

Texas Crop Weather Report

Agricultural Summary

Hot and dry weather was prevalent across most regions of the state with scattered showers in the Panhandle and Trans-Pecos. Weather conditions continued to help cotton produce blooms and set bolls across most areas of the state. Corn continued to progress in some areas of the state as harvest was in full swing in most of Southern Texas. Soil moisture was adequate in most areas of the state.

The Panhandle and Trans-Pecos area received the most moisture with 0.01 to 0.50 inches of rainfall. The South East Coast received 0.01 to 0.10 inches of rainfall. All other areas of the state observed no precipitation for the week. Range and pasture conditions continued to be in good shape. Hay cutting and baling continued in most areas due to the hot and dry weather. Livestock remained in good to excellent condition in most areas of the state.

Field Crops Report

Cotton: Hot and dry weather continued to help cotton produce blooms and set bolls in some areas of the High Plains. Increased heat units helped cotton continue to progress as it was blooming and setting bolls in some areas of the Southern Low Plains. Cotton was doing well in the Edwards Plateau with some reports of cotton bollworm due to the excessive moisture. Cotton continued to progress well in South Texas as most areas were setting bolls. Cotton condition was mostly fair to good statewide. **Corn:** Corn was doing well in the Northern High Plains as irrigation continued in some areas. Corn continued to mature in the

Blacklands as some producers began to harvest. Harvest was in full swing in most areas of Southern Texas. Statewide, corn condition was mostly good to excellent. **Sorghum:** Sorghum was progressing well as it was starting to head in most areas of the High Plains. Harvest began in most areas of the Blacklands. Harvest continued in South Central Texas with high yields reported, but the quality was a concern due to excessive wet weather. Harvest was in full swing in South Texas. Sorghum conditions were mostly fair to good statewide. **Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report** Melon harvest continued in

some areas of the Southern High Plains, North East Texas, and Trans-Pecos. Pecans continued to develop in the Cross Timbers and Blacklands with scab and fungus reported in some areas. **Livestock, Pasture and Range Report** Livestock were in good condition across most areas of the state. Cattle continued to be in good shape across most areas of the state. Hay cutting and baling was in full swing in the Cross Timbers, Blacklands, East Texas, South Central Texas, and South Texas due to the hot and dry weather conditions. Ranges and Pastures remained in good condition with lots of green forage in most areas of the state.

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4-H State Fair Entries Due Aug. 20

The State Fair of Texas is scheduled for Sept. 28- Oct. 21. 4-H Members that plan to participate in the State Fair of Texas can come by the Extension office and pick up an entry form or you can download it from their website by going to www.bigtext.com. Entries for the State Fair are due in the Extension Office by Aug. 20 to give us an appropriate amount of time to fill out the proper paper work and get them in the mail. If you are a FFA student please contact your local Ag Teacher. Peggy Jurica Texas Cooperative Extension Colorado County Office Manager

NEWSBRIEFS

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ing the meeting, the FFA Booster Club will host a hamburger supper for parents and FFA members to welcome Ms. Jennifer Council, Ag Science Teacher. Hope to see you there!

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Meet the Teachers is Aug. 23

Rice Consolidated School District invites all parents and students starting Pre-K this school year to "Meet the Teachers" Thursday, August 23 from 5 to 6 pm at Eagle Lake Jr. High cafeteria.

ELJH students book pick-up Aug. 23-24

Thursday, Aug. 23 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday, Aug. 24 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. will be textbook pick up day for all 6th grade students at Eagle Lake Jr. High (ELJH). Please come by the school and get your child's books on either of these days. 7th and 8th grade students will receive their books on the first day of school.

Stress reliever workshop is Aug. 23

A Stress Reliever Workshop will be held Thursday, Aug. 23 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Youth and Family Services, 1336 Fannin in Columbus. The workshop is free to the public. Snacks will be provided. No daycare or child care will be provided. For more information call 979-732-8355. The stress reliever workshop will help the parent learn how to cope with stress at home and will focus on stress reduction and family activity ideas.

Ole Skool Dance to be held August 25

Ole Skool Dance will be held August 25 at the Eagle Lake Community Center at 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. Presale tickets are \$10 and tickets at the door are \$15. Battle of the DJ's, food and plenty of dancing so put on your dancing shoes and let's have a good time. Sponsors are Ms. O. Batiste of Hair So Silky, Ms. M. Lemons of Furniture Discount, Mr. R. Carroll of Shaky Juke Joint, Mr. C. Upson of Upson and Sons, Mr. J. Martin of Jake's Diesel, Ms. K. Davidson of You'Nique Hair Care, Mr. M. Black of The Place, and Mr. I. Collins of Mark IV. Call Ms. Marsha Thomas at 979-234-5807 or Ms. Ruby Johnson at 979-234-3567 for ticket information. All proceeds will go to "The Malcom Thomas Scholarship Foundation."

Time to order lamb and goat tags

Time is fast approaching for 4-Her's and FFA students to make decisions on how many ear tags they will need for the 2008 Texas 4-H/FFA Lamb Validation and Texas 4-H/FFA Goat Validation Programs for the major livestock shows. The tags will cost \$9 each. In order to get our orders in on time we ask that you please turn in your orders to the Extension Office by August 27. Tags must be paid for at the time of order.

Library seeking nominations

The Wintermann Library Board of Directors is taking nominations for the Eula and David Wintermann Wall of Honor. Nominees should be those who have taken part in the accomplishments and/or support of the library. The inductee this year will be presented at the Study Club Auction on Sept. 22. If you are interested in nominating someone, stop by the library and pick up an application. Nominations must be made before Sept. 11.

