

\$39.7 Million Farm Product Sales In Colorado Co. In '78 Shows Census

The market value of agricultural products sold by the 1,289 farms in Colorado County amounted to \$39.7 million for 1978 or an average of \$30,772 each, up from \$28.6 million in 1974 with an accompanying increase in production costs, according to a preliminary report of the 1978 Census of Agriculture released today by the Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce.

A breakdown of the county's total agricultural sales for 1978 followed by that for 1974, is as follows: Crops, \$24.4 million compared with \$25.1 million; livestock and livestock products, \$14.2 and \$9.4 million; poultry and poultry products, \$1.1 million, the same in 1974.

Farmers' Costs Up, Too
While the value of gross sales rose, the farmers' costs also climbed since 1974. For example, expenditures for fertilizer for 1978 were \$3.5 million compared to \$3.1 million in 1974; costs of gasoline, diesel and other petroleum products were \$2.3 million compared to \$1.4 million. Farm energy costs of all types totaled \$2.9 million for 1978. The estimated market value of machinery and equipment per farm increased from \$17,564 to \$28,889.

Of total farms in the county, 184 had gross sales of \$40,000 or more and 896 had sales of under \$10,000. Farms operated by individuals or families represented 86 percent of the total; farms operated by corporations accounted for 1 percent. Some 88 percent of the operators owned all or part of the land they operated.

Average Age 54.5 Years
In 1978 the average age of farm operator was 54.5 years. Since 1974 the proportion of operators listing farming as their principal occupation changed from 46 percent to 41 percent.

Data in the reports for 1978 and 1974 are generally comparable, however, improved coverage in 1978, especially of smaller farms, should be taken into consideration in making direct comparisons of farm counts. Dollar values have not been adjusted for changes in price levels.

Other results of the census show the 1,289 farms counted in 1978 had an average size of 459 acres. For 1974, 1,295 farms were counted with an average size of 429 acres. The

land in farms totaled 991,809 acres in 1978 and 968,007 acres in 1974. Crops were harvested from 107,732 acres in 1978 and 87,578 acres in 1974.

The number of cattle and calves decreased from 91,973 in 1974 to 90,038 in 1978, while farms with 100 or more on hand accounted for 61 percent. There were 50,961 cattle and calves sold in 1978. The number of hogs and pigs changed from 9,200 in 1974 to 10,032 in 1978. Hens and pullets of laying age decreased from 118,130 to 109,606.

Averages Reported
Acreages of crops harvested for 1978 and 1974 were as follows: corn for grain, 11,787 acres vs. 8,172 acres; sorghum for grain, 4,382 acres vs. 4,155 acres; soybeans, 16,050 acres vs. 3,030 acres; cotton, 1,495 acres vs. 9,244 acres; hay, 21,516 acres vs. 15,830 acres; rice 51,744 acres in 1978.

Production of rice for 1978 was 2.6 million 100-lb. bags. The figures are for farms qualifying under the definition: Any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year.

The agriculture census was conducted in 1979 to obtain data on the Nation's farm production and sales for calendar year 1978. Information from the farm census, the 21st of a series which began in 1840, will be used by federal, state and county agencies, agricultural colleges, agricultural and business groups, and farmers to help make a variety of decisions about agricultural programs and policies.

The county ASCS office continues to furnish measurement service for a additional fee for any program purposes. A very limited amount of ACP funds have been made available to the county. Practices must be approved by the county committee before started.

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ASCS Cites Information For '81 Crops

The County office of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service reminds farmers and ranchers of these important notes: Recent legislation eliminated the requirement for farmers to plant 1981 crops within normal crop acreage.

No deficiency payments will be made on 1980 crops, upland cotton, wheat or barley since average market prices exceeded the respective target prices for these commodities.

Accurate acreage reporting is very important for the 1981 crop year since program eligibility depends on accuracy in certification. Producers are reminded to submit their 1980 crop records and only settlement sheets will be accepted.

