for the county."

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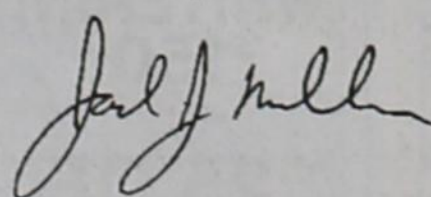
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Bobcat Fan Award winners

These are the students that were awarded the "Bobcat Fan Award" last week: kindergarten, Sydney Settle, James Dean Gregory; first, Marissa Fernandez, Pilar Quintana; second, Lindsey Burris, Matthew Oltivero; third, Maria Olmos, Wesley Lindley; fourth, Emily Mireles, George Valasquez; fifth, Elida Bonilla, Gino Saucedo; sixth, Jesslyn Smith, Brandon Hart; seventh, Karina Abrego, Michael Shea; eighth, Elizabeth Jackson, John Wait; ninth, Viviana Quiroz, Alex Salas; 10th, Jill Gonzales, Henrico Cilli; 11th, Jessica Castillo, Victor Ortiz; 12th, Ivy Sanchez, Jordon Bell.

Community Calendar

Dimmitt Fire Fighters 'fired up' to help MDA

On Friday, Sept. 2, Dimmitt Fire Fighters will hit the town in the annual Muscular Dystrophy "Fill the Boot" campaign. The firefighters will be on the streets with their boots so motorists may give their dollars and change to help firefighters in their support of MDA. Also, look for your local heroes in the Dimmitt schools collecting funds to help the MDA. In 2004 during the "Fill the Boot" program, Dimmitt firefighters raised about \$1,500 for area children and adults battling neuromuscular disorders. MDA helps children and adults who are affected by any of 43 neuromuscular diseases.

Money raised by MDA goes toward our local clinic at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital, support groups, medical equipment and repair and summer camp at Ceta Canyon for children with muscular dystrophy.

Please take a moment to drop some cash into a boot when you see your area firefighters out on the streets.

RES early release on Friday, Sept.

Richardson Elementary will have an early release on Sept. 2 at 12:40 for students. Early release is for Richardson Elementary only. Buses will not run until 3:45 PM.

Arrangements will be made to supervise students that ride a bus, or cannot be picked up until the normal release time of 3:45 PM.

Richardson Elementary staff will have professional development that afternoon until 4:00 PM.

Monday, September 5 (Labor Day) is a school holiday.

Harvest Days Sept. 8-10

The Castro County Harvest Days will be Sept. 8-10 at the Castro County Exposition Center, 405 SE 4th St., in Dimmitt.

Thursday night will feature a Teen Queen Pageant, tractor pull and a pet show. Queen contest is 7 p.m. with the pet show set for 5:30 p.m. and the pedal tractor pull at 6 p.m. Friday is football game night.

Fair entrees will be due and judged and booth set-up will begin setups on Friday. Registration will be until 6 p.m. Friday and judging of the fair exhibits will take place also at 6 p.m.

Vendors and craft booths will have a chance to set up until 9 p.m.

On Saturday, most of the events occur, including Harvest Days Parade, 10 a.m.; Fiddlers' Contest, 1:30 p.m.; and Lawn Mower Races and Water Polo. Also new this year will be a mechanical bull.

After the Fiddler's Contest, there will be the Best of Parade awards and Cow Patty Bingo.

Craft and food booths, a petting zoo, rides, a quilt show, traditional fair, a VFW horse shoe pitching and a dance will be included in the celebration.

For more information, contact the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at (806) 647-2524.

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To La Herradura, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's original notice of seizure & intended forfeiture petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 17th day of October, A.D., 2005 before the Honorable Court of Castro County, Texas at the Court House of said County in Dimmitt, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 28th day of February, 2003, in this case, numbered B8037-0302 on the docket of said court, and styled, The State of Texas Plaintiff, vs. 1989 Chamberlin Semi-Trailer, OK Tag (fictitious) 1058 CM VIN# 1C1MAFZD2AB213056 Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows:
The State of Texas, Plaintiffs and Ismael Flores, Cecilio Ontiveros, Eagle Trailer Rental and Leasing and La Herradura are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: * Suit to forfeit the 1989 Chamberlin Semi-Trailer, identified above as contraband as provided by Texas Code Criminal Pro. Ch. 59. as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Dimmitt, Texas, this is the 19th day of August, A.D. 2005.

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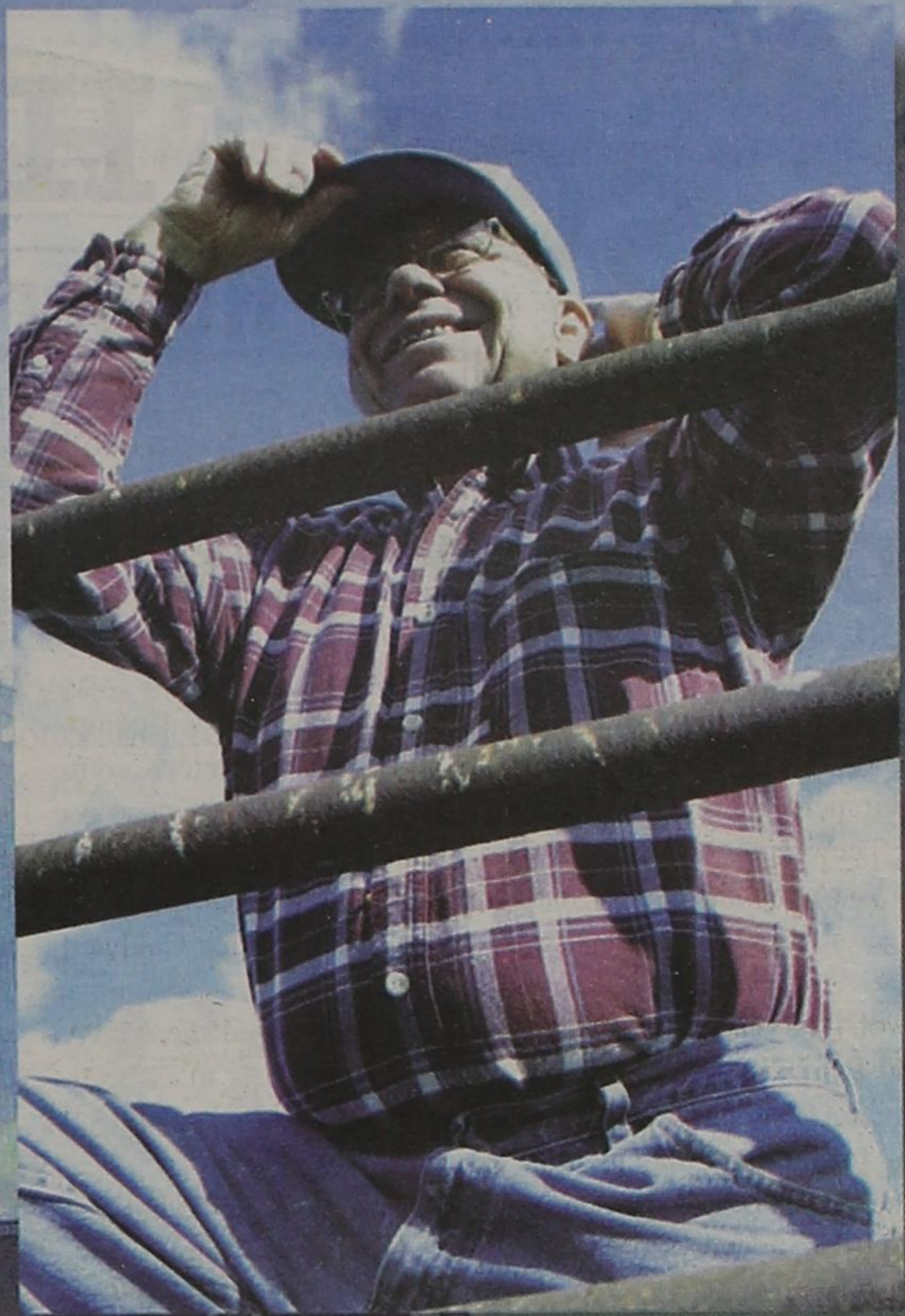
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By Larry Ayers

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OLTON CO-OP GIN OFFERS 4-CENT ACREAGE CONTRACT, PREPARES FOR 2005 SEASON

By Shelley E. Huguley

Timely rains and hot weather have Olton CO-OP Gin employees preparing for another record ginning season. Last year, Olton CO-OP ginned 87,409 bales of cotton, its second highest season on record.

"This crop looks a lot like last year's. Now all we need is a hot September and a dry harvest and we'll be in business," says Chris Breedlove, Olton CO-OP Gin manager since 2002.

Olton CO-OP Gin, established in 1944, is owned by about 200 stockholders from Lamb, Hale and Castro counties. For the 2005 season, Olton CO-OP is offering its producers several cotton marketing options.

"Right now, we have a 4-cent equity acreage contract and a FiberMax Pool acreage contract, both of which paid better than selling over the SEAM last year," explains Breedlove. "One of our objectives is to provide ways for our producers to increase their cotton dollar and these contracts will certainly help."

