

Cotton Production Down 40 Percent

The 2006 Texas Upland cotton crop is expected to total 5.1 million bales, 40 percent lower than in 2005, and 34 percent lower than in 2004.

Yield is expected to average 583 pounds per acre, compared with 723 pounds last year.

Acreage expected for harvest is estimated at 4.2 million acres, down 25 percent from 2005.

Corn production is forecast at 156.6 million bushels, down 26 percent from last year, and 33 percent less than in 2004.

Based on Aug. 1 conditions, statewide yield is expected to average 108 bushels per acre, six bushels less than in 2005.

Acres to be harvested for

grain, at 1.45 million, is down 22 percent from last year.

Texas peanut production is down 40 percent from last year, at 542.5 million pounds.

Statewide yield, at 3,500 pounds per acre, is equal to last year's level and harvested acreage is down 40 percent to 155,000 acres.

Sorghum production is forecast at 45.7 million hundredweight (cwt), 26 percent less than last year.

Acres to be harvested are estimated at 1.7 million acres, down eight percent from last year.

Yield, at 2,688 pounds per acre, is down 672 pounds from last year.

Rice producers expect to harvest 10.4 million cwt, down 24 percent from 2005.

Yield is forecast at 7,000 pounds per acre, 200 pounds more than last year.

The 2006 Texas soybean crop is forecast at 4.0 million bushels, down 33 percent from last year's production.

Harvested acreage, at 200,000, is down 13 percent from last year, and yield is expected to average 20 bushels per acre, compared with 26 bushels last year.

Oat production is forecast at 4.81 million bushels, up two percent from last year.

Yield is forecast at 37 bushels per acre, down six bushels from 2005.

Texas grape production is forecast at 4,600 tons, down 53 percent from last year's 9,700 tons.

United States corn production is forecast at 11.0 billion bushels, down one percent from last year's crop.

A yield of 152.2 bushels per acre is forecast, up 4.3 bushels from last year.

The sorghum crop is expected to be down 25 percent to 166.0 million cwt.

The U.S. Upland cotton crop is expected to total 19.5 million bales, down 16 percent from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 2.93 billion bushels, down five percent from last year.

The U.S. peanut crop is estimated at 3.26 billion pounds, down 32 percent from a year ago.

U.S. rice production is forecast at 197.2 million cwt, down 12 percent from 2005.



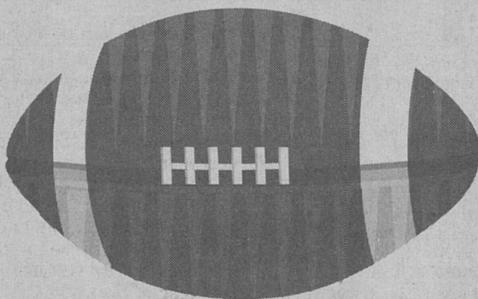
Officers and members of W. Cherry-M. Perry American Legion Post #108 met in East Bernard Saturday with District Legion personnel. The informal get together is held annually in all sections of Texas. Pictured from left to right are Rollin Baker, Victor Scott, Harold Remmert, Texas 9th District Commander; Robert Griffith, Robert Rohan, 9th District vice commander, and Stanley Kucherka.

Eagle Lake Youth Football Wins Opener

Eagle Lake's first youth football league team, the Red Raiders, won their first football game in Houston, Texas on Aug. 12 against Southwest Cowboys by a

score of 14-7. Their next game will be played at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 19 at Eagle Lake Middle School.

Those seeking more information may contact Life Sports at 713-870-7204.



Walzer Finalist For Student Of Year

Jessica Walzer, Rice High School 10th grade student, and daughter of Nichelle Cunningham and granddaughter of Clyde and Hattie Cunningham, was invited to participate in the Student of the Year Scholarship Pageant.

Jessica enjoyed a full weekend of activities starting on Friday, July 14 with check-in/registration and meetings.

Saturday, July 15 Jessica had projection interviews, and rehearsals the entire day, Sunday, July 16, Jessica had to participate in the actual pageant with her fellow candidates from across the State of Texas.

Jessica was awarded several medals. She was one of six finalists out of a total of 218 candidates from across the state.

She was voted Ms. Congeniality, awarded medals in the categories of communicative expression, onstage projection

and personality.

