

Texas Crop Weather Report

Following is an agricultural summary for Nov. 26 to Dec. 2 by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Agricultural Summary: A few scattered showers in the Panhandle and cooler temperatures were observed across most of Texas.

Small grains continued to struggle due to lack of rainfall. Cotton harvest continued in the Panhandle, Edwards Plateau, and Trans-Pecos. Grain sorghum harvest was virtually complete in the Northern High Plains.

Pecan harvest continued in the Cross Timbers, Blacklands, and South Central Texas.

Soil moisture was mostly short to adequate across the state. The

Panhandle received the most rainfall with 0.01 to 0.25 inches of rainfall.

Trans-Pecos received 0.01 to 0.10 inches of rainfall. Central Texas and the Upper Coast received zero to 0.01 inches of rainfall. The rest of the state observed no rainfall.

Supplemental feeding of hay increased across most areas of the state as pasture conditions continue to decline due to lack of rainfall.

Field Crops Report

Small Grains: Winter wheat continued to struggle in the Panhandle and Cross Timbers due to lack of rainfall.

A few showers helped planted

winter wheat in South Central Texas. Winter wheat and oat planting was completed 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. Cotton was doing well in the Edwards Plateau.

Sorghum: Sorghum harvest was in full swing in the High Plains. 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 Blacklands and South Central Texas. Light rains slowed cabbage and spinach harvest in South Texas. Citrus and vegetable harvest continued in the Lower Valley.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:

Livestock supplemental feeding increased across most of the state due to lack of winter forage. Ranges and Pastures continued to show signs of stress due to lack of rainfall across the state. Range and Pasture conditions were fair to good statewide.

Over My Shoulder

A monthly review of the livestock market by J.D. Sartwelle, Jr.

Over My Shoulder

November seemed to be an almost do nothing month.

The month started dry in most areas, saw moisture related activity at mid month and then saw it again while temperatures with few exceptions were rather moderate.

During the month just like the month before not much happened in the export trade, not much happened or rather not resolved on the political scene, crude oil galloped toward the dollar mark before backing off, while diesel climbed out the roof.

Mid month rains spurred a little activity among the grazing guys and toward the end of the month with even more moisture and even a good bit of wet snow, grazing prospects became a little brighter.

On the export scene, it seems we had another month of talk-

ing with our so-called trading partners without a whole lot of progress.

The farm bill was stalled in the senate during the first of the month and then forgotten about when the congress took their Thanksgiving break.

Trade was resumed on older Canadian cattle and product from older cattle just after the middle of the month.

Not a lot happened as our neighbors to the north have to sort out what they can do with high priced grains, currency issues and how they'll verify some of the cattle or product that they'll send down here.

In the feedyards, the month started slow with fed prices in the low nineties.

A few good things were going on, such as supplies tightening up and lower live slaughter weights

but the turkey day holidays kept a damper on things until the end of the month when prices climbed back to the mid nineties.

The month ended with futures at a discount to cash; hopefully a continued strong cash position will add strength to the futures trade.

At the markets after about two months of watching the light and middle weight calves take some pretty good hickies, moisture activity perked up the light calf trade by a few dollars and at least let us come up on the last month of year in better shape than we had been during most of the fall.

At month's end, the light weight calves put on anywhere from \$5.00 to \$15.00.

Slaughter cows and bulls tracked sideways for the entire month and saw very little movement.

Total numbers at the market once again were only moderate and did not pressure the trucking situation.

The pork complex saw their kill numbers expand to set record kill numbers for a week at the end of the month.

A whopping 2 million, three hundred thousand porkers were converted to edible pork. Obviously prices were pressured.

Our production year is coming to a close. It was a good year until the rains stopped coming making things a bit tougher, but all in all, it was a very good year with lots of healing up.

Not much usually happens in the market place during the last month, but it will be a time for us beef guys to really push beef for the holidays.

Let's hope that we still have a lot of 70 degree days in the mix and can string them together.

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Tips For Choosing Safe Toys For Your Children

With concerns about toy safety seemingly always in the news these days, finding the perfect toys for your children means making sure they are safe as well as fun.

And choosing safe toys doesn't stop at the check-out counter, as concerned parents need to make sure potentially dangerous packaging is safely removed and that their children are properly taught how to use new toys and are supervised at play.

The experts at online toy retailer eToys.com have compiled

these important tips for safe toy selection and supervised play:

* Check the manufacturer's recommended age. This is the most important step in safe toy selection.

Age recommendations measure the safety of a toy -- not your child's IQ. They are based on four different aspects of the toy.

For instance, potential choking hazards can pose the greatest threat to kids under age three.

A child's physical ability to play with the toy is considered, as well as the ability to understand how to

correctly play with the toy.

Also factored-in are the general developmental needs of a particular age group. Keep in mind that too-advanced toys could be misused and lead to an injury.

* Ensure that younger siblings play only with their own toys. Keep a close eye on younger children who want to mimic older siblings by playing with the older child's toys.

Permitting young children to play with toys intended for older children can be very dangerous. Instruct older kids to put unused toys away, well out of reach of younger children.

* Shop at a well-informed online retailer like eToys.com, which will notify you by e-mail if a toy you ordered through its web site is recalled later and which provides up-to-date information on recalls.

* Take the time to teach your children how to use new toys. Accidents can happen when misuse occurs, so help keep your children safe by making sure they're playing with toys correctly. Keeping an eye on your children during playtime can help ensure age-appropriate choices and safe activities.

* Remove toy package and wrapping immediately. Don't store toys in their original pack-

aging. Plastic wrap can cause suffocation, and staples or sharp plastic edges can cut.

* Avoid hand-me-down or garage sale toys. As economical as they may be, these types of toys may be too worn or contain parts that don't meet current safety standards.

* Never give small children plastic bags, wrapping or latex balloons. Choking is a major concern for young children and these items could obstruct a child's airway completely.

* Make sure little riders wear appropriate safety gear. The gift of a riding toy should include the right gear. Proper fit and consistent use is critical.

* Sign up for e-mail alerts from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Get automated news of all product recalls by signing up online at www.cpsc.gov.

Concerned parents can find additional tips on toy safety and more ideas to ensure safe play at the eToys.com Safety Center online at www.etoys.com/safety.



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PACKER BULLS
Heavyweight bulls 58-65
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STEERS

#1	#2
150-300 lbs	140-160 120-135
300-400 lbs	128-140 110-125
400-500 lbs	116-128 95-110
500-600 lbs	107-120 95-106
600-700 lbs	98-108 88-97
700-800 lbs	90-98 84-90

HEIFERS

#1	#2
200-300 lbs	120-140 100-119
300-400 lbs	110-120 95-108
400-500 lbs	102-113 95-101
500-600 lbs	98-108 85-95
600-700 lbs	92-100 84-91
700-800 lbs	83-93 75-82

STOCKER COWS
Good Stocker Cow/Calf Pairs 850-950
Medium Cow/calf Pairs 700-825
Common Cow/calf Pairs 600-695
Good Stocker Cows & Heifers 750-900
Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers 575-745

Christmas Toy Stocking Giveaway!!!
Come by Lake Lumber to register for a chance to win an 8-foot and a 6-foot stocking filled with toys! To be given away Dec. 19 at 5 p.m.

Limit entries to one per day!
Also come and check on that special gift you may need.

Larry's Clean Up Tent Sale!
Fri., Dec. 7 • 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and
Fri., Dec. 14 • 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Discontinued and over stock merchandise to be sold at fractions of the cost. Come by and make a deal with Larry.

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

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Data Control Codes	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
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
EXPENDITURES:				
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	--	238,852	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