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Old-Fashioned Get-Together At Columbus H.S. March 8th

Arthritis and Hypertension were two topics stressed by the Columbus County Family Living Committee at health risks they wanted the public to learn more about and become aware of their seriousness. The Family Living Committee has planned a Health Seminar for Sunday, March 8 from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m., with registration beginning at 1:30 at the Columbus High School Cafeteria, for all family members regardless of their age.

Bernice Richter, RN, State Health Nurse will be one of the featured speakers discussing the Major Life Risks and how we can become aware of how they affect us. Other speakers will be Martha Farmer of Austin and

Robert Youens, MD. After their presentation the speakers will present a panel to answer any questions the public has. An "Old-Fashioned Lunch" will be served and entertainment provided. The public is encouraged to take advantage of this free Health Seminar "In Sickness and In Health". Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socio-economic levels, race, color, sex, religion or national origin.

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Kendleton Miss Named Winner Of Black Essence Beauty Pageant

Over 300 Attend Impressive Program In ELPS Gym Sat.

A beautiful Miss Black Essence Pageant in the Eagle Lake Primary School, formerly E. H. Henry High School, Saturday night accented Black Awareness Month in this community. The event was sponsored by the Bay City Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and was an outstanding success with over 300 persons in attendance for an impressive and entertaining program.

The chapter concludes its Black Awareness program with a musical recital featuring the Rev. W. H. Banks, pastor of Christian Faith Baptist Church of Houston, in the Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church at 8 p.m. this Friday, Feb. 27th. The public is invited.

The Miss Black Essence Pageant was presented by the local Sorority members with Claudine Shorter and Marian Woodridge chairwomen. Also assisting were Robbie Hart, Beryl Shorter, Sheryl Henry, Ethel Ward, Helen Glover and also Mrs. Dorothy Fitzgerald, member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

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Raider Bandsmen Win Many Places In Solo-Ensemble

Region XIII Solo-Ensemble Contest Held In Victoria Last Sat.

Members of the Rice High School Raider Band took part in the annual YIL Music Region XIII Solo-Ensemble Contest Saturday, February 21, 1981 in Victoria.

Twelve soloists and one ensemble received the Superior First Division rating. They are: David Adkins, Baritone Sax Solo; Janie Clippson, Trombone Solo; Gilbert Corvella, Tuba Solo; Carol Crabb, Clarinet Solo; Michaela Hefner, Alto Saxophone Solo; Julia Roepim, Tenor Sax Solo; Michele Shibley, Flute Solo; Shawn Spaulst, Trombone Solo; Kitty Thomas, Baritone Solo; Mary Jane Yancey, Bass Clarinet Solo; Jeff Argo, Tuba Solo; Glen Hefner, Tuba Solo; and Carol Crabb, Bassoon Solo; Paula Rohwer, and Jerna Yancey, Mixed Clarinet Quartet.

Eleven band members were rated "the excellent Second Division rating for their solo performance. They are: Leslie Harrison, Flute; Becky Bengo, Percussion; Stacy Holden, Percussion; Deborah Kretschmer, Flute; Claudette Parker, Flute; Connie Prank, Percussion; Victor Reyes, Percussion; Coby Shorter, Alto Sax; Carl Brown, Tuba; Brandon Cope, French Horn; and Greg Leopold, Tuba.

Seven Ensembles received a Second Division Rating. They are: Becky Bengo, Stacy Holden, Jimmy Moss, Victor Reyes and Johana Webb on a Percussion Ensemble; Judy Bunge, Vickie Eberhart, Bridget Beyette and Larry Taylor on a Saxophone Quartet; Jerri Clippson, Leslie Harrison, and Renee Hunt on a Clarinet Trio; Gilbert Corvella, Ronnie Fry, Melissa Hoffman, Jeff Peadock, John Stephens and Bobby Williamson on a Brass Sextet; William Austin, Cathy Layton and Lara Mota on a Clarinet Trio; Jimmy English, Craig Rohwer, Matthew Rohwer and Jose Ugarte on a Trombone Quartet; and Jackie Hurd, Stephanie Rhodes and Pam Stallon on a Clarinet Trio.

