

Sat. Soil Sample Deadline

This is Colorado County Soil Testing Week (Jan. 11-17) and farmers and ranchers are reminded that this Sat., Jan. 17, is the deadline for soil samples to be brought in to sixteen fertilizer dealerships in the county cooperating with the County Program Building Committee in staging the soil testing week.

The soil samples may also be brought to the county extension office in the agricultural building in Columbus. Dealers will forward samples to the county agency's office Monday where they will be carried to soil testing labs at Texas A&M University or the Wharton County Junior College as specified by the owners submitting the samples.

Over \$4 million will be spent on fertilizer this year (according to Cooper). A good soil test can make the most effective use of these expenditures. The soil test will allow timing and rate of fertilizer applications to correspond with plant needs.

The regular testing fee of \$2.00 will be required for each sample; however, no wrapping or postage will be required for samples submitted during soil testing week. Analysis for iron, zinc and magnesium will cost an additional \$1.00 for a total cost of \$3.00.

Major emphasis for 1976 will be to promote testing for iron, zinc and magnesium. One of these three elements can be the most productive limiting item in some soils and especially so for corn in mesquite.

Soil analysis and recommendations will be mailed directly to producers and should be in their hands by early February. Colorado County is twentieth among the 254 counties in Texas in fertilizer use. As a result of poor cattle prices, Colorado County slipped from eleventh in fertilizer use.

Soil Conservation News

District cooperators Alfred Wick of the Borden area is in the process of constructing a pond for livestock water. District cooperators E. L. Long of the Weimar area has completed construction of a pond for livestock water. District cooperators B. V. Hervey of the Bernardo area is in the process of constructing two ponds for livestock water.

District cooperators Victor Waujars of the Weimar area is in the process of shaping gullied areas and is also constructing a pond. The Columbus Field Office provides special services to all landowners regardless of race, creed or national origin.

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Cong. Pickle Asks Cooperation On Brucellosis

Congressman J. J. Pickle announced that he has written high officials of the USDA seeking the agency's full cooperation with Texas in implementing the brucellosis eradication program.

Pickle's letter followed the Texas Animal Health Commission's agreement on Dec. 31 to comply with the USDA minimum standards of the brucellosis eradication program.

In December, Pickle persuaded the USDA to change its policy regarding indemnity payments. "The USDA followed my suggestion and agreed to indemnify producers of slaughter, I am hopeful that they will cooperate again because the Texas livestock producer is already heavily burdened by low cattle prices," Pickle stated.

Joe Reeds Enjoy Holidays In California

A Christmas trip to California provided Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reeds, Jr. and Tom an unforgettable reunion with their son and brother, Howard, who is doing his practice teaching under the supervision of the University of California system.

RICE DISTRICT 1 SCHOOL MENUS

Thurs., Jan. 15: Tamales with Chili Sauce, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Sliced Pineapple, Luncheon Bread.
Fri., Jan. 16: Fish Squares/Cutup, Macaroni and Cheese, Buttered Spinach, That Strawberry Salad, Corn Bread.
Mon., Jan. 19: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Purple Peas, Creamy Cole Slaw, Pear Halves, Garlic Bread.
Tues., Jan. 20: Smothered Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, English Peas/Onion, Pink Applesauce, Hot Rolls.
Wed., Jan. 21: Chili Dogs, Tater Tots/Cutup, Combination Salad, Orange Juice, Luncheon Doughnuts.
Thurs., Jan. 22: Fried Chicken, Rice and Gravy, Colored Greens, Fruit Jello, Luncheon Bread.
Fri., Jan. 23: Ravioli with Meat Sauce, Buttered Corn, Green Beans/Pimento, Strawberry Shortcake, Hot Rolls.

Free Pizza

HARRY SUZAK, this is your ticket for a free pizza at the Eagle Lake Dairy Deli, where you get the present code including delicious pizza. Clip this out and present at the Dairy Deli for your free pizza not later than Jan. 23, 1976.

evening with dinner and much last-minute conversation hosted by Mrs. Brie Jackson. Such a time together with friends and family during the Christmas season gave everyone a lively outlook on the new year. Howard hopes to be back in Texas again by mid-February when his work is completed in the high school classroom.

Rice FFA Show, Sale Set Feb. 14

The Rice High School Future Farmers of America chapter is making plans for their annual Market Calf and Swine Show which will be held in the chapter's Show Barn at the Rice High School, west of Altair, on Saturday, Feb. 14th, 1976.

A total of 51 calves and 49 hogs will be offered for sale on a market grade basis. Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club, Eagle Lake Evening Lions Club, Sheridan Lions Club and Garwood Lions Club will provide cash prizes to be distributed to the youth on the basis of market grades. Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will provide trophies for the winners in each of the events of the show.

Animals will be judged from 10:30 a.m. on the morning of the 14th and the sale will begin at 1:30 p.m. Preceding the sale there will be the annual trail ride

leaving this year from Sheridan at 8:00 a.m. and arriving at the Rice High School at 11:30 a.m. The site from which the trail ride will leave is altered annually from Eagle Lake, Garwood and Sheridan.

A barbecued beef dinner will be served at 12 noon, and this will be followed by the annual Trail Ride Sweetheart contest at 1 p.m.

Citizens of the area are invited to mark the date on their calendars and to plan to be on hand to support the youth in the Rice FFA Chapter.

For a free copy of "Texas Vegetable Recipes" write Commissioner John C. White, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

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Rotary Has Program On Area Artifacts

The Eagle Lake Rotary Club opened the 1976 year with an interesting Biomedical program when Joe Hudgins of Hunterford brought a number of artifacts that he has collected revealing information on the Indian life in this area many years ago.

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SPORTS CORNER

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ELMS Girls Split With Boling-Iago

The Eagle Lake Middle School girls split a pair of games with the Boling-Iago Bulldogs of January 5th. The seventh graders played a good game not with a score of 28 to 9 while the eighth graders also played well but lost a score of 24 to 14.

In the seventh grade category, Sharon McTeer scored 22 points and Sheila Parker added 6 points. Other forwards in the game were Claudette Parker, Pearl Castillo and Mary Vane. Guards were Doreen Davis, Carol Crab, Michele Sibley, Debbie Perry, Dora Rodriguez and Deane Cardenas and all turned in a fine defensive game.

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This Friday night, Jan. 16 the Raiders host the Columbia Roughnecks, expected to be the toughest team foe for the Raiders, for three games beginning at 4:30 p.m. in Raider gym. Local fans are invited to be out to support the Raiders' JV and varsity in their district games.

On Tuesday night of next week the Raiders go to Edna and Yoakum for 3 games beginning at 4:30 p.m. and on Jan. 23 they host Sweeny to and the first round of zone action.

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In the JV contest, the Rice Raiders lost a 71 to 65 decision in a free-throw shooting contest. The Raiders lost a 71 to 65 decision in a free-throw shooting contest.

Coach Jack Grammer's varsity had a relatively easy time in posting a 72 to 42 win over Wharton, Darrell Dancy led scoring with 37 points, 10 of which came in the first half and he played only a little in the second half. Ronald Glover added 10 for Rice.

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