Also helping, is the gin's cottonseed business. In 2003, Olton CO-OP Gin purchased four cottonseed warehouses, three and one in along the railroad. the warehouses can 32,000 tons of the equivalence of The cottonseed is dairies that use the cattle feed.

"Castro and counties are the fifth largest dairy the state of Texas," says. "And while the

market consumes a large portion of the cottonseed, area growers produce more cottonseed than the dairies consume. So, to maintain a more stable market place, we are also railing seed from our warehouse in Muleshoe to dairies in California, the fastest growing dairy state in the country."

During the 2004/2005 ginning season, Olton CO-OP paid its producers \$130 per ton for cottonseed, totaling more than \$971,500 in cottonseed rebate checks.

In an effort to quickly and efficiently pick up modules, Olton CO-OP Gin is running six module trucks this season, says Breedlove. It will also provide an online service at <http://www.oltongoop.com>, where growers can turn in their modules electronically at the end of each day.

"My gin superintendents and office staff have worked hard all summer to make sure the gin is ready to go at the first sight of a module this season," says Breedlove. "And if this ideal cotton-weather continues, we'll have another bumper year."

Olton CO-OP Gin is a state-of-the-art, high capacity gin that generates 80 bales per hour, 1,500 bales per day. Breedlove says he welcomes new producers to give the gin a try, "they won't be disappointed." For more information about ginning with Olton CO-OP Gin this season, contact Breedlove at 806-285-2525.



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Forage legumes could help counter sky-high fertilizer prices

By Robert Burns
Texas A&M University

As gasoline prices reach for the sky, so do fertilizer prices.

"We're at the point of such high fertilizer prices that people are going to have to learn how to grow forage legumes and manage them properly," said Dr. Gerald Evers, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station forage management

expert.

Because nitrogen fertilizer production uses natural gas, its price increase is directly linked to higher fuel costs. Prices for other fertilizers, such as potassium, also climb as transportation costs from mining sites to the farm are also contributing to price increases. As with gasoline prices, the increase has been rapid and dramatic,

Evers said.

Evers noted that in mid-July nitrogen — in the form of ammonium nitrate — was about 40 cents per pound. By mid-August, it was 48 cents per pound.

"That's a 20 percent increase in about a month, and who knows where it's going to go next," he said.

But before they give up on fertilizing, farmers should consider alternative sources of nitrogen, he said.

Legumes can offset high fertilizer prices because they extract nitrogen from the air. As a bonus, legumes have a higher nutritive value than grasses. When over-seeded on warm-season grasses, they can extend grazing five to six weeks and lessen the need for supplemental feeding or hay during winter

months, he said.

With adequate moisture and good management, a forage legume such as arrowleaf clover can make from 50 to 100 pounds of nitrogen per acre available for the summer bermudagrass pasture.

"Livestock graze the legume ... and return over 90 percent of the nitrogen to the soil as urine and manure," Evers said.

Many producers, but not all, grow some sort of winter pasture already. The most common winter pasture in East Texas is not a legume but ryegrass, he said.

Arrowleaf clover used to be widely grown but fell out of favor due to plant diseases. Arrowleaf seed was mixed with crimson clover seed and grown widely throughout many southern states

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Aug. 31 — Gaines County Ag Tour. Contact Terry Millican, CEA-AG, at 432-758-4006.

Sept. 9 — Swisher County Forage Meeting. Contact Michael Clawson, CEA-AG, at 806-995-3721.

Sept. 13 — Yoakum County Crop Tour. Contact Arlan Gentry, CEA-AG, at 806-456-2263.

Sept. 14 — Lubbock County Crop Tour. Contact Mark Brown, CEA-AG, at 806-775-1680.

Sept. 14 — Cochran County Crop Tour. Contact Jeff Wyatt, CEA-AG, at 806-266-5215.

Sept. 15 — Dawson County Crop Tour. Contact Tommy Doederlein, EA-IPM, at 806-872-5978.

Sept. 15 — Terry County Crop Tour. Contact Chris Bishop, CEA-AG, at 806-637-4060, or Scott Russell, EA-IPM, at 806-637-8792.

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miles south of Lorenzo on the Steve Chapman Farm, 9 a.m. Call 806-740-1600.

Sept. 16 — Swisher County Crop Tour. Contact Michael Clawson, CEA-AG, at 806-995-3726.

Sept. 20 — Floyd County Ag Tour. Contact J.D. Ragland, CEA-AG, at 806-983-4912.

Sept. 21 — West Texas Ag Chemicals Institute Annual Meeting, Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza Hotel, Lubbock.

Sept. 22 — Bayer CropScience/FiberMax Field Day, phone 806-765-8844 for more information

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TDA hosts town hall meetings across the state

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs will visit with agricultural producers and rural communities at town hall meetings throughout the state to discuss issues impacting rural Texas and the agricultural industry.

The town hall meetings, hosted by the Texas Department of Agriculture, are open forums where producers and community members can discuss issues as well as present their ideas and solutions to the commissioner.

Town hall meetings scheduled include:

Friday, Sept. 9

• Childress County, 8 a.m., Fair Park Auditorium, Reunion Room, 1000 N. Commerce St., Childress.

• Wichita County, 12:30 p.m., Multi-Purpose Events Center, Ray Clymer Exhibit Hall, Room 8, 1000 Fifth St., Wichita Falls.

• Taylor County, 2:45 p.m., Taylor County Expo Center, Big Country Hall Bldg., 1700 Highway 36, Abilene.

Monday, Sept. 12

• Titus County, 8 a.m., Mount Pleasant Civic Center, 1800 N. Jefferson Ave., Mount Pleasant.

• Gregg County, 10:15 a.m., Maude Cobb Convention Center, 100 Grand Blvd., Longview.

• Henderson County, 12:30 p.m., Cain Center, 915 S. Palestine St., Athens.

• Nacogdoches County, 3 p.m., Nacogdoches City Hall, Room 119, 202 E. Pilar, Nacogdoches.

Tuesday, Sept. 13

• Cameron County, 8 a.m., Rio Grande Valley Museum, 2425 Boxwood St., Harlingen.

• Webb County, 10:45 a.m., Laredo Development Foundation, Board Room, 616 Leal St., Laredo.

• Val Verde County, 1:30 p.m., Del Rio Civic Center, 1915 Veterans Blvd., Del Rio.

• Uvalde County, 3:30 p.m., El Progreso Memorial Library, Meeting Room, 301 W. Main, Uvalde.

Wednesday, Sept. 14

• Dallam County, 8 a.m., Rita Blanca Coliseum, 1219 W. FM 281, Dalhart.

• Gray County, 10:30 a.m., Pampa Chamber of Commerce, M.K. Brown Room, 200 N. Ballard, Pampa.

• Deaf Smith County, 1 p.m., Hereford Independent School District Administration Building, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave., Hereford.

• Lubbock County, 3:30 p.m., Texas Tech Food and Animal Science Building, Southwest corner of Brownfield Highway and Indiana Avenue, Lubbock.

Thursday, Sept. 15

• Walker County, 8 a.m., Huntsville Chamber of Commerce, 1327 11th St., Huntsville.

• Brazos County, 10:45 a.m., Brazos Valley Council of Governments, 3991 E. 29th St., Bryan.

• Washington County, 1 p.m., Blinn College, Student Center Conference Room, corner of 2nd Street and Blinn Boulevard., Brenham.

• Fayette County, 3:30 p.m., Schulenburg Civic Center, 1107 Hillje Avenue, Schulenburg.

"Agriculture and rural communities face so many challenges, and I want to know firsthand about local concerns and issues," Combs said. "Some regions of Texas have very specific needs, and by working with producers, industry groups and community leaders, we can address these issues to ensure that agriculture and rural Texas remain strong throughout the state."

The town hall meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Ryan O'Neal, producer relations specialist at TDA, at (512) 463-4879.

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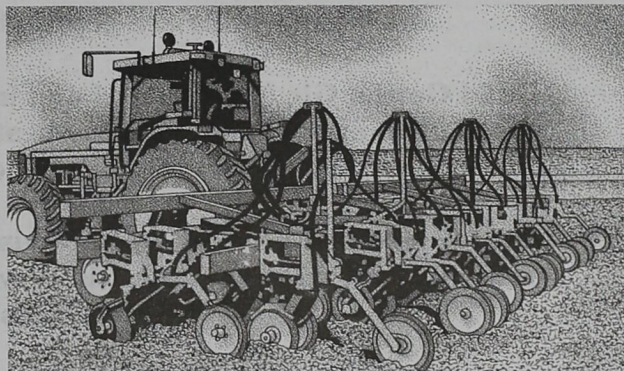
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Century farm, ranch applications due

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs recently reminded families that the deadline for submitting an application for the 2005 Family Land Heritage Program is quickly approaching.

The program recognizes farms and ranches that have been in continuous agriculture production by the same family for 100 years or more. Applications are also being taken for farms and ranches that have reached the 150- and 200-year milestones.

Families who have their application submitted and approved by Sept. 15, will be able to order their historic farm or ranch gate signs and bronze markers and receive them prior to the holidays. Applications submitted by the Nov. 15 deadline will not be guaranteed delivery of gate signs or bronze markers until after Jan. 3, 2006.

