

Texas Crop Weather Report

Rainfall Keeps Soils Too Wet For Field Work

Moderate areas of the state received moderate to heavy amounts of moisture.

In Central and Eastern Texas, heavy downpours dropped from 1.0 to 8.0 inches.

The Panhandle received mostly 0.01 to 0.25 inches of rainfall.

South Texas received mostly 0.50 to 2.0 inches of rainfall.

The remaining areas of the state received mostly 0.50 to 1.50 inches of rainfall, as the large sections of the Lower Valley managed to avoid the rains entirely.

In most areas of the state, additional rainfall kept soils too wet

for field work.

Range conditions remained in good condition, but weed pressure continued to increase and cause problems in some fields.

Haying and baling continued in some areas where conditions allowed.

Livestock remained in good to excellent condition in most areas of the state.

There was an increase in grasshoppers and salt marsh caterpillars in many pastures statewide.

Supplemental feeding continued to decline across most areas of the state as forage growth increased.

Field Crops Report

Small Grains: Rainfall continued to delay harvest for most producers in both the Northern High Plains and Blacklands.

As conditions allowed, harvest of some early maturing varieties began in the Northern High Plains.

In the Blacklands, some wheat and oats were damaged due to recent rains.

Also in the Blacklands, sprouting in heads continued to increase.

Statewide, wheat condition was mostly good to excellent while oat condition remained mostly fair to good.

Cotton: Thrip pressure and seedling disease continued to increase and obstruct development in the High Plains.

The effects of recent hailstorms have become more visible in the Northern High Plains.

Planting was completed for most producers in the Southern High Plains, but many were busy running rotary hoes in order to keep cotton from blowing.

Cotton condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Corn: Corn was in good shape in both the Northern High Plains and Blacklands, as recent rains continued to improve conditions.

Statewide, corn condition was mostly fair to good.

Sorghum: Planting was in full swing in the Northern High Plains.

Milo producers in the Blacklands were faced with an increase in stinkbug problems. There were also reports of stinkbugs and head worms along the Coastal Bend, but the extent of damage was minimal as sorghum continued to mature rapidly.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

Growth and development continued in North East Texas; however some vegetable crops suffered from excess moisture.

Fall-planted onions continued to make good progress in North East Texas as some harvest began in other areas of the state.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Although recent rains have been beneficial to crops and pastures in the Blacklands, baling of hay was slowed due to excess moisture.

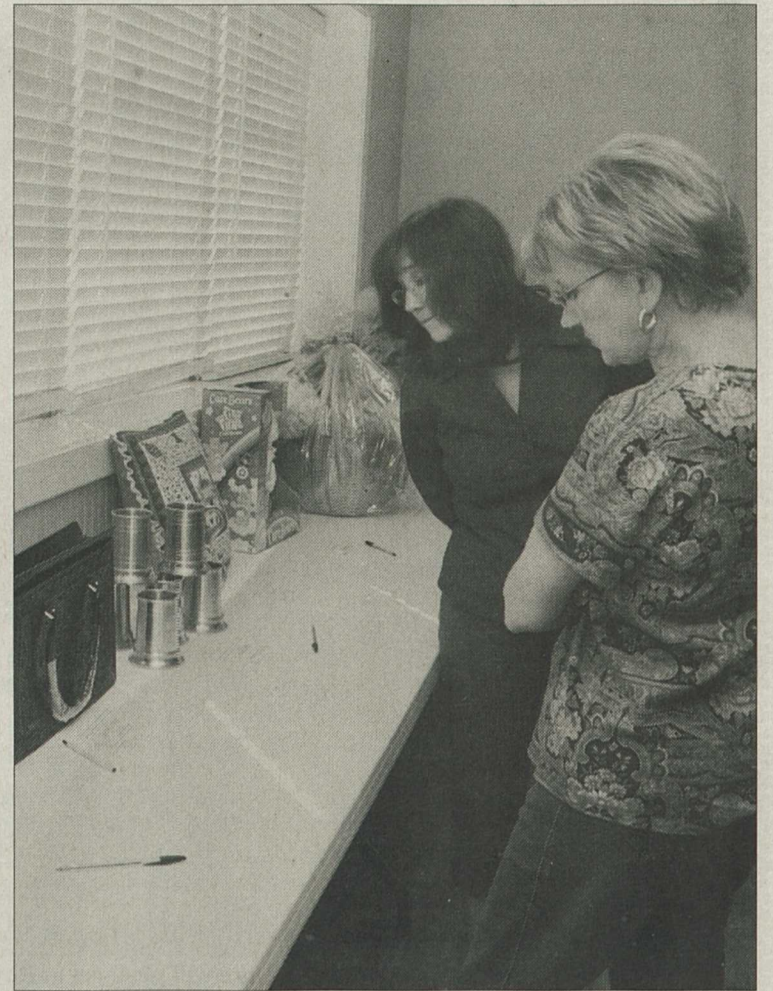
There were reports of good hay yields in North East Texas, despite the effects of recent storms.

Pastures were progressing and "greening up" in the Trans-Pecos.

Grasshopper populations continued to expand and cause damage to some range and pastures in some areas of the state. Shearing activities neared completion in the Edwards Plateau.

Native ranges and pastures continued to provide high quality forage for livestock in South Texas, but more rainfall is still needed in order to maintain lush conditions.

Statewide, range and pasture condition was mostly good to excellent.



Pictured above are Ramona Ray and Sylvia Rucka looking at what items to bid on at the Eagle Lake Police Department Fund-raiser Silent Auction held June 14 at the Community Center.

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Underneath your tooth's outer enamel and within the dentin is an area of soft tissue called the pulp, which carries the tooth's nerve, veins, arteries and lymph vessels. Root canals are very small, thin divisions that branch off from the top pulp chamber down to the tip of the root. A tooth has at least one, but no more than four root canals.

