

## Texas Crop Weather Report

For the week of Nov. 19 -Nov. 25.

Scattered showers and near freezing temperatures were prevalent across most of Texas.

Cotton harvest was virtually completed in South Central Texas and the Blacklands as the Panhandle and Edwards Plateau continued to harvest.

Corn harvest neared completion in the Northern High Plains.

Grain sorghum harvest neared completion in South Central Texas.

Pecan harvest continued in the Cross Timbers, Blacklands, and North East Texas.

Colder temperatures provided better growing conditions for spinach, green beans, and cabbage in South Texas.

Soil moisture was mostly short to adequate across the state.

East Texas and the Upper Coast received the most rainfall with 1.5 to 3.0 inches of rainfall.

The Blacklands, Cross Timbers, South Central Texas, and the Edwards Plateau received 1.0 to 2.0 inches of rainfall.

The Panhandle, Trans-Pecos and South Texas received the least amount of rainfall with 0.01 to 0.25 inches.

Supplemental feeding was ongoing across most areas of the state as pasture conditions continued to decline due to lack of rainfall.

**Field Crops Report**

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat continued to be in need of moisture in the Southern Plains and

the Northern High Plains.

Wheat fields were severely stressed in the Northern Low Plains due to lack of moisture.

Winter wheat in the Cross Timbers was looking good but could use some rain.

Most of the planted winter wheat in the Blacklands was in need of moisture.

Winter wheat planting continued in South Central Texas.

Wheat condition was mostly poor to fair statewide.

Oats condition was mostly poor to fair statewide.

Cotton: Dry conditions allowed for cotton harvest to continue in the Panhandle and Trans-Pecos.

Harvest was mostly complete in the Blacklands and South Texas.

Cotton conditions were mostly good to excellent statewide.

Corn: Corn harvest neared completion in the Northern High Plains.

Statewide, corn conditions were mostly fair to good.

Sorghum: High winds continued to delay sorghum harvest in the Northern High Plains.

Grain sorghum harvest neared completion in South Central Texas.

Sorghum conditions were mostly fair to good statewide.

Peanuts: Peanut harvest continued in South Texas.

Peanut conditions were mostly fair to good statewide.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report**

Pecan harvest continued in the Cross Timbers and the Blacklands.

Pecan harvest continued in North East Texas with good quality reported.

Colder temperatures provided better growing conditions for spinach, green beans, and cabbage in South Texas.

Citrus and Vegetable harvest continued in the Lower Valley.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report**

Supplemental feeding of livestock was in full swing across most of the state.

Hay supplementation increased in the Northern Low Plains, North East Texas, and the Upper Coast.

Pasture conditions continued to decline across most of the state due to lack of rainfall.

Pastures were doing well in North East Texas and South Central Texas due to recent rainfall.

Range and Pasture conditions were fair to good statewide.

## Colorado County Courthouse Report

### Eight Sentenced In District Court

Eight individuals were sentenced in Colorado County District Court on Monday, Nov. 19.

They included:

—Randy E. Clayton, burglary of habitation. Probation conditions modified.

—Jared D. Fields, possession of controlled substance. Sentenced to two years deferred adjudication, fined \$1,500.

—Jerry Lee Henneke, Jr., driving while intoxicated 3rd or more.

Sentenced to 10 years deferred adjudication, probated five years, fined \$1,000/SAFP.

—Don R. Hennis, Jr., burglary of a building. Probation conditions modified, Central Texas Treatment Center.

—Stralecia A. Johnson, fraud use/possession of identifying info. Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, fined \$500.

—Ryan Lee Knesek, burglary of habitation. Sentenced to 10 years TDC, probated 10 years, fined \$1,000, and SAFFP.

—Kathy Dawn Lynch, delivery

of a controlled substance. Sentenced to seven years TDC.

—Reuben Bernard Moss, possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to 10 years deferred adjudication, fined 1,000, 90 days in jail as C.O.P.

### Divorces Filed

Grady D. Todd and Debra J. McHenry Todd, Nov. 21.

Yesenia Cervantes and Luis Cervantes, Nov. 27.

### Divorce granted

Cathryn Mae Stern and Donnie Gene Stern, Nov. 26.

## Warm Up With A Bowl Of Filet Stew

When the winter weather hits full swing, few things are as welcoming to someone who's been outside as a warm bowl of soup or stew.

That's especially true when the soup or stew contains ingredients that will stick to the ribs, such as those in the following recipe for "Filet Mignon and Barley Stew With Spinach" from Robin Asbell's "The New Whole Grains Cookbook" (Chronicle Books).

**Filet Mignon and Barley Stew with Spinach**

Makes about 4 servings

1 pound beef tenderloin or other tender steak

3 tablespoons whole wheat pastry flour

1/4 teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

1 medium onion, chopped

1 medium carrot, chopped

3 tablespoons tomato paste

1/2 cup hulled barley, soaked overnight

5 cups beef stock

1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme

4 cups coarsely chopped spinach

Cut the beef into 1-inch, bite-size pieces.

Combine the flour, salt and the cracked pepper on a plate, and then roll half of the beef in this seasoned flour.

In a large Dutch oven or soup pot, heat the olive oil.

Add the unfloured half of the beef, and cook over medium-high

heat until the beef is browned but still rare in the center.

Scrape the beef into a bowl, drain the fat back into the pan and cook the floured beef.

Transfer that beef to the bowl also. Quickly add the onion and carrot to the hot pan and scrape up the browned bits.

As soon as the onion is golden, add the tomato paste and cook, stirring constantly, for 2 to 3 min-

utes, until it is a shade darker.

Add the barley, stock and thyme and bring to a boil.

Cover, lower the heat to a simmer, and cook for 30 to 40 minutes.

When the barley is tender, add the beef to the pan and reheat. Stir in the spinach.

Serve as soon as the spinach is just wilted and the beef is hot.

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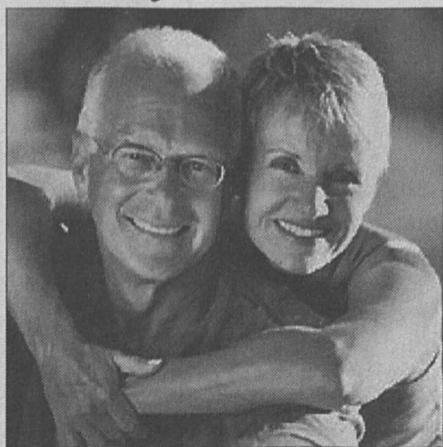
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