"This program tells the living history of the pioneers who worked the land which provided food, clothing and shelter," Combs said. "And the 2005 honorees will continue to strengthen Texas agriculture through their commitment to hard work and their love of the land."

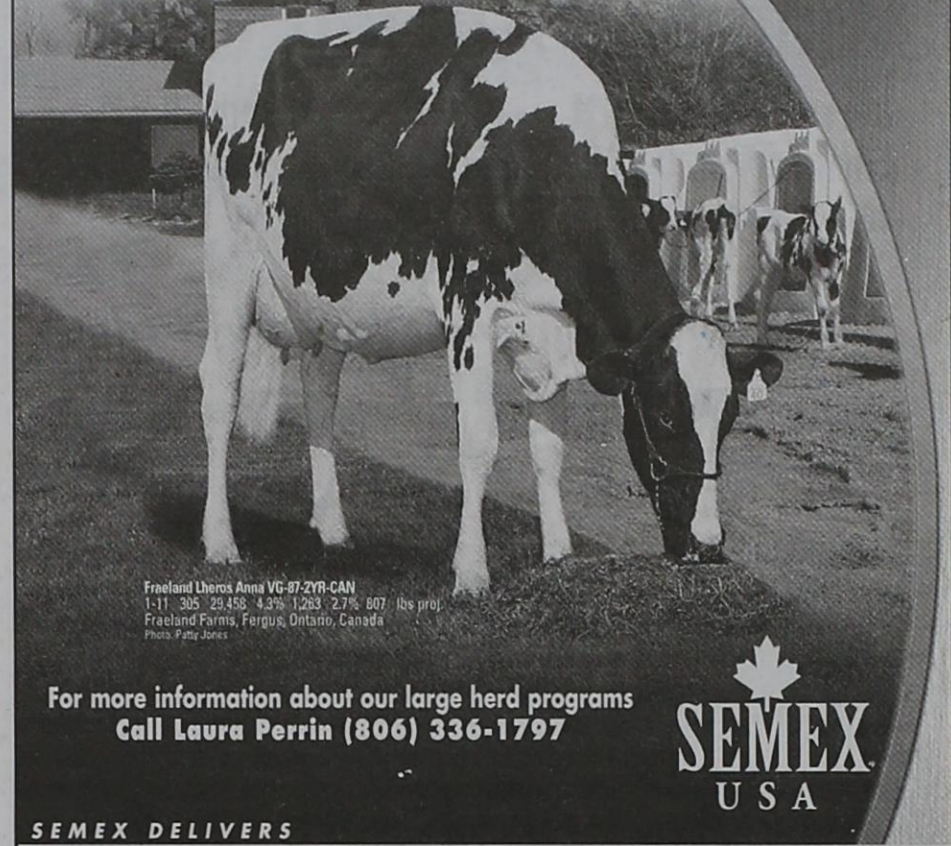
There is no cost to apply for the recognition, and no purchases are required if the farm or ranch is accepted into the program. Acceptance into the Family Land Heritage Program does not put any restrictions on the land nor does it open it for the public.

Farms and ranches that qualify will be honored during a ceremony in Austin on March 17. The history of the farm or ranch will be chronicled in the 2005 Family Land Heritage Registry.

Since the Family Land Heritage Program began in 1974, more than 4,020 farms and ranches in 226 Texas counties have been honored.

Program applications and eligibility requirements are available through TDA, county judges and on TDA's Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us. For more information, contact Family Land Heritage Coordinator Melissa Blair at (512) 463-2631.

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TCE specialist offers drought dairy tips

By Janet Gregg
Texas A&M University

Drought conditions are still evident in parts of Texas, despite the recent rains, said Dr. Ellen Jordan, Texas Cooperative Extension dairy specialist. That means dairy producers should take action now to deal with forage shortages.

In Texas, dairy country includes the Northeast — where Jordan said drought conditions are still the worst — the area around Stephenville, and the Panhandle.

Jordan offers these tips to help dairy producers survive the drought:

- First, feed a balanced, least-cost ration, she said.

“Do not over-feed cows but do feed to maximize net returns or minimize costs,” Jordan said. “Feeding for maximum production per cow is not synonymous with maximizing net returns or minimizing total costs.”

- Second, cull the herd to get rid of unprofitable cows.

- Third, control replacement levels and, if necessary, sell off some heifers to control feed expenses.

- Fourth, substitute commodities if necessary. Consult extension agents for help in commodity location and ration formulation.

- Fifth, book hay, silage or commodities for future delivery at a negotiated price.

- Sixth, learn about the options in futures contracts traded on the Chicago Board of Trade and New York Exchange, which offer dairy producers the opportunity to lock in prices for commodities needed in three, six or nine months.

“Dairy producers interested in using this strategy should seek advice from someone familiar with the futures market and the process of hedging through options contracts,” Jordan said.

- Seventh, control other expenses as much as possible.

The first seven tips are aimed at preventing a worst-case scenario, Jordan said.

“There are some producers who will find dealing with drought creates enough financial stress that they may consider exiting the business, particularly since cattle prices are high,” she said. “But I don’t expect to have a huge number of producers finding themselves in this position.”

For additional information on drought strategies visit the Web site: <http://texasdairymatters.org>

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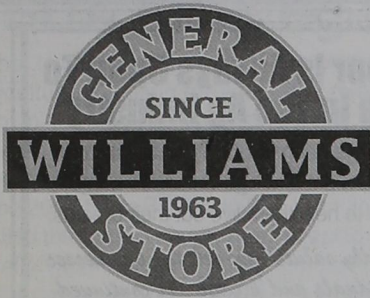
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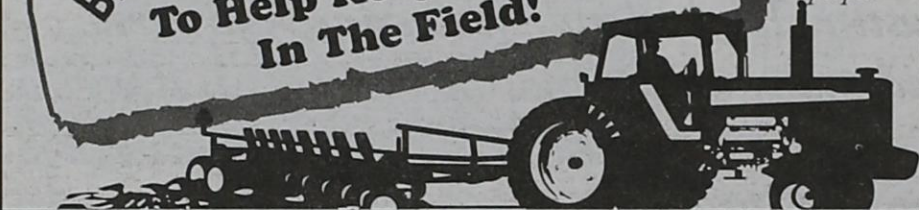
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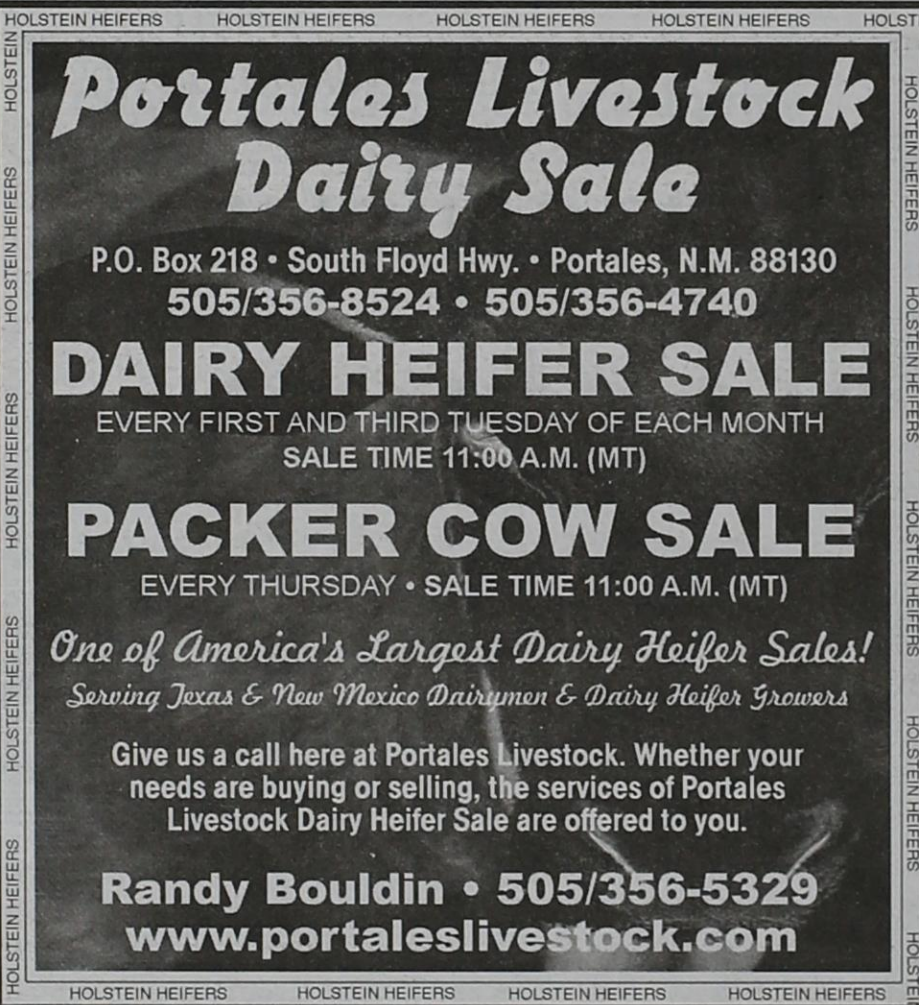
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The 2002 Farm Bill (officially entitled the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002) authorizes many USDA programs, including farm price and income support programs. New legislation will need to be enacted prior to the bill's expiration in 2007.

