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South Texas Cattlemen will need to supplement supply

South Texas cow/calf producers need to provide more hay to their brood cows dressed by recent cold weather, says Larry Boleman, livestock specialist with the Texas A&M research station in Bryan.

"A cow stressed by cold and wet weather requires more nutrients to stay in condition," Boleman observed. "When the temperature reaches as low as 10 degrees, that represents a drop of 30 degrees or more below normal temperature for this time of year. Consequently, cows have to produce more body heat to survive."

He added that cattle located in southern Texas are not acclimated to severe winter weather. As a result, such weather conditions stress them more than their northern cousins who experience it every year.

Because cattlemen are being forced to provide greater amounts of hay to their cows much earlier than usual, and for a prolonged period of time, Boleman says there could be serious hay shortages in the future, especially for those cattlemen who had bought just enough hay to get through a normal winter.

He added that even if a cattlemans who is feeding average quality hay doubles the ration, a cow cannot eat enough hay to make up for additional nutrients it requires. As a result, cattlemen will need to supplement that hay with protein to maximize its value, he said.

However, choosing a supplement to balance nutritional deficiencies in hay and pasture and allow brood cows to meet performance goals has traditionally been a difficult task for most cattlemen, according to Neal Ward, a nutritionist with Purina Company cattle specialist.

"Many cattlemen choose supplements based solely on their protein content," Ward explained. "This can lead to giving cows either more protein than is needed, or not enough because the selection is based on guesswork."

A new concept in supplement selection called the Forage Balancer Brood

Cow Feeding System, can solve the problem, Ward said. This new brood cow feeding system, he added, enables cow-calf operators to make the most efficient use of their available hay and pasture while maintaining their cows in top condition.

To select a supplement which balances the nutritional deficiencies in his hay and pasture, Ward said cattle producers need only identify the quality of their forage within three general categories: good, including small-grain pastures and legume hays; fair, such as native and improved grass hays; or poor, consisting mainly of crop residues and grasses in a dormant stage of growth.

Ward explained that each of these forage types was defined by Purina researchers, based on the nutrients available in each type. "The difference among forages is not great enough to warrant any more than three categories," Ward added.

"Considering these categories, the Forage Balancer System offers a supplement formulated to provide a nutritional balance when fed at the recommended rates," Ward said. "As a result, the cattle producer avoids either overfeeding or underfeeding nutrients."

He concluded that it prevents them from making costly mistakes, while assuring them their brood cows will maintain condition to meet production goals.

By Leroy J. Hajdik County Extension Agent County Agent's Notebook

Corn rootworm meeting

Corn producers are invited and encouraged to attend a meeting on the control of the Western corn rootworm at the American Rice Growers Association office in Garwood on Thursday, January 19, 1984. The meeting will start at 7 p.m.

Dr. Bart Drees, Extension Service Entomologist will be present to present his suggestions on ways to reduce problems with the Western corn rootworm in the 1984 corn crop.

Three kinds of corn rootworm occur in Texas; the Western, the Northern, and the Southern. Prior to 1983 Colorado County corn producers had to contend only with the Southern corn rootworm. Its damage was not newly emerging corn

stalk and control by application of one several effective insecticides to the corn at planting gave desirable control.

In 1983 the most destructive of the three rootworm species, the Western corn rootworm, was found in damaging populations in a number of Colorado County corn fields. Potential for major corn damage from the Western corn rootworm are present for this growing season.

Damage from the Western corn rootworm usually occurs when lodged plants and all corn roots may be attacked and destroyed. Extension damage to the roots and fibrous roots may cause plants to lodge. A "goose necking" appearance occurs when lodged plants continue to grow. Producers commonly fail to identify the Western corn rootworm damage as the area has a blown down appearance similar to that of a windstorm.

Control measures of the Western corn rootworm vary somewhat from some of the measures used for control of the southern. These measures will be discussed fully at the January 19 meeting.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion, or national origin.

Soil Conservation News

Provided conservation assistance to R. B. Beatty in developing his conservation site on his place near Hugo.

Assisted Hugo Helmcamp in developing two conservation plans on his place near Borden and also South of Weimar. He plans to construct a pond on the place near Borden and to plant some coastal on the place South of Weimar.

Assisted Henry Sunderman discussing his conservation operations near Eagle Lake.

District cooperators Bobby Hunt of the Altair area has completed land leveling on 32 acres of rice land for better management of irrigation.

R. Ammons is planning to repair eroded spillway of farm ponds and is also planning to construct a pond on his farm near Hugo.

Columbus Livestock

The market this week started out with a good strong market with most classes selling about steady with our year end close.

If we can be of any assistance in marketing or collecting, call 409-732-2622 or 409-732-5841 says George and Don.

We have top market at Columbus Livestock Market every Thursday.

Cattle on hand, 845; hogs, 16; sheep, 4; horses, 4.

Butcher Calves and Yearlings: good to choice, 60 to 63.50 cents per pound; standard, 57 to 60 cents; utility, 54 to 57 cents; culls, 54 cents (down).

Packer Cows: heifers, 45 to 48 cents per pound; utility, 36 to 39.50 cents (high dressing); cutters, 32 to 35 cents; canners, 30 cents (down).

Packer Bulls: commercial, 52 to 56 cents per pound; utility, 45 to 52 cents; cutters, 44 to 48 cents; canners, 44 cents (down).