When the pulp becomes infected due to deep cavity or fracture that allows bacteria to seep in, or injury to trauma, it can die. Pain in the tooth is commonly felt when biting down, chewing on it and applying hot or cold food and drinks. To save the tooth, the pulp needs to be removed and the canals need to be sterilized and filled. A crown is usually necessary to complete the restoration of the tooth.

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Tips For Safe Use Of The ATM

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One place to always be alert about the perils of identity theft is when visiting the bank or automatic teller machine (ATM).

The experts at the California Bankers Association stress these useful safety tips for consumers who use ATMs:

* Keep your PIN number a secret. Never write it down or share it with anyone.

* Be aware of your surroundings, particularly at night. Make sure the ATM is free of sight obstructions. If you observe suspicious persons or circumstances, do not use the machine.

* Have your ATM card ready and in your hand as you approach the ATM.

* Use your body to "shield" the ATM keyboard as you enter your PIN.

* Always take your receipts or transaction records with you.

* Do not count or visually

display any money you received from the ATM. Immediately put your money into your pocket or purse and count it later.

* If you are using a drive-up ATM, be sure passenger windows are rolled up and all doors are locked. If you leave your car and walk to the ATM, lock your car.

"By taking some simple precautions, you can put your mind at ease while using banking facilities," said CBA president Janet W. Lamkin.

Plan Your Summer Trip With THC

With the summer vacation months upon us, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) encourages vacationers to plan their next trip using the "itinerary builder" function available for the 10 regions of the Texas Heritage Trails Program (THTP).

With gas prices reaching an all-time high, travelers can save money by staying close to home and visiting one of the scenic heritage trail regions filled with beauty, culture and history.

From towering mountains to the soothing call of Lake Texoma and every thing else in between,

the sites in each heritage region provide the perfect backdrop for an unforgettable summer excursion.

With more and more travelers utilizing the Internet as a travel resource, the user friendly "itinerary builder" feature allows adventurers to find information and build custom travel plans to adjust to varying needs.

Designed specifically for the THTP, the "itinerary builder" allows users to easily move between all 10 regional sites.

Vacationers can plan their trip based around attractions, cities and events. Options include printing the created itinerary, saving it for future reference, or e-mailing it to friends and family.

The THTP increases tourism at cultural and heritage sites in regions across Texas and revitalizes local economies through regional tourism development and marketing.

The THTP has sparked re-

surgence in Texas travel and has helped boost economic development throughout the state.

The program also stresses the importance of historic preservation to tourism and fosters effective local tourism leadership.

Based around 10 scenic driving trails, the routes incorporate the perfect partnership between historic preservation and tourism. The heritage regions included in the program are: Texas Brazos Trail, Forest Trail, Forts Trail, Hill Country Trail, Lakes Trail, Independence Trail, Mountain Trail, Pecos Trail, Plains Trail and Tropical Trail Regions.

To visit the 10 regional web sites visit www.thc.state.tx.us/travel. Use the map to select a region of interest. For free heritage trail guides call 866/276-6219.

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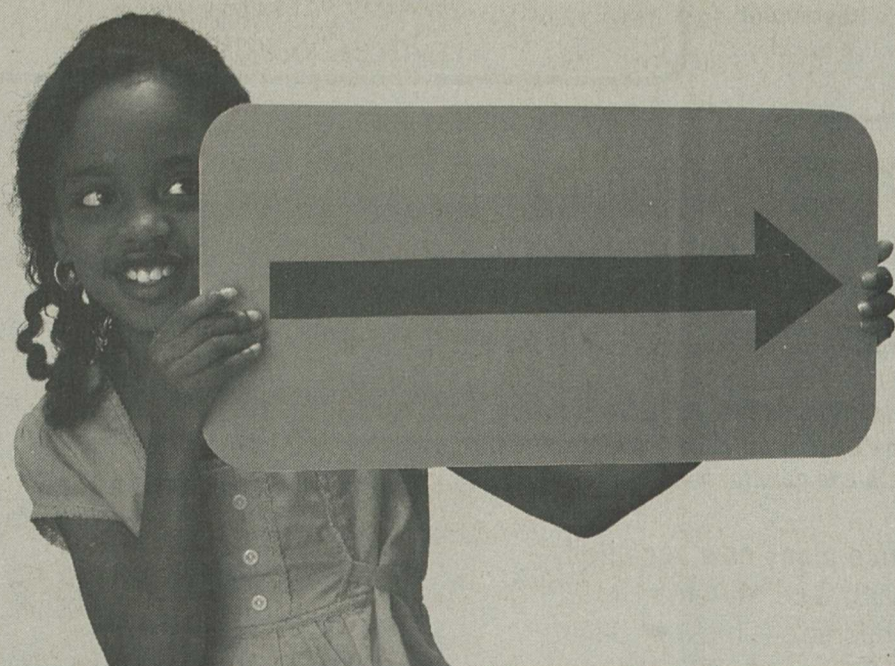
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Lower dressing utility & cutter cows 39-45
Thin Cows 30-38
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Heavyweight bulls 60-66
Utility cutter bulls 53-59

STEERS	#1	#2
150-300 lbs	150-180	120-145
300-400 lbs	128-145	112-125
400-500 lbs	118-127	105-116
500-600 lbs	112-120	98-110
600-700 lbs	102-111	90-99
700-800 lbs	92-102	82-91

HEIFERS	#1	#2
200-300 lbs	135-165	120-135
300-400 lbs	115-125	105-113
400-500 lbs	110-118	100-109
500-600 lbs	100-109	90-99
600-700 lbs	94-102	84-92
700-800 lbs	82-94	75-81

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