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## Texas Crop Forecast

The 2007 Texas Upland cotton crop is expected to total 8.1 million bales, up 40 percent from 2006 and up 8 percent from last month, according to the Texas Field Office.

Yield is expected to average 827 pounds per acre, up 61 pounds from last month and 148 pounds more than a year ago.

Objective yield measurements in Texas for November show bolls per acre and boll weight are the largest on record, reported State Director David Abbe.

Corn production is forecast at 285 million bushels, up 62 percent from last year's production and up 4 percent from last month.

Based on November 1 conditions, statewide yield is expected to average 150 bushels per acre, 29 bushels more than in 2006 and up 6 bushels from last month.

Texas peanut production, at 629 million pounds, is up 22 percent from last year.

Statewide yield, at 3,400 pounds per acre, is down 150 pounds from last year and unchanged from last month.

Sorghum production is forecast at 96.8 million hundred-weight, up 177 percent from last year and up 4 percent from last month.

Yield, at 4,032 pounds per acre, is up 1,344 pounds from last year and up 168 pounds from last month.

Rice production is forecast at 9.8 million cwt, down 9 percent from 2006 and down 1 percent from last month.

Yield is forecast at 6,700 pounds per acre, down 470 pounds from a year ago and down 100 pounds from last month.

The 2007 Texas soybean crop is forecast at 2.7 million bushels, down 27 percent from last year's production and up 6 percent from last month's forecast.

Yield is expected to average 34 bushels per acre, up 10 bushels from last year and up 2 bushels from last month.

United States' corn production is forecast at 13.2 billion bushels, up 25 percent from last year's crop and down 1 percent from last month.

A yield of 153 bushels per acre is forecast, up 3.9 bushels from last year and down 1.7 bushels from last month.

The sorghum crop is up 85 percent from last year to 288.2 million cwt.

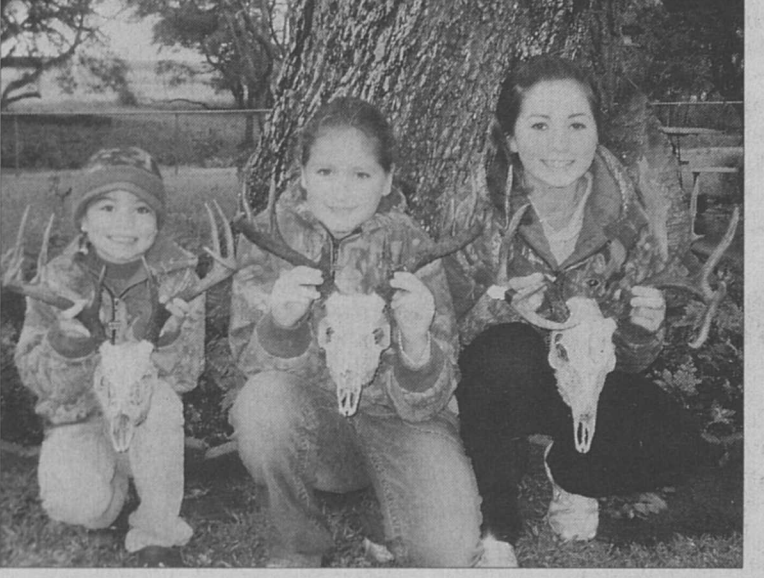
The U.S. Upland cotton crop is expected to total 18.1 million bales, down 13 percent from last year, and up 4 percent from October.

Soybean production is forecast at 2.59 billion bushels, down 19 percent from last year, and down slightly from last month.

The U.S. peanut crop is estimated at 3.47 billion pounds, up marginally from a year ago. U.S. rice production is forecast at 198 million cwt, up slightly from October and up 2 percent from 2006.



Ashton Pavlu helped improve the Colorado County deer herd by taking his first deer, a 6 point cull buck, with his first shot of the season one day before his 10th birthday on November 23, 2007. Ashton was hunting with his Uncle, Brian Hyek, who has been taking him hunting and preparing him for this moment all season. The gun that he used was a .22 Hornet that belongs to his PoPo, Victor Hyek. Ashton also had a little help from friend Lisa Lumpkin, who spotted the deer for him. Ashton enjoyed every hunt this season (including the cold windy Thanksgiving day hunt) more than he enjoyed being initiated into Deer Hunting. Ashton's parents, Larry and Vicky Jo Pavlu, are very proud of him!



Riley, Bailey, & Kelsey Schneider harvested nice bucks over the Thanksgiving Holiday. They are daughters of John & Audrey Schneider of Katy, Granddaughters of George & Barbara Williams, and Tony & Annie Schneider, and Great Granddaughters of Charlyne Williams all of Garwood.

## Online Shopping Safety Tips Given

Shopping online is a great way to buy holiday gifts or birthday presents. But savvy shoppers should beware of scammers who will take your money but never deliver, or worse, steal credit card numbers.

Here are guidelines from the experts at buySAFE, Inc., a trust and safety company for e-commerce transactions:

If the price is too good to be true, it probably is. However, high prices don't assure items are legitimate or the merchant will perform.

If a seller has only a few pictures and won't share more, you're likely dealing with someone illegitimate. Digital copying of pictures from catalogs or other retailers' sites can make any website look good. If the merchant is selling something genuine, he should be happy to provide more photos and other information.

