

### Engstrom, Wied To Wed

Truman and La Nelle Engstrom, Jr. of Garwood announce the engagement of their daughter, Lana Elizabeth Engstrom, to Douglas Blake Engstrom, son of William Mark and Jane Wied of Garwood.

Lana is the granddaughter of Mary Lou Will of El Campo and the late Walter Will and the late Truman and Charlene Engstrom.

Douglas is the grandson of E.L. Wied of Garwood and the late Evelyn Wied and Dorothy Reeves of W.L. Wied of Garwood and the late Evelyn Wied and Dorothy Reeves of W.L. Wied of Garwood and the late J.W. Reeves.

The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Rice Consolidated High School and is currently attending San Jacinto College to pursue a degree in nursing.

The future groom is a 1996 graduate of Rice Consolidated High School and attended Texas State Technical College where he received an Associate Degree in Electrical Systems Technology. He is employed by LCRA as a relay technician.

The couple will be married at 3 p.m. July 8, 2006 at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Nada.

### Egg Production Up Eight Percent In Texas

March egg production in Texas totaled 436 million eggs, up eight percent from March 2005, and up 16 percent from February 2006, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during March averaged 19.2 million, up eight percent from last year and up two percent from February 2006.

Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,265 eggs, up one percent from last year and up 13 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 56.9 million, up slightly from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.84 billion eggs during March 2006, up one percent from a year ago.

Production included 6.73 billion

table eggs, 1.04 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 69 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 350 million during March 2006, up one percent from a year ago.

Production per 100 layers was 2,239 eggs, up slightly from March 2005.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 38.9 million, down seven percent from March 2005.

The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 817 million, was up slightly from March of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.01 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2006, down one percent from March 2005.

### Milk Production Up Nearly 15 Percent

Texas milk production totaled 656 million pounds during March, up 14.9 percent from last year's production of 571 million pounds. February 2006 production totaled 570 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during March averaged 328,000 head, up 10,000 head from last year and up 3,000 head from the February 2006 number.

Production per cow averaged 2,000 pounds during March, 205 pounds more than last year and 245 pounds more than February 2006.

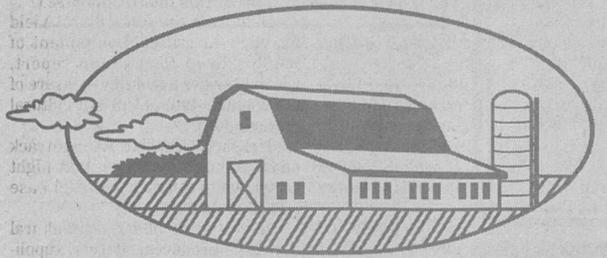
Milk production in the 23 states

participating in the monthly survey totaled 14.6 billion pounds, up 5.5 percent from production in these same states in March 2005.

February revised production, at 13.0 billion pounds, was up 5.9 percent from February 2005.

Production per cow during March averaged 1,773 pounds, 66 pounds above a year ago.

The average number of milk cows in the 23 states was 8.22 million head, 124,000 head more than last year and 17,000 head more than February 2006.



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## Winkler To Celebrate 20th Anniversary Of Ordination

Eddie Winkler was ordained to the priesthood for the Roman Catholic Church of Victoria on May 17, 1986.

The ordination and the first Eucharist at which he presided the next day, Pentecost Sunday, took place in Schulenburg in the sanctuary of Saint Rose of Lima Parish, his home parish.

He then spent 5 1/2 years as parochial vicar of Saint Philip the Apostle Parish, El Campo. Fr. Eddie was installed as pastor in Eagle Lake on January 10, 1992 of both Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish by the Most Reverend David Fellhauer, bishop of Victoria.

These two parishes were merged

by Bishop Fellhauer on March 1, 1995 to form the Parish of the Nativity.

January 15, 2006 was Fr. Eddie's last Sunday with the Parish of the Nativity after 14 years of ministry in Eagle Lake.

Bishop Fellhauer released Fr. Eddie from parochial duties for at least one year.

It was Fr. Eddie's request to be an outreach preacher for Cross Catholic Outreach (CICO).

www.crossecatholic.org.

Fr. Eddie is traveling to different parishes across the United States to preach the good news by being the voice for the poor.

His preaching helps raise funds for outreach projects supported by CICO in areas of complete poverty outside the United States.

Fr. Eddie invites the community to help him celebrate his 20th anniversary of ordination.

A simple celebration is prepared for Wednesday, May 17, starting with 5:30 PM Evening Prayer in the Parish of the Nativity Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary.

A social and covered dish meal in Didner Hall follow the Evening Prayer.

Fr. Eddie says, "I'm looking forward to seeing all of my Eagle Lake friends after being gone for four months!"

### Cattle On Feed Up 12 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.94 million head on April 1, up 12 percent from a year ago.

According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down two percent from the March 1 level.

Producers placed 485,000 head in commercial feedlots during March, up one percent from a year ago, and up 35 percent from the February 2006 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 540,000 head during March, unchanged from last year but up 46 percent from last month.

On April 1, there were 2.46 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 84 percent of the state's total.

The number on feed across the area was up 13 percent from last year, but down two percent from the March total.

March placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 401,000 head, up 31 percent from the February total.

Marketings were up 44 percent from last month to 441,000 head.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 11.8 million head on April 1, 2006. This inventory was nine percent above April 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.84 million head, five percent above March 2005.

March placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 380,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 342,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 565,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 550,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.96 million head, down slightly from 2005.

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4-H/FFA Tractor Technician Contest	8 a.m. (\$30 Pre-registration due by 4/15/06 and covers 3 member team registration, rubeys meal, and 1 teacher/chaperone meal.)
4-H/FFA Hay Heaving Contest	10 a.m. (\$10/team of 3)
Antique Tractor Pull	10 a.m. (Hook-up fee = \$10/pull)
4-H/Jr. FFA Pig Catching Contest	11 a.m. (No charge)
4-H/FFA Antique Tractor Restoration Contest	Judging @ 11 a.m. (\$10/entry)
Ranch Rodeo	12 p.m. (\$40/team of 4, open to first 15 teams to pre-register)
Antique Tractor/Equipment/Vehicle Parade thru the Ag Complex	12 p.m.
4-H/FFA Steer Saddling Contest	1:30 p.m. (\$15/team of 3)
Children's Pedal Tractor Pull (ages 2-7)	2 p.m. (No charge)
Tailgate/Pick-up Bed Cook Off - No Cook Trailers	Judging @ 6 p.m. (\$30/team of 3)
2 Live Bands - "Donnie Wynn's Polka Band"	12-4 and "Southbound 71" 4:30-8:30

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Excluding firearms, any and all exhibitors, vendors, businesses and organizations are invited to set up sales booths, exhibits, demonstrations, etc. There will not be a flat exhibitor fee - we are relying on your donations and sponsorship. Please plan to set up Friday, April 28, or Saturday, April 29, by 9 a.m.

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