The USDA intends to develop recommendations for the new farm bill and believes that public input is essential to this process.

Written comments may be submitted to USDA online at www.usda.gov/farmbill. Select "Comment on the 2007 Farm Bill," which is the last item located in the middle section, to send your message.

You can also send your written comments by mail to the following address: USDA Farm Bill Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns Office of the Executive Secretariat, Room 116-A Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW. Washington, DC 20250-3355.

In order for your input to be considered, please send your responses no later than Dec. 30, 2005. Comments should address one or more of these six questions:

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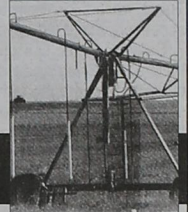
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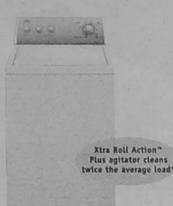


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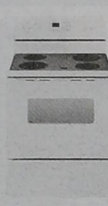


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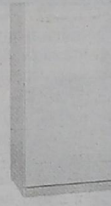


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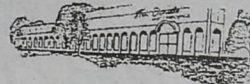
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During the wintry month of January 2000, Craig and his wife, Tina, tested the market by placing three trailers for sale on their new lot, and were pleasantly surprised when they sold quickly. That's when they made the "leap" and began shopping around to find trailers that would be in demand in their little farm town. "There were no other trailer sales lots in the area. Locals were driving cross-country to find the trailers they needed," says Tina Hughes. "We decided this might be an ingenious business prospect."

Craig Hughes Welding became known as Craig Hughes Trailer Sales, and the lot was filled with horse and stock trailers. But, Craig and Tina weren't finished yet. Craig's hobby is drag racing. So, the next step was to launch the sale of enclosed trailers. These trailers come in all sizes and are outstanding for hauling cars, parts, tools, accessories and whatever else you can think of.

Sales took off. But customers wanted to add their own special touches to their trailers. So Craig and his team began customizing trailers. Soon, customized living quarters became the trend. Craig and Tina set their sights even higher.

Next on the lot were motor homes and toterhomes from *Haulmark*. This line expanded the sales area beyond the local market. They have sold these units to people in New York, California, Washington State, Virginia, and Texas, making the delivery themselves. "This was a perfect fit, because these Haulmarks have remarkable towing capacity. I needed that for racing, and other folks need it too," says Craig.

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2. How should farm policy be designed to maximize U.S. competitiveness and our country's ability to effectively compete in global markets?

3. How should farm policy be designed to effectively and fairly distribute assistance to producers?

4. How can farm policy best achieve conservation and environmental goals?

5. How can Federal rural and farm programs provide effective assistance in rural areas?

6. How should agricultural product development, marketing and research-related issues be addressed in the next farm bill?

Senior USDA officials will host issue-specific forums throughout the nation focusing on these SIX questions. In addition additional forums will address conservation, rural development and nutrition issues. During these specialty forums, the public will be asked to respond to questions that are tailored to those subject areas. These questions will be announced prior to the specialty forums and published on the USDA website.

The dates, locations and times of the forums will be announced as they are scheduled and posted on the USDA website. Information

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NOTE: All comments, including names and addresses, provided by respondents are a matter of public record. Comments may be viewed at the

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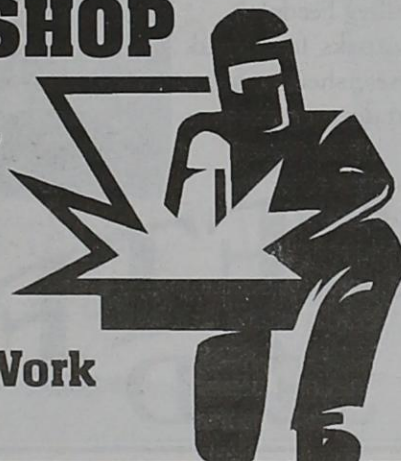
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Commentary

Eliminating commodity programs reduces net farm income

By Daryll E. Ray

The structure of the 2007 Farm Bill has engendered a lot of discussion at most of the meetings we have attended this summer. Of particular interest has been the impact that trade negotiations will have on the shape of the new farm legislation.

The impact of trade negotiations has generated significant attention since the recent cotton ruling went against the U.S. While not dealing with other U.S. crops, some of the language in the decision makes it clear that government support for other crops might be in danger as well.

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One of the provisions of current commodity support programs restricts those participating in these programs from taking the direct payments and then switching to the production of vegetables and fruits. Because this provision influences production decisions, it could be held to be trade distorting, possibly throwing U.S. direct payments out of the green box (non-trade distorting) and into the amber box (trade distorting).

Some would like to solve the issue of subsidies and boxes by eliminating all subsidy programs in the U.S. and allowing agriculture to respond to market forces. Those who advocate this solution argue that trade subsidies in countries of the global north, like the U.S. and the E.U., are responsible for overproduction and low prices.

Proponents of this view hold that if agricultural markets are allowed to work freely, the agricultural sector will prosper. So that farmers, agribusinesses, and consumers can make efficient decisions, it is necessary to eliminate any government actions that may interfere with market signals.

The expectation is that all market forces — supply, demand, price, and structure — will respond to free market signals and adjust in a timely and efficient manner.

To estimate the potential impact of a policy that involved the elimination of the three major sources of U.S. farm program payments (direct payments, marketing loan payments, and counter-cyclical payments), our office (the Agricultural Policy Analysis Center at the University of Tennessee) conducted a study to see what would happen if subsidies were eliminated. This study is available online at <http://www.agpolicy.org/blueprint.html>.

Counter to the expectation of the advocates of the elimination of U.S. crop subsidies, in response to the elimination of the three subsidies, total U.S. planted acreage for five crops (corn, wheat, soybeans, cotton and rice) fell only slightly from what would have been expected under a continuation of present policies. By 2011, the five crop acreage decreased by one million acres out of 234 million acres, all of which can be attributed to cotton and rice. This was not unexpected due to the tendency of farmers to plant all of their acres under a wide range of prices and conditions.

Cotton was down slightly less than 900,000 acres from what would have been expected under a continuation of current policies.

Prices for the various crops increased over the 2003-2011 period, but not enough to stop a drop in U.S. net farm income from around \$50 billion a year to \$33 billion to \$36 billion a year, a decline of 25 percent or more.

Government payments dropped by \$14 billion a year, an amount almost identical to the drop in net farm income. For major crop producers, net farm income declines by well over 50 percent. The prices for corn, soybeans, and wheat do not increase while the prices of cotton and rice increase by less than 10 percent in 2011. The general expectation for crop agriculture was that U.S. production would decline appreciably and prices would increase significantly. This was not evident from the simulation. Developing countries were no better off as the result of the elimination of U.S. subsidies than they were under current policies.

This study suggests that the expectations of trade negotiators that developing countries will benefit from the elimination of subsidies may not be realized in the real world.

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High Plains Water District 2005 tax rate remains unchanged

During an Aug. 19 special meeting, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 Board of Directors voted to adopt a 2005 ad valorem tax rate of .0083 cents per \$100 property valuation. This is the same tax rate adopted in 2004.

"The district's board of directors kept the tax rate the same as last year," said High Plains Water District Manager Jim Conkwright of Lubbock. "While the tax rate remains the same, some taxpayers may see a slight increase in their water district taxes if property valuations increased."

For example, a person with \$100,000 in property value pays \$8.30 in taxes per year to the High Plains Water District. If the 2005 property value increased to \$110,000, then the individual's water district tax would increase to \$9.13 a year, or an extra 83 cents.

Conkwright said most property valuations increased across the district, especially those in new construction areas in Lubbock and Randall Counties. Also, areas of oil production in Hockley County likely had property value increases.

"It's great to be able to keep the tax rate the same while expanding our programs to meet the needs of area residents," said Board President James P. Mitchell of Wolfforth.

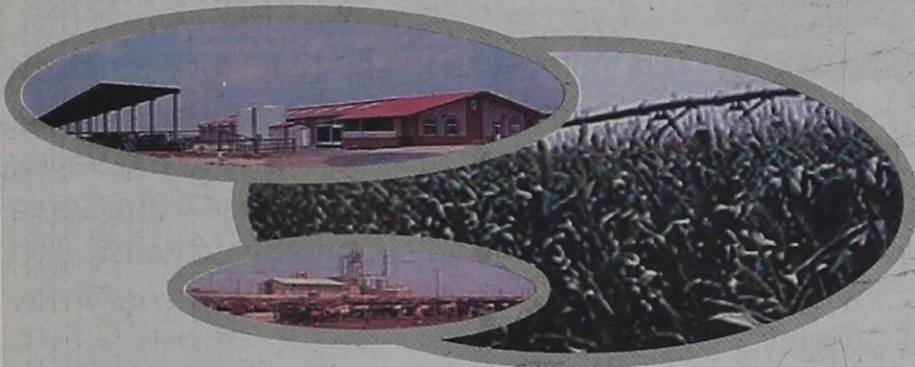
Created in 1951, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 provides for the conservation, preservation, protection, recharging, and prevention of waste of ground water stored in the Ogallala aquifer within its 15-county service area. Additional information about the district's programs and activities is available on-line at www.hpwd.com.