The event took place at the Bush Intercontinental Airport Marriott Hotel. Her mom, grandmother Hattie, and brother, Nicholas, accompanied her. On Sunday's events Jessica's grandmother, Oletha Jackson, also attended the event.

Jessica would like to acknowledge those who helped so she could raise the entry fee, Ben Davis Funeral Home, Greater Union Baptist Church under the pastorate of Rev. Lawrence Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde and Hattie Cunningham, Nichelle Cunningham, James Bartley, Leroy Johnson, Arlene Davis, Jimmie Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Matthews.

The following also provided Jessica the means for the hotel accommodations for the entire weekend, Mom, Nichelle and her grandparents, Clyde and Hattie

Cunningham.

Jessica's family is very proud of her. Keep up the great work!



Jessica Walzer

Young Farmer Contest Deadline Aug. 31

The Outstanding YF&R Contest is designed to reward exceptional young agricultural producers from across the state who depend on agriculture as their main income source.

Excellence in Agriculture Awards recognize young farmers and ranchers who are involved in agriculture but do not make the majority of their living from an operation they own.

All entry forms for both programs must be mailed directly to the Waco headquarters and received at the Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) offices by no later than Aug. 31, 2006.

In the YF&R applications, producers are asked to detail their farms or ranches, leadership activities, goals and plans for the future. They must be no older

than 35 year as of Jan. 31, 2007, and they be active Farm Bureau members.

District YF&R winners are selected from each of the 13 TFB districts.

That list of 13 is narrowed to three finalists, with the winner named at the TFB annual membership meeting in Arlington this December. Part of the prize package includes an expense paid trip to the American FB Federation's convention planned in Salt Lake City, Utah in January 2007.

Excellence in Agriculture contestants must be TFB members in good standing and younger than 36 years as of Jan. 31, 2007. Examples of eligible applicants include farm store managers, farm or ranch managers or people employed in similar types of agricultural enterprises.

Winners and runner-up are named at the annual state meeting in Arlington, and part of the top winner's prize package includes the trip to the national convention in Utah.

Applications may choose to enter either contest, but not both. There is no limit on the number of entries from each county.

All information contained in the applicants is kept strictly confidential and returned to the applicant after the selection process has been completed.

For application information, contact Coleburn Davis at 254-399-5037 or by e-mail at cdavis@txfb.org. You can also obtain an application online by visiting the TFB website at www.txfb.org and clicking on the "Young Farmer & Rancher" link, then selecting the appropriate link.

Leopold Receives Full Scholarship

Margie Leopold, a junior at Regis University, has been awarded the Clare Booth Luce Scholarship. Regis University, located in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, north of downtown Denver Colorado, is the smallest of 28 Jesuit Universities in the United States.

The Jesuits were founded by Saint Ignatius Loyola in 1540 and are recognized world wide for their educational institutions. Regis University was established in 1877 and was named in honor of Saint John Francis Regis, an 18th century Jesuit missionary.

The Clare Booth Luce Scholarship was awarded to two participants at Regis University with the criteria of being a woman and majoring in Computer Science. This is the first year that Regis University has awarded the scholarship, which entails full tuition paid for the next two years, approximately \$65,000.

Clare Booth Luce was a prominent Catholic, playwright, journalist, U.S. Ambassador to Italy, and the first woman elected to Congress from the state of Connecticut.

She established this scholarship program to "encourage women to enter, study, graduate, and teach in sciences, mathematics, and engineering." This scholarship program is the single most significant source of private support for women in science, engineering, and mathematics.

Any college can apply to participate into the Clare Booth Luce Scholarship program with the lone criteria of having the vision of increasing the representation of women in these areas. According to the terms of the bequest, at least fifty percent of the awards go to Roman Catholic colleges or universities.

Leopold will also have the opportunity to do some commu-

nity outreach and service type learning activities. Leopold will receive a \$600 stipend for going to conferences and seminars. She will begin a new research project that will relate back to Computer Science. Leopold will also participate in starting a new group at Regis for "Women in Science" where it will be a student/faculty group focusing on the work in many sciences. This group should be kicking off in the fall.

Leopold also will have the opportunity to work with United Nations Association - Colorado Division, working on a model to develop Model Uns online where students across the world can participate with each other in Model UN.

Margie is the daughter of Frederick and Cathy Leopold of Nada. She was a 2004 honor graduate from Rice Consolidated High School. She is double majoring in Computer Science and Mathematics at Regis University.

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