



Brownie Scouts Ariel Quenneville and Yazmine Gonzales assist W. Cherry-M. Perry American Legion Post #108 at their flag disposal Tuesday night at the City Park. Other members of the Brownie Troop and a number of citizens witnessed the disposal service under the direction of the Legionnaires.

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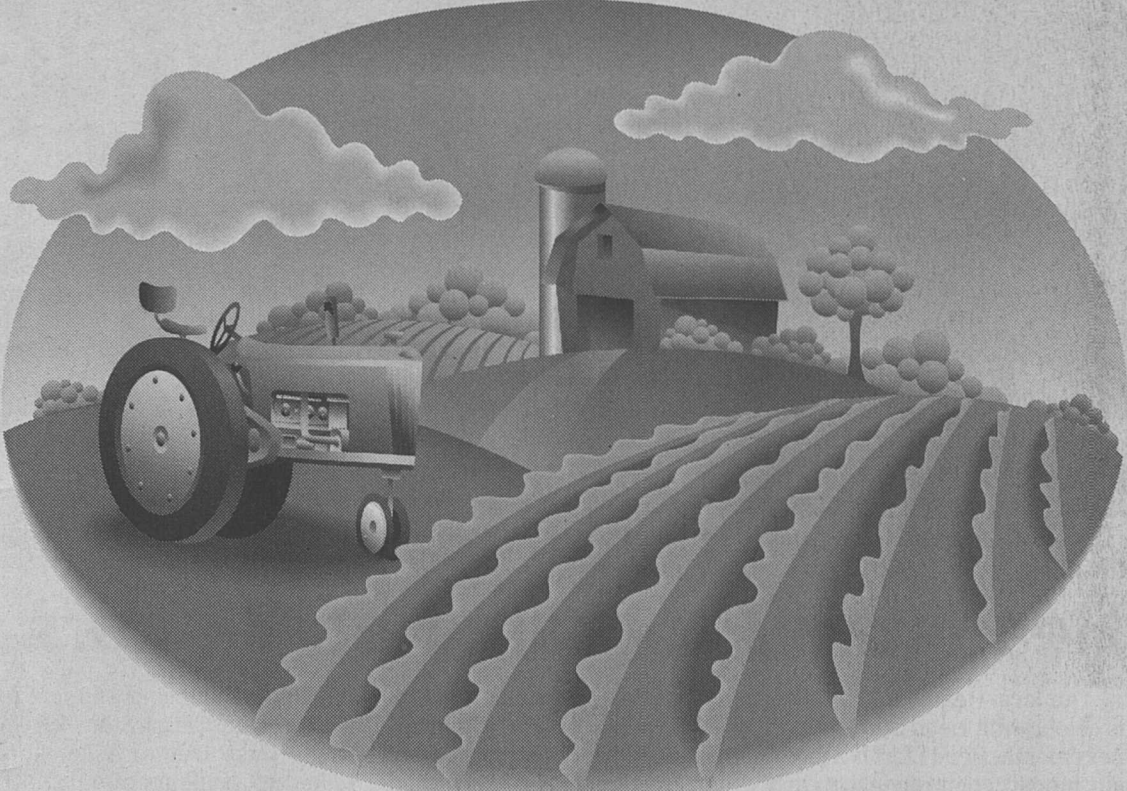
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Texas Crop Weather Report

Agricultural Summary
It was another rainy week for the Upper Coast and South East, as rainfall exceeded four inches in some areas, hindering field work.
Over two inches of rain fell in parts of the North East and South Central Texas.
Amounts decreased to the west and south, with 0.25 to one inches of rainfall recorded in the Blacklands, eastern Edwards Plateau, South, Lower Valley, Coastal Bend, and southern Trans-Pecos.
A trace to 0.25 inches were received in the Cross Timbers and Low Plains.
The area from the western Edwards Plateau through the Panhandle was almost entirely dry.
The High Plains reported a light freeze. High winds in the Plains, with gusts up to 60 mph, slowed cotton harvest somewhat, but milder daytime temperatures helped crops mature.
Hay baling was winding down in the Plains, where supplies were increased by recent rains.