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Beef info sweeps into 4-H program

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On Aug. 4, the Texas Beef Council provided updated facts on beefs nutritional advantages in a workshop for the Texas Association of Extension 4-H Agents Conference in Lubbock. The 4-H program's mission is to prepare youngsters from third to 12th grade to meet the challenges of childhood, adolescence and adulthood.

"TBC is making sure tomorrow's adults grow up understanding beefs nutritional benefits," said Erin Worrell, TBC's communications manager. "The 4-H program is a good partner because it works not only with rural kids, but also with urban kids. More than 80 percent of Texas 4-H members live in urban or suburban areas of 10,000 persons or more."

The checkoffs 4-H involvement results from a coordinated national-state initiative. The National Cattlemen's Beef Association used checkoff dollars to generate updated nutrition and physical activity content for two youth-directed manuals published by the National 4-H Cooperative Curriculum System.

TBC is creating awareness of those materials through the recent 4-H workshop and through a planned direct mail effort. Several of the new checkoff-funded activities targeted to 8- to 10-year-olds appear in the nutrition manual.

In addition, the physical activity manual, with checkoff information directed to 11 to 13-year-olds, explains how nutrient-rich foods fuel active lifestyles. The agents also received information on how to download this information off the Internet for stand-alone uses. The 4-H agents will use these learning aids in regular 4-H activities as well as after-school programs to educate their one million Texas 4-H members.

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Livestock producers should be aware of transportation regulations

By Tim W. McAlavy
 Texas A&M University

Summer heat continues across Texas, and recent rainfall across much of the state has boosted forage production and pastures.

Even so, the days are getting shorter and fall is just around the corner — a time when livestock producers contemplate a change of pasture for their stock.

Cattle producers who are contemplating moving their livestock into or out of Texas in the coming months, for grazing or other purposes, should be mindful of state livestock health regulations, said a veterinarian speaking at a recent regional beef and forage conference.

The conference was sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension offices in Castro, Bailey, Lamb, Hockley and Parmer counties. "Tuberculosis regulations are a good example," said Dr. Brad Williams, veterinarian and Panhandle area director of the Texas Animal Health Commission. "Most states in the U.S. were tuberculosis-

free in November 2000. Texas and California lost their TB 'free' status in 2002. New Mexico followed suit in 2003.

"California regained its TB 'free' status this year, and New Mexico is now operating under split status," he said. "New Mexico does require a TB test for all Texas livestock. All breeding stock in Texas and other known-TB states have to be tested before they can leave the state."

The Texas Animal Health Commission provides tuberculosis tests on a fee basis for some 850 dairies and more than 2,000 beef herds in the state, Williams said.

Producers who wish to bring New Mexico livestock into Texas should remember these caveats, he said.

- Sexually intact dairy cattle from New Mexico's accredited TB free area (all counties except Curry and Roosevelt) have to originate from an accredited TB-free herd or be TB tested negative within 60 days of entry. Neutered dairy stock is exempt.
- Beef cattle and bison from New

Mexico's accredited free area do not require a TB test.

- Only Curry and Roosevelt counties comprise New Mexico's modified accredited advanced TB-free area.

- Dairy cattle from an accredited TB-free herd and animals destined for slaughter from Curry and Roosevelt counties require no TB test to enter Texas.

- Sexually intact and neutered dairy cattle from these two counties that are not from an accredited TB-free herd must be officially identified, accompanied by a certificate and show a negative TB test within 60 days of entering Texas.

- Sexually intact dairy heifers less than six months old from Curry and Roosevelt counties may enter Texas under a permit that places them under a hold order, and requires that they be TB tested upon reaching six months of age.

- Beef cattle and bison from an accredited TB-free herd in these two counties or moving directly to

slaughter do not need a TB test.

- Sexually intact beef cattle or bison that are not from an accredited TB-free herd in these two counties must be identified, accompanied by a certificate and show a negative TB test within 60 days of entering Texas.

"Another consideration if you are moving cattle from Texas or Wyoming is brucellosis status," Williams said. "These are the only two states in the U.S. that are not currently classified as brucellosis free."

"In most cases, breeding cattle older than 18 months have to be tested for brucellosis before they can leave Texas. Before you move any livestock out of Texas, be sure and call the state veterinarian in the destination state to make sure you are in compliance with their rules. Texas Animal Health Commission offices statewide can help you make that contact."

More information on Texas Animal Health Commission livestock regulations is available on the Internet at: <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us/>.

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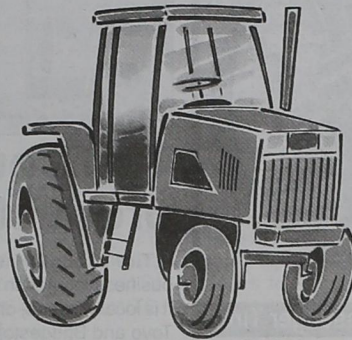
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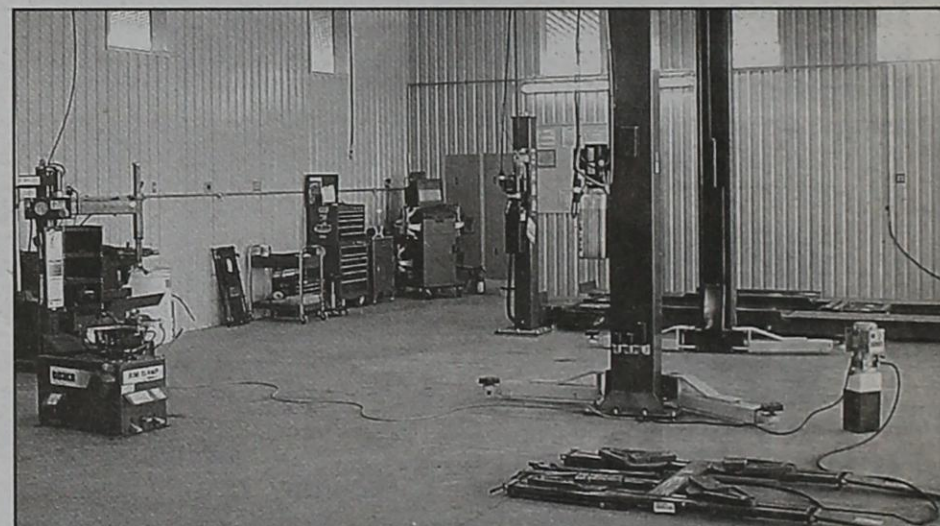
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Agriculture facing stiff test during reconciliation debate

By Shawn Wade

With a Sept. 16 Budget Reconciliation deadline looming, members of the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate Agriculture Committees will have to act quickly to stay on track in the Budget Reconciliation process.

For Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., the National Cotton Council and the rest of U.S. agriculture the goal for the next several weeks is to reinforce the importance of maintaining the structure of the current farm program and that achieving the required savings is best accomplished through equitable reductions across all programs under the jurisdiction of the Agriculture Committees.

House and Senate Agriculture Committee leaders, Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) and Sen. Saxby Chambliss (R-GA), have stated their intention to spread the necessary cuts across all programs and to preserve the structure of current

farm law.

The U.S. cotton industry shares those goals and will work to ensure that key program components like payment limitations and loan redemptions with certificates are also maintained.

On a related issue, the cotton industry is working to

develop a reasonable timeframe for the eventual elimination of the Cotton Step 2 program. Step 2's elimination is required by the World Trade Organization to bring the U.S. into compliance with the WTO Agreement on Agriculture.

The FY 2005-2006 Budget Reconciliation savings target for agriculture spending is just over \$3 billion over the next 10 years with a first year savings target of \$163 Million.

Upon their return, the House and Senate Agriculture Committees will finalize their spending plans and submit their proposed legislation to the Budget Committee on Sept. 16.

Unfortunately, the support of the Agriculture Committee chairman will not be enough to prevent further attempts to significantly undermine the effectiveness of the U.S. farm program by those seeking to change the program outside the structure of a formal farm bill debate.

A regular contributor to these back-door efforts to alter the Farm Bill is Sen. Charles Grassley (R-IA) who is again seeking to make changes to the program through payment limit reform but with a new and broader reaching twist.

Grassley's latest attempt to alter the current Farm Program would halve the amount an individual could receive from the Direct and Counter-cyclical payment programs and also reduces marketing loan program benefits by strictly limiting the amount of loan benefits a farmer could receive when commodity prices are low.

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This is especially critical to cotton producers on the High Plains who can experience significant production swings due to factors they have little or no control over and depend on the price floor provided by the marketing loan program.

The coming weeks and months are expected to provide a preview of the challenges High Plains cotton producers and all of agriculture face as they work to maintain the current program during the 2007 Farm Bill debate. High Plains cotton producers will depend greatly on the help of Sen. John Cornyn and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and High Plains Cong. Mike Conaway, Cong. Randy Neugebauer and Cong. Mac

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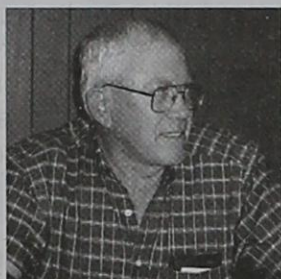
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Thornberry to be successful.

