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THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- 1923: THE TOMB OF KING TUT WAS OPENED.
- 1937: THE FABRIC NYLON WAS PATENTED.
- 1968: THE UNITED STATES' FIRST 9-1-1 PHONE SYSTEM WENT INTO EFFECT IN HALEYVILLE, AL.

Sheep Inventory Down Two Percent

The Texas inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 1.07 million head on Jan. 1, 2007, down two percent from last year's level of 1.09 million head.

According to the annual report released by the Texas Field Office, the inventory of breeding sheep and lambs totaled 820,000 head, down six percent from 2006.

Breeding ewes one year old and older were down two percent, at 675,000 head. Replacement lambs were down 22 percent from last year at 105,000 head.

The 2006 lamb crop totaled 520,000 head, down seven percent from 2005, State Director David Abbe reported.

Market sheep and lambs in Texas were up 14 percent from last year, totaling 250,000 head.

Sheep for market totaled 15,000 head, up 50 percent from 2006, while lambs for market totaled 235,000 head, up 12 percent from last year.

Lambs for market weighing less than 65 pounds totaled 95,000 head; lambs weighing 65 to 84 pounds totaled 30,000 head; lambs weighing 85 to 105 pounds totaled 50,000 head, and lambs weighing over 105 pounds totaled

60,000 head. The Jan. 1 Texas goat inventory was down one percent from last year at 1.30 million head.

Angora goats totaled 180,000 head, down 10 from last year, while meat and other goats were up one percent from last year to 1.09 million head.

Nationally, the inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 6.19 million head, down one percent from 2006.

United States breeding sheep inventory on Jan. 1, 2007, decreased slightly to 4.64 million head. Ewes one year and older, at 3.71 million head, were one percent higher than last year.

The 2006 lambing rate was 112 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older, on hand Jan. 1, 2006, down three percent from 2005.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 1.57 million head on Jan. 1, 2007. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total.

Market lambs weighing less than 65 pounds accounted for 25 percent of the total; 65 to 84 pounds, 14 percent; 85 to 105 pounds, 25 percent; and more than 105 pounds, 36 percent. Market sheep account for six percent.

Food FACT:

WHAT CHOCOLATE TREAT HAS THE SAME NAME AS A CERTAIN TYPE OF MUSHROOM?

ANSWER: TRUFFLES

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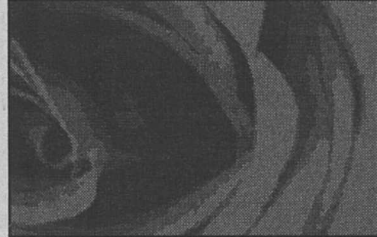
- English:** LOVE
- Spanish:** AMOR
- Italian:** AMORE
- French:** AMOUR
- German:** LIEBE

Did You KNOW?



A STANDARD GREETING IN EUROPE IS TO KISS A PERSON ON BOTH CHEEKS. THAT'S A LOT OF KISSING.

get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is featured here?

ANSWER: ROSE

American Legion Post #226 East Bernard

Annual Scholarship Fundraiser
Sunday, Feb. 11, 2007

Legion Hall, 1-1/2 miles south of East Bernard, Hwy. 60
EVERYONE IS INVITED
Meal starts at 11 a.m. • \$7 a plate
(BBQ chicken with all the trimmings) Dine In or Drive Thru • Auction 12:30 • Free Dance After Auction
Music by the Bobby Jones Czech Band

FIFTH IN A SERIES OF REPORTS ON THE LCRA-SAWS WATER PROJECT

Where does the study process stand today?

There's no question the lower Colorado River basin and the San Antonio area will need more water in the future. The proposed LCRA-SAWS Water Project could help meet those needs by conserving and developing water to be shared by the two regions.