Field Crops Report
Small Grains: Producers continued to plant winter wheat in the Plains, where the crop generally looked very good.
Producers in the Cross Timbers prepared fields and planted small grains; recent rainfall and lack of insect pressure got these crops off to a good start.
Rains delayed wheat planting in the North East. Small grains looked "great" in the Edwards Plateau because of recent rainfall.
The condition of winter wheat and of oats was mostly good to fair statewide.
Cotton: Harvest was in full swing in the Plains, although high winds slowed activity for a



couple days.
Producers destroyed disaster cotton in the Northern Low Plains.
Harvest resumed in the Trans-Pecos following rain earlier in the week. Statewide, cotton condition was mostly fair to poor.
Corn: Most producers in the Northern High Plains were wrapping up harvest for silage.
Sorghum: Growers began to harvest in the Northern High Plains, with seed sorghum coming out first while many producers waited for a freeze before starting to harvest grain sorghum.
Peanuts: Dry weather allowed producers to dig at a rapid pace in the Southern High Plains, but dew and recent rains hampered threshing.
Harvest continued in South Texas, where farmers also baled peanut hay. Peanut condition statewide was mostly good to fair.
Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report
Watermelon harvest was complete in the Southern High Plains, where yields and quality were mixed due to variable weather during the growing season.
Fall seeded onions in the

Trans-Pecos that just emerged faced a potential big loss of stand due to rains during the first irrigation.
Producers in the San Antonio-Winter Garden prepared fields, planted fall vegetables, and harvested cabbage, cucumbers, and green beans.
Pecans: Pecans were ready for harvest in the Trans-Pecos, but there was little activity as producers waited for the first freeze.
Producers harvested early varieties in the Edwards Plateau. Harvest was winding down in South Central areas.
Livestock, Pasture and Range Report
Producers began to fence off early planted winter wheat for grazing in the Northern High Plains.
Ranchers moved a lot of cattle into the High Plains, where the wheat pasture had good emergence and stand.
Pastures were greening up in the Southern Plains as fall and winter grasses emerged to replace native grasses.
Range and pastures were in excellent condition in the Northern Low Plains with little if any

supplemental feeding, and stock tanks were fuller because of recent rains.
Producers were getting their last cutting of Bermuda grass in the Cross Timbers, but hay was in short supply and ranchers continued to supplement livestock.
The Cross Timbers and Blacklands needed runoff rain to replenish stock tanks.
Pastures improved in the Blacklands, but some supplemental feeding was still necessary.
Much needed rain in the North East improved pastures and slowed liquidation of herds, but hay supplies continued to be low and producers planted winter pasture.
Rain helped seedling winter pastures in the South East and provided runoff to stock ponds.
Pastures also improved in the Trans-Pecos because of recent rain, as ranchers gathered cattle and shipped calves.
Fall calving was in full swing in South Central areas, where producers planted winter pasture.
Ranchers in South Texas were able to reduce supplemental feeding in areas that have received rain, and cattle body condition was generally fair to good.

Doggett Backs Beef Protection

Local Congressman Lloyd Doggett thanked the Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund for their support of his efforts to protect American beef producers in free trade agreements, including the Peru Free Trade Agreement currently pending in Congress.
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ing cattle and beef without first getting the trade rules right," commented Bruce Dopslauf, president of the Independent Cattlemen's Association (ICA) of Texas.
"Congressman Doggett's support on this letter is exactly what we need to start moving these agreements in the right direction for U.S. cattle producers."

USDA Announces Renewable Energy Funds

Bryan Daniel, State Director, Texas USDA Rural Development announced recently that Southwest Energy & Feed, (SWE&F) LLC has been selected to receive funding totaling \$1,678,472 through the agency's 9006 Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements Grant and Guaranteed Loan programs. To highlight this award, a ceremonial check was presented to Mr. Wayne Nixon, CEO of SWE&F during the BioEnergy Texas Conference held in Lubbock.
"USDA Rural Development will focus efforts to bring together agricultural producers and rural businesses to spur the development of our renewable energy options. Rural Texans have ideas and solutions that make a difference in the rural economies in which they farm, ranch and do business," said Daniel.
SWE&F, LLC will use the loan and grant funds to construct an oilseed extrusion and bio-diesel production plant. The facility will be located 18 miles southwest of Seminole, Texas in a rural farm area, convenient to customers of feed products and bio-diesel, and maintain access to both state highways and rail service. The facility will produce bio-diesel and cottonseed meal extruded from

cottonseed and other feedstock. The company expects to employ 12 full time employees in the local community.
To date, the Bush Administration has invested through this program nearly \$45 million in 32 states. This program can assist farmers, ranchers, and small businesses develop renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements to their operations.
"American agriculture is going through a time of enormous transformation," said Daniel. "We need to be bold in recognizing and capitalizing on new opportunities. Energy is unquestionably one of those areas that present tremendous opportunities for economic gains and ultimately an improved quality of life for rural Texans."
USDA Rural Development strives to see that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help rural Americans build strong economies to improve their quality of life. For further information regarding USDA Rural Development Programs, contact the Lubbock Local Office at (806) 785-5644, Extension 4.

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