Stocker and Feeder Calves and Yearlings: Heavy: Hereford and Angus steer calves, 55 to 72 cents per pound; Hereford and Angus heifer calves, 55 to 61 cents; Crossbred steer calves, 55 to 72 cents; Crossbred heifer calves, 55 to 61 cents; replacement heifers, 60 to 75 cents; Light: Hereford and Angus steer calves, 72 to 90 cents; Hereford and Angus heifer calves, 58 to 70 cents.

Stocker Cows: good stocker cows and heifers \$350 to \$425; commercial and medium stocker cows and heifers, \$250 to \$350; good cow and calf pairs, \$550 to \$650; medium cow and calf pairs, \$450 to \$550; common cow and calf pairs, \$350 to \$450; old worn out, split and weighed.

Hogs: No. 1 hogs, 46 to 49.25 cents per pound; No. 2 and 3, 46 to 48 cents; feeder pigs and shoats, 40 to 72 cents per pound; sows, 42 to 47 cents.

Sheep: ewes, 15 to 25 cents per pound; lambs, 30 to 40 cents; bucks, 15 to 25 cents; pairs \$25 to \$40 per pair.

Rice Production Seminar

Friday, January 20 Eagle Lake Community Center

Registration: 9:30 to 10 a.m. Program: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Speakers: Dr. Arlen Klosterboer Dr. Art Gerlow Dr. Jim Stansel Dr. Bart Dreese Dr. Gary McCawley

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Who's Za?

By: Stacey Holden Aren't these two little guys cute as a bunny? Only two people could not guess the identity of these brothers.

Valerie Benge and Jennifer Labay had no idea who these cute little guys were. Several people, however guessed correctly without any hesitation. Those who were correct

FTA'er of the month

By: Linda Kerebek The members of FTA have been working hard and have made many accomplishments this month.

The December FTA'er is Colette Williams, who has contributed to the club greatly. Her accomplishments for the month include: donated two dozen cookies for the FTA Christmas party, helped with the Christmas party, stayed after school to work

on the scrapbook and colored and cut out five sheets of Donald Duck.

Other members who contributed to the club were: Sonia Hernandez, Monica Lopez, Linda Korenek, Connie Prazak, Lori Hoffmann, Michele Genz, Tina Grahamman, Audrey Williams, Sandra Korenek and the FTA members.

Congratulations Colette for doing a super job.

When Mr. Marshall isn't busy reviewing the lessons or teaching, he likes to relax with a game of golf.

Other activities include: camping, reading, learning about the Civil War period, and his greatest interest, astronomy. And when asked about his impression of the student body, he

replied that he were an "unusually good student body."

Coach Carroll, who recently established his residence in Eagle Lake, is an assistant coach. His realm of coaching includes the football teams, baseball and track teams.

In addition, Coach Carroll teaches physical science. He attended the University of Kansas and majored in physical education. During the Coach's leisure time, he likes to read, watch TV, and play golf.

There is no preference in sports, for he likes them all. As an athlete, he tries to work with them, putting across to them that they have the ability to do their best and that encouragement is usually the best medicine for the toughest periods.

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Make a basket with the Raiders

By: Lisa Corman This week Delbert Jarvis and Cedric Pope are in the spotlight of the Raider Review. These seniors are very responsible players on the varsity basketball team.

Delbert dribbled his way into our minds when we thought of the forwards on the team. This tall, dark, handsome young man has participated actively on the varsity team for the last two years. Not only is he a fast runner, his precision in shooting is something to note. It will be easy to spot this guy. But if there's any doubt, look for jersey number 32.

Cedric, on the other hand, plays to his opponent by maneuvering the ball expertly and hitting the basket with his famed outside shots. His jersey number is 10 and this designates him as the guard. Cedric has served on the varsity team two years.

Together they are striving for a very rewarding year.

Individuals involved in judging and showing horses will have an opportunity to take part in a Horse Show Judges Seminar at Texas A&M University, January 28. The seminar is being hosted by Texas A&M's Horsemanship Association and is designed to help individuals fully understand and subsequently improve show judging and exhibiting. Halter as well as performance classes will be critiqued and placed under horse show conditions by breed association judges.

Mechanics of judging, arena routines, pattern scoring systems and other key points will be discussed and demonstrated, says a horse specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

With an old year gone and a new one that is here, there usually comes something new or different. Such is the case in the Rice faculty. Recently, a new coach and a science teacher replaced former Rice teachers in the beginning of the second semester.

Marshall Marrow of Weimar teaches physics, trigonometry, geometry, and physical science courses. He majored in mathematics and earned his M.S. at Texas A&M University.

Marshall is an active member of the Navy for four years.

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School Menu

Thursday, January 12: Pigs-in-Blanket, Whole Kernel Corn, Sauerkraut, Brownies.

Friday, January 13: Beef and Cheese Enchiladas, Mexican Beans, Pineapple Tidbits, Peanut Butter, Crackers.

Monday, January 16: Pizza, French Fries/Catsup, Fruit Salad, Luncheon Cookies.

Tuesday, January 17: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Honey, Hot Biscuits.

Wednesday, January 18: Hamburgers, Tator Tots/Catsup, Hamburger Salad, Ice Cream.

Thursday, January 19: Fried Chicken, Rice/Gravy, Collard Greens, Fresh Fruit, Hot Rolls.

Friday, January 20: Barbecue Meatballs, Buttered Noodles, Green Beans, Apple Crisp, Luncheon Bread.

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The neighborhood has changed over the years and Mary seldom goes out because she is afraid! She stays in and watches TV alone.

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