Agriculture has a good story to tell during the budget reconciliation debate. The current Farm Program was carefully crafted to meet the domestic needs of American farmers and ranchers and to fully comply with our international commitments as they were defined at the time of its passage. The farm program is designed to keep U.S. farmers on a level playing field internationally, and to keep them from having to compete against the treasuries of its foreign competitors.

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At its heart the Farm Program is a jobs bill just like other important legislative initiatives such as the recently completed Energy and Transportation bills. The U.S. farm program provides critical support to hundreds of thousands of farmers, from the smallest hobby/lifestyle farm up to larger stand-alone operations that provide a majority of the income for one or more farm families.

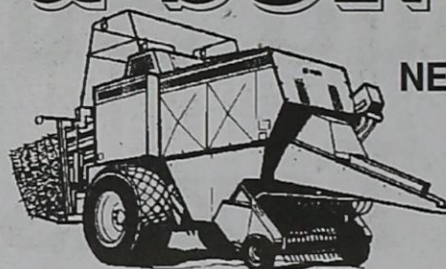
Yes, farmers benefit from farm programs. Equally important though is to recognize that the industries that provide farmers with the seed, fertilizer, energy, machinery and services necessary to make the engine of U.S. agriculture turn benefit even more.

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The Great Plains Ag Credit Board of Directors have recently paid \$1.376 million of cash patronage to its' stockholder owners and borrowers. The distribution is the highest of record for the lending cooperative and is more than double last year's distribution, according to Dennis Anthony, the Board Vice-Chairman from Friona.

Since 2000, \$8.3 million of GPAC earnings have been allocated to members and \$3.6 million in cash distributions have been paid. Anthony added that the patronage allocation program, which defrays interest cost, is a strong cooperative benefit to producers.

GPAC provides short-term loans through its PCA and real estate mortgage loans through its FLBA throughout the upper South Plains and the panhandle. Loan assets are approximately \$250 million of which nearly one-half are real estate loans.

South Plains offices are located in Dimmitt, Olton, Muleshoe, Friona and Plainview. GPAC originated from the merger of Plainview and Amarillo PCA's, and has served the

region for 73 years. Other area directors are Earl Harkins of Hereford and Dwight Teeple of Lockney.

"The quality of our loan staff is one of our greatest strengths," said Carroll Haygood, the Association's president from Amarillo. He added that they have in depth knowledge of South Plains agriculture and necessary credit requirements.

Haygood said GPAC, as a cooperative operates for the benefit of its member-owners, and that the Association's capital growth is the reason the patronage program has been significantly increased.

Area producers are welcome to inquire about interest rate savings through the GPAC patronage allocation program at any of its' offices.

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Researchers find ways to turn manure into power

By Kay Ledbetter
Texas A&M University

Record oil prices and incentives to find alternative fuel sources are lighting a fire under research to turn biomass materials such as manure into energy.

Texas Senate Bill 20, signed recently by Gov. Rick Perry, compliments research underway to determine how and where biomass can be used.

The new law requires more renewable energy to be developed and used in the next 10 years.

Combining consumer energy needs and agriculture industry trends with the legislation will push the research to become reality, said Dr. John Sweeten, resident director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at the Texas A&M University System Agriculture Research and Extension Center here.

Researchers have long worked with manure as a fertilizer and have studied ways to convert it into energy, but this latest push of legislation and research should result in more energy projects becoming a reality, Sweeten said.

Research is concentrating on finding alternative uses for the growing supplies of manure, Sweeten said. Irrigated cropland use of manure as a fertilizer is dwindling, but the livestock industry is growing.

Other trends contributing to a potential excess are increasing imports of grain-based nutrients to feed the cattle; less irrigation water; and the switch to crops which use less water and require fewer nutrients.

"Things are in reasonable shape now, but in 10, 20 or 30 years from now, we need to have alternate uses that are not based exclusively on land application," he said.

Energy production has been researched for more than 20 years, but "\$60 a barrel oil recruits a lot of interest in biomass," Sweeten said.

"The question becomes, how do you convert biomass into energy?" he said.

The solid feedlot waste presents a different challenge than the liquid waste from hog or dairy operations, Sweeten said. Researchers are trying to determine what process and what

mix of the product will create the most useable heat and, as a result, energy.

For this study, composite samples of raw/mixed/uncomposted manure from the Experiment Station feedlot at Bushland have been sent for testing at several labs. The manure samples were harvested May 17-June 2 from two types of pens.

One set of pens were paved with fly-ash, a byproduct of the coal-fired power generating industry, and the other manure was from unpaved pens. The manure was composted and test results from the two showed a large difference for several constituents measured, especially ash content, Sweeten said.

Ash, an unusable material as far as energy is concerned, was lower in the composted manure samples from the paved pens than the dirt pens — 20.2 percent compared to 58.7 percent. As a result, the low-ash manure had about twice the organic matter and heating value, he said.

"The low-ash feedlot biomass would be much better fuel than high-ash

feedlot biomass," Sweeten said. "The problem is, there is not that much of it in the commercial feedlots."

Large bulk samples from the compost pile that came from the paved pens will be tested further in a small-scale combustion testing project in College Station.

These test results will focus on using pulverized manure samples as reburn fuel in a secondary combustion chamber to lower the nitrogen oxides and specific metal emissions from coal-firing in the primary combustion chamber, Sweeten said.

Another research project involves using the byproduct combustion ash as a fertilizer or construction material, Sweeten said.

"By assuring year-round uses of manure, the cattle feed yards in this area could not only stay current on manure harvesting, but the fuel quality of manure improves with more frequent harvest," Sweeten said. "An even greater benefit is that frequent surface manure harvesting by scraping is an accepted method of dust control."

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TAMU Research targets vegetable production

By Tim W. McAlavy
Texas A&M University

Is there a better way to control weeds or grow tastier tomatoes, watermelons or snap beans?

Research under way at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock seeks to answer these questions for commercial vegetable producers and home gardeners.

"We conduct applied field research on production methods, weed control options and vegetable variety trials on the Texas High Plains," said Dr. Russell W. Wallace, Texas Cooperative Extension vegetable specialist who holds a joint appointment with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

"We also do some weed control research on field-grown ornamental plants such as cannas, irises and daylilies."

So far, Wallace's research on production practices has centered on using different colored plastic mulches for tomatoes and watermelons. He also evaluates the annual performance of 30 or more watermelon varieties as part of the statewide watermelon variety trials, sponsored by Texas A&M University's department of horticultural sciences.

"We evaluated tomatoes grown on plastic mulches in 2004, and this year we evaluated watermelons," he said. "Plastic mulches help the soil warm up earlier, which can give growers an earlier start with their crops. They also promote uniform growth and are a good tool to use with drip irrigation."

"The theory behind different colored plastic mulches is some colors reflect differing light waves onto plants. We're trying to gauge how plants/crops will respond, if at all, on the Texas High Plains."

In his 2004 tomato trials, plants grown on silver plastic mulch produced 25 percent more fruit than plants grown on bare ground. Tomato plants grown over red plastic mulch had a yield advantage of 15 percent compared to bare ground — which is equivalent to black plastic mulch.

"We think the silver mulch reflects more light to the plants, which means

more growth, fewer insects and less chance of some viruses," Wallace said. "The results of our 2005 watermelon mulch trial are not fully tabulated yet, but we did get excellent early growth over blue and yellow mulches... better than with black plastic mulch."

Screening herbicides for use on pumpkins, cantaloupes, watermelons, chile peppers, tomatoes, onions, potatoes, spinach, leafy greens, and dry peas and beans is another part of his research.

"Vegetable growers have very few choices when it comes to labeled, EPA-approved (Environmental Protection Agency) herbicides," Wallace said. "Spinach growers, for example, only have two herbicides labeled for their crop. We've screened herbicides for 15 crops, but our biggest trial right now is with spinach. We have a large trial at Crystal City in the Rio Grande Valley, funded by the Wintergarden Spinach Producers Board."

"For growers, more herbicides means better crop rotation options and potentially higher yields. It also lessens the chances of weeds developing resistance to one type of herbicide chemistry." If scientists can help industry develop more herbicides for vegetable crops through field and greenhouse screening trials, growers could reap a higher return per acre. Hiring laborers to hoe through vegetable crops costs growers between \$150 and \$300 per acre. The cost of weed control with labeled herbicides is considerably less — about \$45 to \$50 per acre, Wallace said.

Some of his herbicide trials are part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Interregional Research Project No. 4, also known as the IR-4 Project. Directors of state agricultural experiment stations organized the project in 1963 to develop safe pest control products for minor food crops, nursery and floral crops, forest seedlings and turf grass. Biopesticides, or natural pest controls, are also part of this national effort.

"Almost every state with this type of

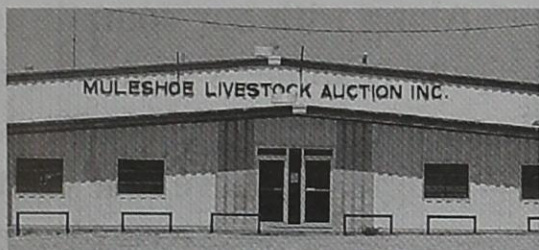


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crop production participates in the IR-4 Project," Wallace said. "The data from our university research helps industry develop safe products for growers. It's research that industry basically can't afford to do, even though there is a real need for an effective product.