Before purchasing, read and understand all terms of sale, including shipping costs, return policies and accepted payment methods. If the merchant hasn't addressed these items in a clear, professional way, or if the policies are overly restrictive, that's a serious warning sign.

If you're unsure about a product or transaction, communicate with the merchant by phone or e-mail before making any payment. Honest merchants should be happy to respond.

The best way to protect yourself when shopping online is to look for a trusted, third-party endorsement of the merchant. For example, look for select bonded merchants that display the buySAFE Seal. Always verify third-party endorsements by clicking on the seal.

## Caution Urged For Xmas Lighting

Holiday lights can look great on your tree and adorning your home's exterior, but safety should be at the top of your list when decorating.

During the holidays, many people put themselves at increased risk to fire and electrocution. Each year holiday decorations and Christmas trees account for almost 2,000 fires and cause more than \$41 million in property damage.

The simple truth: many of these fires could be prevented. Almost a quarter of all Christmas tree fires are started because a tree was placed too close to a heat source. And according to a recent study by the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) more than 20 percent of Americans do not take the simple step of turning off lighted decorations before going to bed.

That's why the experts at ESFI are urging holiday revelers to follow important safety advice when decorating for the season.

Before you begin, read and follow the manufacturer's instructions concerning installation and maintenance of all electrical decorations.

Inspect each decoration before plugging into an outlet. Cracked, frayed, or bare wires and loose connections may cause a serious electric shock or start a fire.

Prevent shock by plugging outdoor decorations into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters.

Avoid plugging in too many holiday lights and other decorations into a single outlet. Overloaded outlets can overheat and cause a fire.

Be careful not to mount or hang light strands in any way that might damage the cord's insulation.

Use only lights and electrical decorations that have been certified by a recognized independent testing laboratory such as UL, CSA or ETL.

Before using electrical products outdoors, make sure the product is approved and marked "for outdoor use."

Send warranty and product registration forms to manufacturers. That way, they can notify you promptly in case of a recall or safety concerns.

Turn lights and other decorations off when you leave or go to bed.

Remember, good safety habits are still the best prevention against electrical hazards all year long.

For more holiday electrical safety information, visit ESFI online at [www.holidaysafety.org](http://www.holidaysafety.org).

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**STRESS AND YOUR TEETH**  
Stressed out? You may be grinding your teeth in your sleep. If your jaw hurts when you wake up, see your dentist.

You may be taking out everyday stress on your jaw - perhaps in your sleep. Grinding your teeth (called bruxism) can break or wear them down. Even more serious is the harm it can do to your jaw joint (the temporomandibular joint). Tooth grinding is probably the most destructive dental habit that adults can have.

If you grind your teeth while asleep, you may be unaware of the problem, so watch out for these symptoms: pain when chewing, a tired jaw upon awakening, and unexplained headaches. Treatment may include a night guard that you wear while sleeping to protect teeth from the effects of grinding and dental restoration to improve the bite.

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EXHIBIT C-2

**RICE CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES  
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2007

Data Control Codes	10			
	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	98 Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 8,315,446	\$ 56,931	\$ 670,708	\$ 9,043,085
5800 State Program Revenues	3,514,908	--	279,084	3,793,992
5900 Federal Program Revenues	97,253	--	1,936,105	2,033,358
5020 Total Revenues	11,927,607	56,931	2,885,897	14,870,435
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	6,427,153	--	1,467,596	7,894,749
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	103,332	--	68,547	171,879
0013 Curriculum and Staff Development	38,160	--	45,229	83,389
0021 Instructional Leadership	17,344	--	24,374	41,718
0023 School Leadership	915,949	--	--	915,949
0031 Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services	291,657	--	139,692	431,349
0032 Social Work Services	190	--	--	190
0033 Health Services	105,469	--	89	105,558
0034 Student Transportation	380,075	--	2,111	382,186
0035 Food Service	18,958	--	692,805	711,763
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	430,796	--	--	430,796
0041 General Administration	717,220	--	--	717,220
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	1,433,188	--	--	1,433,188
0061 Community Services	17,257	--	5,594	22,851
0071 Principal on Long-term Debt	--	--	345,000	345,000
0072 Interest on Long-term Debt	--	--	37,150	37,150
0073 Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	--	--	350	239,202
0081 Capital Outlay	62,337	389,965	--	452,302
6030 Total Expenditures	10,959,085	628,817	2,828,537	14,416,439
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	968,522	(571,886)	57,360	453,996
Other Financing Sources and (Uses):				
7911 Capital-Related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	--	16,644,784	--	16,644,784
7915 Transfers In	--	--	78,625	78,625
7916 Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	--	237,801	--	237,801
8911 Transfers Out	(78,625)	--	--	(78,625)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	(78,625)	16,882,585	78,625	16,882,585
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	889,897	16,310,699	135,985	17,336,581
0100 Fund Balances - Beginning	8,233,274	1,116,550	69,112	9,418,936
1300 Prior Period Adjustment	--	--	(5,291)	(5,291)
Fund Balances - Beginning, as Restated	8,233,274	1,116,550	63,821	9,413,645
3000 Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 9,123,171	\$ 17,427,249	\$ 199,806	\$ 26,750,226

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