But before it can proceed, the proposal must be thoroughly studied to make sure it will benefit the lower Colorado River basin by:

- Providing a long-term water supply for cities, industries, agriculture and recreation in the basin.
- Protecting the basin's water resources, including Matagorda Bay.
- Meeting the critical water needs of our basin during a severe drought.

LCRA and San Antonio Water System (SAWS) are in the fourth year of a six-year study phase to assess the proposal's technical, environmental and financial viability. During this phase, applications will be filed for federal, state and local permits that will be needed if the project goes forward.

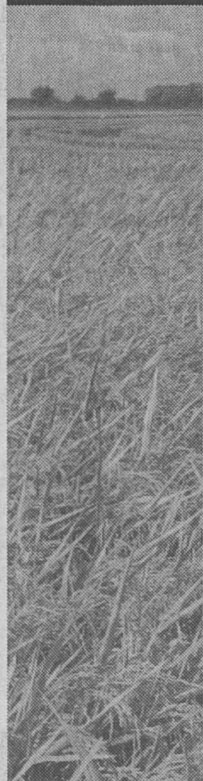
The project study team issues an annual progress report based on preliminary findings as they are reported and updated during the study process.

Study findings in the latest assessment, issued in January 2007, show the project should continue to be studied. The annual assessment can be viewed at www.lcra.org/lswp. Or copies may be requested by e-mailing lcraawaterproject@lcra.org or calling 1-800-776-5272, Ext. 7208.

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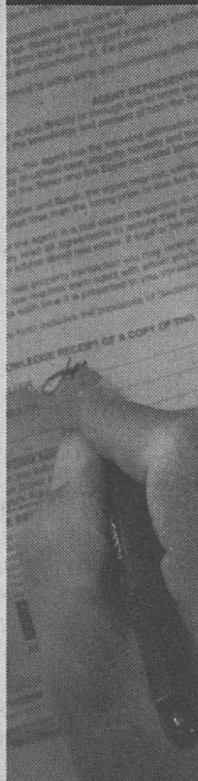
- 2006 project update: www.lcra.org/lswp
- Water supply agreement: www.lcra.org/lswp.
- House Bill 1629 (passed in 2001): www.lcra.org/lswp.
- Texas Water Development Board: www.twdb.state.tx.us
- Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group: www.regionk.org
- South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group: www.watershedexperience.com
- LCRA: www.lcra.org
- San Antonio Water System: www.saws.org

Strategies to Meet Future Needs



- Reduce agricultural irrigation demands for water with conservation practices and measures, such as laser-leveling fields, improving canals and growing a more water-efficient rice.
- Capture and store unused and excess river flows.
- Use a limited amount of groundwater for agriculture when surface water isn't available. (No groundwater would be sent to San Antonio.)

LCRA-SAWS Contract



- No water sold to SAWS the first 10 years, and water sales taper off the last 10 years.
- No more than 150,000 acre-feet* of water sold annually (depends on how much water the studies find is available).
- SAWS pays for its water supplies and the project's capital costs.
- After the contract expires, the water stays in the Colorado River basin to help meet future needs (or else the cost of the water will increase to five times LCRA's firm water rate).

* One acre-foot equals 325,851 gallons.

Legislative Requirements



- Before the project can proceed, it must meet legislative requirements in House Bill 1629 (passed in 2001):
- Protect and benefit the basin's interests.
 - Consistent with the state water planning process.
 - Ensure the health of Matagorda Bay.
 - Maintain river flows no less protective than currently required.
 - Require stringent water conservation by San Antonio.
 - Provide a broad public and scientific review process.
 - Raise average levels of lakes Travis and Buchanan higher than they would be without the project.
- The Legislature also prohibited the sale of groundwater to cities through the project.

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This series of reports provides the facts about the LCRA-SAWS Water Project, a proposed long-term water supply project to meet future water needs in the lower Colorado River basin and some needs in the San Antonio area. The Lower Colorado River Authority and the San Antonio Water System are conducting a six-year in-depth study of the project's technical, financial and environmental effects to determine if the project should proceed.