



4-H members and volunteers who attended a proclamation signing by Judge Al Jamison proclaiming October 7-13, 2007 Colorado County 4-H Week. Seated left to right: Jacob Valenta, Wyatt Lindgren, Nicole Hoelscher, Judge Jamison, Kristy Kulhanek.

Second row left to right: Ethan Ayala, Mikayla and Taylor Holmann, Shelby Hoelscher. Back row left to right: Peggy Jurica, Pam Hollmann, Bryan and Carlenna Jacobs, Simone Petrosky, Sally Kulhanek, Sally Garrett, Dale Rankin and Judy Hoelscher.

Texas Crop Weather Report

Agricultural Summary

Warm and dry conditions continued across most areas of the state with scattered showers in the Eastern half of Texas.

Winter wheat planting and land preparation continued across most areas of the state. Cotton bolls continued to open as producers were preparing for harvest in the Panhandle.

Cotton harvest continued in South Texas as producers took advantage of the favorable dry conditions.

Good yields were reported in the Northern High Plains and the Blacklands as corn harvest was

winding down.

Sorghum harvest continued in the Panhandle and the Edwards Plateau.

Peanut harvest continued in the High Plains. Soil moisture was adequate in most areas of the state. South East Texas received the most rain with 0.50 to 1.0 inches of rainfall.

The Blacklands and North East Texas received 0.10 to 0.50 inches of rainfall. South and South Central Texas received 0.01 to 0.25 inches of rainfall.

The rest of the state was mostly dry. Hay production continued across most areas of the state as

weather permitted with reports of increasing quality.

Ranges and pastures continued to be in good condition across most areas of the state. Livestock remained in good condition in most areas of the state.

Field Crops Report

Small Grains: Winter wheat planting continued in the Northern High Plains. Planted wheat in the Southern High Plains was progressing well.

Early planted wheat growth was at a standstill in the Southern Low Plains due to continued hot and dry conditions. Wheat planting in the Blacklands increased due to the recent rains.

Wheat producers in South Texas resumed planting activities as they were waiting for rainfall to provide adequate soil moisture for germination. Wheat condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Cotton: Cotton was looking good in the Northern High Plains except for some areas that received hail damage.

Cotton bolls continued to open as most farmers were starting to apply harvest aid chemicals in the Southern High Plains.

Hot and dry weather helped the cotton mature in the Northern Low Plains. Some producers were defoliating their cotton in the Southern Low Plains.

Harvest was in full swing in the Blacklands. Cotton harvest neared completion in the Coastal Bend as weather permitted. Cotton harvest continued in South Texas as producers took advantage of the favorable dry conditions. Cotton condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Corn: Good yields were reported in the Northern High Plains and the Blacklands as harvest was winding down. Statewide, corn condition was mostly good to excellent.

Sorghum: Sorghum remained in good condition as harvest continued in the Northern High Plains.

Harvest was progressing well in the Southern Plains. Harvest continued in the Edwards Plateau. Sorghum conditions were mostly fair to good statewide.

Peanuts: Peanut harvest was in full swing in the Southern High Plains. Harvest continued in the Northern Low Plains as weather permitted.

An increase of irrigation helped the peanut crop continue to develop in South Texas. Peanut conditions were mostly good to excellent statewide.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

Pecan limbs that were not severely affected by scab were having problems with limb breakage due to heavy loads in the Cross Timbers. There were some reports of fall webworms in the pecan trees in the Edwards Plateau.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Livestock continued to be in good condition across most areas of the state. Hay production continued across most areas of the state as most producers were making their final cut.

Statewide, range and pasture conditions were mostly fair to good.

Annual 4-H Fruit Sales Underway

Colorado County 4-H members are in the process of holding their annual fruit sales campaign.

They are selling Texas Sweet oranges and grapefruit, as well as apples and pears.

These are available in several different sizes of boxes and fruit combinations.

The fruit is coming from River Star Farms in Mercedes, Texas.

In addition to the fruit, 4-H members will be selling pecans, peanuts, cashews, pistachios, almonds and walnuts again this year.

Items that are available include: raw pecan halves and pieces, flavored and frosted pecan cashews, raw and flavored peanuts, cashews, walnuts, pistachios, almonds, trail mixes and a variety of gift sets.

These items will be available

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Through August 2007, 26,461 people have been caught trespassing on Union Pacific Railroad property.

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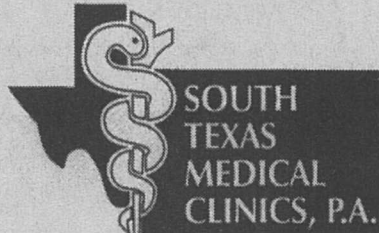
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