"Our IR-4 research at Lubbock centers on screening herbicides and application methods for leafy greens such as spinach, lettuce, chicory and kale. We do the initial screening in a greenhouse. Herbicides that work well there are then evaluated in a grower's field."

This year Wallace added another component to his annual vegetable trials. He and research technician John Hodges conducted a liquid fertilizer study in conjunction with their watermelon and cantaloupe variety trials.

They injected a slow-release liquid fertilizer at three different rates, using two different applications.

"We tried one, up-front application at planting, comparing it to split

applications," Wallace said. "Both are common methods with growers. The cantaloupes responded better to one application at planting than to split applications. We didn't see much difference in the watermelons.

"We may repeat the fertility study to see which method would fit best in a crop rotation with cotton. We've had several cotton and peanut growers express an interest in diversifying their crop rotations using vegetables."

Wallace's vegetable variety trials provide useful information for growers and acreages of all sizes * from large-scale farmers to home gardeners.

"Many of the vegetable variety and production guides written for Texas are not suitable for the High Plains," he said. "This is a very unique climate. We publish the results of our trials on the Lubbock Center Web site, as hand-outs at our annual vegetable conference, and we invite the public in to see our plots first-hand at our summer field day."

Wallace also shares his vegetable expertise by teaching several Master

Gardener classes each year. He is a regular speaker at meetings organized by extension agents, and answers many requests for farm/home visits from farmers and gardeners.

Time is often a precious commodity for Wallace, who is one of four extension vegetable specialists with statewide responsibilities.

"We stay busy, but that's good," he said. "In the next two to three years, I

hope to get more of our research information and some production guides up on our Web site. And I would like to develop a gardening guide tailored to the Texas High Plains."

Wallace's vegetable Web site is on the Internet at <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/horticulture>. More information on the IR-4 Project is online at <http://ir4.rutgers.edu>.

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Experts suggest legumes as fertilizer alternatives... Continued from page 4

from Texas to Georgia. By mixing the early-maturing crimson clover and late-maturing arrowleaf, ranchers and farmers could have forage from February through early June.

Multiple disease problems put an end to the practice. The most prevalent and damaging of the plant viruses and fungal rot was the bean-yellow mosaic virus.

Apache, a relatively new arrowleaf clover developed by Dr. Ray Smith, experiment station legume breeder based at Overton, is highly productive and resistant to bean yellow mosaic virus.

But before farmers and ranchers rush out to plant Apache or any other clover, they should consider several issues, Evers said.

First is soil pH. All clovers need a minimum soil pH of 6. Arrowleaf does better with a soil pH of 6.5 to

7, however.

As it takes four to six months to raise soil pH and pasture legumes must be planted in October, a lime application should be made no later than spring, he said.

A standard soil test will tell producers not only their soil pH, but the need for any soil nutrients.

The next step is to determine which forage legume to plant. When it comes to clovers, one size * or variety * does not fit all. Clover species are adapted to specific soil types, and don't perform well on others.

There are about eight types of clover adapted and available for East Texas producers, but three most prominent ones * arrowleaf, crimson and white clovers * are adapted to most situations, Evers said.

Arrowleaf clovers do well on deep sandy soils. Crimson clovers

are adapted to shallow sandy soils. White clovers are well adapted to loamy soils like those found in creek bottoms.

The National Resource Conservation Service, a federal agency that has offices in every county, can provide detailed soil survey maps of any farm, Evers said.

Planting rates vary as to the type of clover used, but all plantings should be preceded with a light disking to ensure the seed has good soil contact. Any fertilizer called for by the soil test should be applied at planting or after legume seedlings emerge, he said.

Rhizobia bacteria are responsible for the nitrogen fixation in legumes and should be applied to the clover seed before planting. It's also possible to purchase seed already

inoculated with the bacteria, Evers said.

Farmers can use a planter or broadcast the seed. Either way, however, it is a good idea to mix the clover seed with ryegrass seed for two reasons. The clover seed is so small that most planters won't have the correct setting for accurate seeding rates.

Also, ryegrass makes a great mix with clover. The ryegrass will produce forage earlier and lessen the chance of cattle bloating on the rich forage produced by the clover, Evers said.

More information on planting legume forages and winter pasture can be found on the Web site of the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Overton: <http://overton.tamu.edu/clover/cool/>.

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TBWEF mails 2005 notices; full payment by September

By Shawn Wade

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation recently mailed 2005 boll weevil eradication assessment notices to cotton producers in eight active eradication zones in the High Plains and Rolling Plains.

Boll weevil eradication assessment payments are due Sept. 30. Growers who pay their 2005 assessments in full before Sept. 15 qualify for a two percent discount on their 2005 assessment.

The 2005 assessments are based on acreage and production practice information cotton producers provide the USDA Farm Service Agency when they certify their crops. If there is an error in the acreage or practice information on their bill, the grower will need to have the information corrected at their local FSA office and then forward the corrected information to the foundation.

Growers with failed acres are eligible to receive a credit on those acres completely destroyed prior to the final certification date. Qualifying acres must remain free of all hostable cotton until a killing freeze to receive the assessment credit.

To aid area growers who have been affected by adverse weather conditions, the TBWEF also offers payment extension agreements for producers whose accounts are current.

"For those having difficulty paying their assessment, help is available by contacting the assessments department and arranging an extension agreement," said Chief Financial Officer Tina Ballard.

Producers entering into an extension agreement must make a 10 percent down payment, and they will be charged a late fee of one percent per month until their accounts are paid.

This late fee begins on the date the signed agreement and down payment are received by the TBWEF Assessments Department. Producers who are delinquent in payment and who do not have an extension agreement are subject to a late fee of 1.5 percent per month.

Producers with extension agreements have 150 days to pay their accounts.

For more information contact the TBWEF Assessments Department in Abilene at (866) 672-2800.

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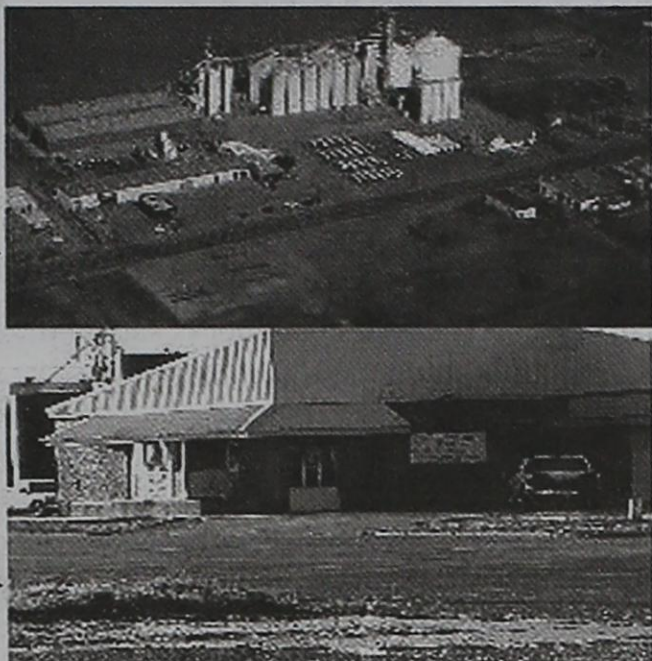
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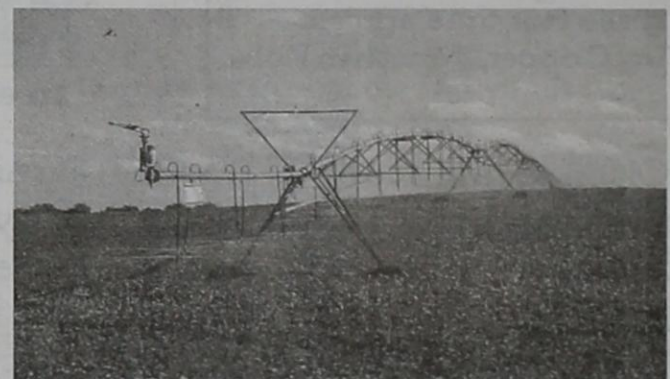
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Cotton Report

Cotton futures at the New York Board of Trade settled lower Thursday despite a positive export sales report from USDA and an improved mill-use figure from the U.S. Census Bureau.

USDA released its weekly U.S. export sales report on Thursday morning in what sources called an "excellent showing."

Despite sales coming in 10 percent lower than the previous week, market sources were generally impressed by net export sales of 410,000 bales for the week ended Aug. 18.

China was the primary buyer followed by Mexico, Turkey, Colombia and Bangladesh. Sales of 1,400 bales for delivery in 2006-07 were for Indonesia.

Export shipments of 318,800 bales were 28 percent less than the prior week and 36 percent less than the four-week average. Primary

destinations included China, Turkey, Indonesia and Mexico.

In the spot cotton market, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas in the week ended Aug. 25 totaled 5,761 bales compared to the previous week when 14,434 bales were traded.

Average prices received by producers in the most recent week ranged from 35.72 to 39.84 cents per pound compared to 39.86 to 42.77 cents per pound the previous week.