Multi-Year reunion planned

Rice High School Classes of 1976-81 are planning a reunion to be held in Eagle Lake on Saturday, October 27, beginning at 3 p.m. Information letters will be going out soon to those whose addresses we have. If you do not receive a letter but would like to participate, contact GayeLynn Thomas (979-234-5693 or gayelynnthomas@sbcglobal.net) or Lisa Hoffman (979-758-3933 or thierry@elc.net) for more information. Also, we'd like to hear from any graduates of RHS Classes of 1971-75, 82 and 83 who would like to be a part of this event.

Wheat Production Way Up In State

The 2007 Texas winter wheat crop is forecast at 144 million bushels, up 329 percent from last year and 50 percent from 2005. This estimate is the same as the July forecast. According to an Aug. 1 survey conducted by the Texas Field Office, statewide yield is expected to average 36 bushels per acre, up 12 bushels from last year and unchanged from the July forecast. This would tie the record yield

set in 1999. Harvested acreage, at four million acres, is up 186 percent from 2006. Production on the Northern High Plains is forecast at 80.9 million bushels, up 442 percent from last year. Winter wheat production on the low plains is forecast at 28.7 million bushels, up 375 percent from last year. Production on the Blacklands is estimated at 15.9 million bushels, up 122 percent from last year. Production on the Edwards

Plateau is forecast at 4.2 million bushels, up 285 percent from the 2006 crop. U.S. winter wheat production for 2007 is forecast at 1.54 billion bushels, down two percent from last month but 18 percent above 2006. Yield is expected to average 41.3 bushels per acre, down 0.3 bushel from last month and down 0.4 bushel from last year. Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to total 37.2 million acres, down 1 percent from last month but up 20 percent from last year.

Beer Battered Onion Rings

Beer-Battered Onion Rings

Makes About 20 Rings

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
 - 1 teaspoon Lawry's seasoned salt
 - 2 teaspoons paprika
 - 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
 - 1 egg
 - 1/2 can (6 ounces) beer
 - 2 cups Corn Chex, crushed into a powder
 - 3 large yellow onions, sliced into 1/2-inch rings
 - freshly ground black pepper
- Preheat oven to 375 F. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil, shiny side up.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, seasoned salt, paprika, garlic powder, and pepper to taste.

Turn out onto a plate. In a small bowl, beat together the egg and beer. Set aside. Turn the crushed Corn Chex out onto another plate.

Working with one onion ring at a time, dip a ring into the seasoned flour, tap off the excess, dip into the egg mixture, and, finally, dip into the crushed Corn Chex.

Lay the onion rings in a single layer on the prepared baking sheet.

Mix together the remaining egg mixture and Corn Chex and pour over the onion rings.

Bake for about 20 minutes, until golden brown.

EAGLE LAKE WEATHER REPORT

Information Courtesy of Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Experiment Station, Eagle Lake

Date	Temp (H/L)	Rainfall(in.)
Mon. 8-06-07	93/74	0.00
Tue. 8-07-07	93/74	0.00
Wed. 8-08-07	95/73	0.00
Thu. 8-09-07	95/73	0.00
Fri. 8-10-07	94/76	0.00
Sat. 8-11-07	96/76	0.00
Sun. 8-12-07	98/75	0.00



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HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, all eyes are on you this week so you better be in top form. Higher-ups expect great things from you and you're not about to disappoint. Good fortune is in store for Tuesday.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
This week is bound to be a fun adventure, Taurus. Be ready to kick up your heels and throw caution to the wind. Bring Pisces along to share in the excitement.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21
Gemini, someone close to you could use a pick-me-up so step up to the task. Remember to show compassion in this situation, because the thing the person needs least is a lecture.

CANCER - June 22/July 22
Cancer, this week you'll seek the approval of a family member but for all the wrong reasons. You're normally secure enough in yourself that you don't need an ego boost.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23
Your finances have been rocky for a while, but things level out this week, Leo. Use the break to get a better grip on your finances for the rest of the year.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
It's not in your nature to hold a grudge, Virgo. Therefore, let a miscommunication between you and a family member go and move on. Big changes are around the corner.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, your dishonesty in a situation has been haunting you. Now is the time to come clean and redeem yourself. A phone call from a distant relative surprises you.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

If you've felt torn between making decisions on the homefront, consider doing your hard thinking this week. The stars allow everything to become clear for you.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
You've been on the fence about attending a family event, Sagittarius. You should surround yourself with those you know will buoy your spirits, so consider going.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, make amends for something you did that a friend took poorly. Even if you don't believe yourself to be in the wrong, it always pays to be the bigger person.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
This is the perfect time to dabble in a real estate venture. Your stars are strong in home-related matters, so there won't be a better time to take action.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
A romance is rekindled and you will be on Cloud Nine this week, Pisces. Focus on keeping the relationship ablaze. This one is for keeps.

- FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS**
- AUGUST 12
George Hamilton, Actor (68)
 - AUGUST 13
Dan Fogelberg, Singer/Songwriter (56)
 - AUGUST 14
Halle Berry, Actress (41)
 - AUGUST 15
Ben Affleck, Actor (35)
 - AUGUST 16
Vanessa Carlton, Singer (27)
 - AUGUST 17
Robert De Niro, Actor (64)
 - AUGUST 18
Patrick Swayze, Actor (55)