Third Division ratings were earned by the following: Leigh Ann Bryant, Flute; Jim Epps, Tuba; Charlene McGrew, Baritone; and Lisa Corman, Flute. Third Division Ensembles were: Pat Bradshaw, Debbie Kretschmer, Roxanne Ripper and Karen Rucks on a Flute Quartet; Ronnie Fry, Jeff Penick and DeLynne Valenta on a Cornet Trio; Gilbert Alvarado, Rhonda Cotton and Jack Escobedo on a Cornet Trio; Rupert Contreras, Roger Melendez and March Huesher on a Cornet Trio; Randy Duarte, Patti Perry, Tamara Penick and Coby Shorter on a Saxophone Quartet and Linda Ebarra, Suzanne Fajkus and Linda Sosa on a Flute Trio. Kathy Ishoe received a Fourth Division Rating for her Tuba solo.

The Raider band is proud of its performance at this contest and is getting ready for Concert - Sightreading March 19, 1981 and wanting to repeat its Sweepstakes performance of last year, reported Rice High School Band Director Floyd Spensath.

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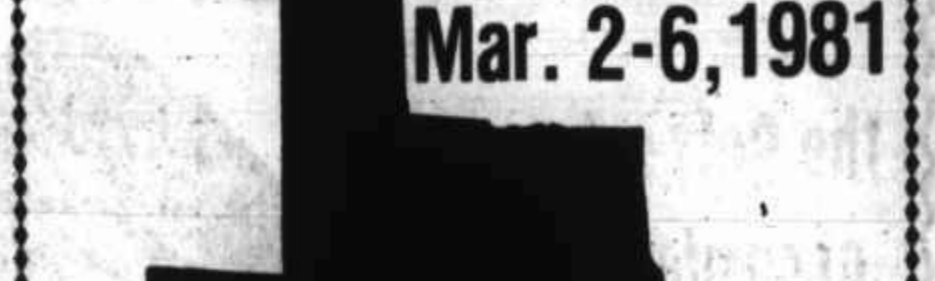
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Daniel Maschecks Welcome Twin Daughters Feb. 19

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Norris Mascheck of Memphis, Tennessee happily and proudly announce the birth of twin daughters on Thursday, Feb. 19th, 1981.

Little Miss Christina Ann was born at 9:45 p.m. measuring 19 1/2 inches and weighing six pounds and ten ounces, by normal birth; and little Miss Brandy Heather arrived at 11:31 p.m. measuring 20 inches and weighing six pounds and fourteen ounces, by cesarean section. The twin girls are being welcomed by a brother, Daniel Norris, Jr., 7 years of age; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. August Jones of Bernardo and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mascheck of Eagle Lake.

WCJC Students To Take Holiday Mar. 6

Wharton County Junior College students take a day off from classes Friday, March 6 permitting instructors to attend the 34th Annual Convention of the Texas Junior College Teachers Association and the Texas Junior College Association.

Gary Poenitzchs Welcome Baby Boy Feb. 19

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Poenitzsch of Columbus announce the birth of their second child, a baby boy born at 12:05 p.m. Thursday, February 19, 1981 in the Columbus Community Hospital.

The new arrival weighed eight pounds, two and three-fourths ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches in length at birth and he has been named Kevin Michael. He is welcomed home by a brother, Kyle, two years and eleven months.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert D. Kucherka of Eagle Lake and paternal grandfather is Gilbert Poenitzsch of Columbus. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Stanley L. Kucherka of Eagle Lake and Mrs. Elizabeth Poenitzsch of Columbus.

The mother is the former Susan Kucherka of Eagle Lake.

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