Meanwhile, on Thursday the NCC released its July U.S. consumption figure at 6.39 million bales, on an annualized basis, up from June's revised figure of 6.27 million bales.

The annualized figure is based on the total amount of cotton consumed by domestic mills in a one-month period as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau.

While the figure was considered "impressive" by most in the industry, it had little effect on the market. Last

year's annualized mill-use figure was 6.63 million bales in July.

In other news, the market continued to track the progress of Tropical Storm Katrina this week, but analysts said it could have more of a positive impact on the cotton crop than a negative one.

Katrina likely will bring much needed rains to the crops in Georgia and the Carolinas, providing more of a help than a hindrance, according to market watchers in the area.

The National Weather Service on Thursday said Katrina was strengthening near the Bahamas and could soon hit South Florida where tropical storm warnings and hurricane watches were in effect.

USDA also reported this week that the condition of the U.S. cotton crop slipped slightly in the week ended Aug. 21. Cotton rated good to excellent was placed at 53 percent compared to 54 percent a week earlier due to a deterioration in the

Memphis Territory crop.

Boll set, meanwhile, advanced to 91 percent of the crop compared to the five-year average of 95 percent. Fourteen percent of the bolls had opened, six percentage points less than normal.

In Texas, some producers on the High Plains have reported the earliest planted cotton in the area now is reaching "cutout," and no additional moisture is needed.

At this point, they say open skies and warm temperatures would be best to help bolls fully mature. Meanwhile, harvesting and ginning activities are at a peak in South Texas.

All but two gins are operating in the Upper Coastal Bend and Winter Garden areas. Much harvest remains to be completed there and in the Corpus Christi area, but several gins in the Lower Rio Grande Valley expect to finish ginning within a couple of weeks.

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Stripe rust may affect future wheat variety selections in the panhandle

By Kay Ledbetter
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Stripe rust resistance may need to be added to the list of considerations when producers make wheat variety selections in the future, said one Texas Cooperative Extension agronomist. Fortunately, those varieties have tested well in this region.

Dr. Brent Bean, Extension agronomist in Amarillo, said stripe rust is not expected to be a constant problem, but it was significant this year.

"It is unlikely we'll experience again anytime soon the widespread infection levels that we saw in 2005," Bean said. "However, I do believe stripe rust is here to stay and we will likely be able to find it in the Panhandle at some level every year.

"For it to be a significant problem, we will again have to have the weather conditions (prolonged cool, wet weather in the spring) to cause it to rapidly spread," he said.

Stripe rust is new to the Panhandle, first showing up three years ago, Bean said. It is now the dominant rust in the area.

It looks similar to leaf rust, except the rust pustules tend to line up between the leaf veins, giving it a striped appearance. Stripe rust thrives in temperatures from 46° F to 58° F when moisture is present, while leaf rust prefers warmer conditions and thrives in 70° F temperatures.

In field trials this year, those with the highest stripe rust infection level had yield reductions of around 20 bushels under both dryland and irrigated conditions, he said.

"When comparing stripe rust tolerant varieties TAM 111 and Jagger to the susceptible variety TAM 110, yield was reduced 37 percent in dryland trials and 23 percent in irrigated trials by stripe rust," Bean said.

Varieties with stripe rust tolerance were the stars in 2005, Bean said. The most tolerant varieties were TAM 111, AgriPro 4342, Overley and Fannin. These were followed by Cutter, Jagger, 2145, Deliver, Jagalene, HG-9 and T 81, with moderate to moderately susceptible tolerance.

In irrigated trials, TAM 111 was the

best variety for the second year, Bean said. TAM 111 had the highest yield average across locations by more than eight bushels, while yielding in the top 20 percent in five of six locations.

TAM 111 is one of the newest varieties to be released by Texas A&M and is being marketed by AgriPro, he said. This relatively tall variety has good straw strength. Seed should be available this fall, but growers should book seed early, Bean said.

Other varieties yielding in the top 20 percent of at least three of the six locations were T81, Texas A&M experimental TX01D3232, AgriPro 4342 (experimental), Overley, Jagger and Jagalene.

T81, a variety from Trio Seed in Colorado with TAM 107 in its background, was looked at for the first time this year, Bean said. The two experimental varieties will not be available for at least a couple of years.

Jagger and Jagalene have performed well in area trials for a number of years, he said. Overley was released by Kansas State University in 2003 and has both Jagger and TAM

107 in its pedigree. In 2004, irrigated Overley yields were only average, Bean said.

Varieties with stripe rust tolerance also tended to yield the best under dryland situations, Bean said. Varieties yielding in the top 20 percent in at least three of the six locations were AgriPro 4342, Overley, TAM 111, T 81, Cutter, Fannin and the A&M experimental TX00V1117.

Fannin is an AgriPro release with reported excellent fall forage production, he said. This is the second year of its widespread testing. In 2004, yield of Fannin was only average. Overley has been in trials for the last two years and was in the top 20 percent of dryland varieties in both years, Bean said.

While stripe rust was the limiting factor this year on yield, each year is different and all varieties have positive and negative characteristics, he said.

In addition, Bean said, just because a variety was stripe rust tolerant in 2005, does not mean it will remain tolerant in 2006.

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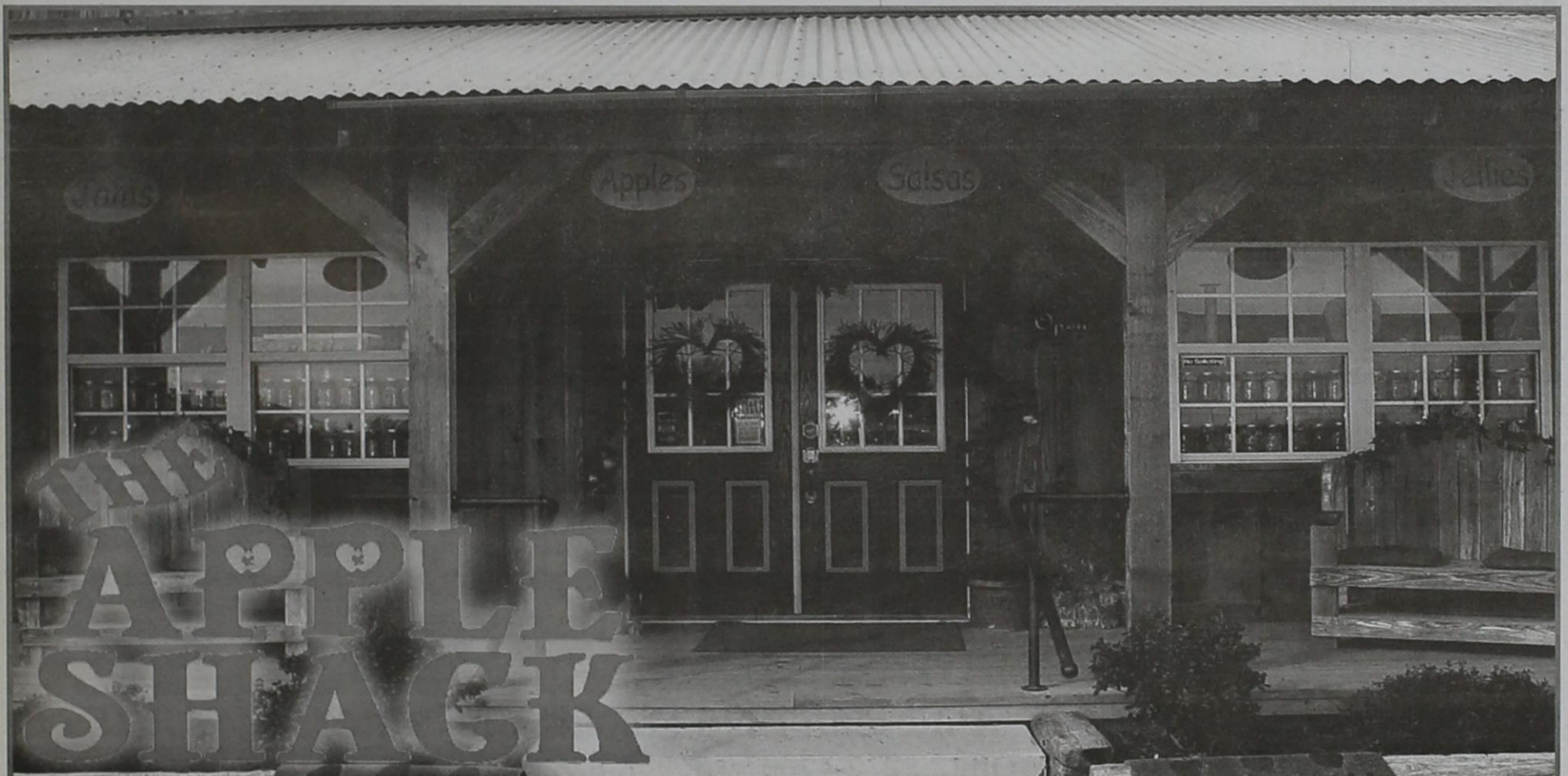
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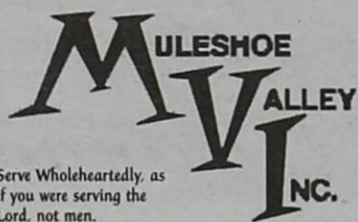
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