

April Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Promote healthy families. Help a friend, neighbor or relative. Be a nurturing parent.

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Thin Cows	32-43

PACKER BULLS

Heavyweight bulls	64-73
Utility cutter bulls	55-63

STEERS

#1	#2
150-300 lbs	140-185
300-400 lbs	125-135
400-500 lbs	118-128
500-600 lbs	109-119
600-700 lbs	95-105
700-800 lbs	84-94

HEIFERS

#1	#2
200-300 lbs	125-160
300-400 lbs	107-118
400-500 lbs	103-113
500-600 lbs	96-105
600-700 lbs	86-94
700-800 lbs	80-86

STOCKER COWS

Good Stocker Cow/Calf Pairs	900-1000
Medium Cow/calf Pairs	750-850
Common Cow/calf Pairs	600-725
Good Stocker Cows & Heifers	750-900
Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers	575-675



Colorado County commissioners, meeting Monday, approved a proclamation, designating April as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in the county. Standing are two representatives from Colorado Youth and Family Services, Jessica Rau, left, and Amanda Mueller. Seated, from left: Commissioners Darrell Gertson, Tommy Hahn, County Judge Al Jamison and Commissioners Herbie Helmcamp and Doug Wessels.

Kana Receives Financial Reporting Award

Colorado County has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR).

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been pre-

ferred to County Auditor Raymie M. Kana, as the individual primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning report.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 16,000 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, Ill., and Washington, D.C.



Colorado County Judge Al Jamison presents the Award of Financial Reporting Achievement to County Auditor Raymie Kana.

Texas Crop Weather Report

The Texas Field Office released the following report regarding Texas agriculture for the week of March 17 to 23.

Agricultural Summary - Much of the Blacklands, Cross Timbers and Edwards Plateau received showers, with up to 5 or 6 inches of rainfall in some areas.

Fire danger remained a concern in Trans-Pecos and South Texas, as very dry and windy conditions were observed.

Trans-Pecos, South Texas and the Lower Valley received very little rainfall, about 0.01 to 0.25 inches.

The Low Plains received up to 1.5 inches of rain.

However, the High Plains received very little to no rainfall.

Small grains fields improved after recent rains across much of the state.

Pre-irrigating of some cotton fields occurred in the Southern High Plains, while some planting of cotton was delayed due to rain in the Coastal Bend.

Corn planting was still delayed due to wet fields in the Blacklands.

Dry planting of sorghum continued in the Coastal Bend.

Top soil moisture was mostly short to adequate across the state.

Hay consumption remained constant as pastures continued to green up in the Edwards Plateau and the Northern Low Plains.

Field Crops Report In the area of small grains, fields improved after recent rains across much of the state.

Irrigated wheat continued to improve, and dryland wheat started to improve with the small amounts of rain received.

Wheat condition was mostly poor to fair statewide.

Oat condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

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ing of some fields occurred in the Southern High Plains, while some planting of cotton was delayed due to rain in the Coastal Bend.

Corn planting was still delayed due to wet fields in the Blacklands.

Corn planting continued in South Central and South Texas.

Early planted fields started to emerge in South Central.

Dry planting of sorghum continued in the Coastal Bend.

After the rain last week, sorghum producers resumed planting activities in South Texas. Sorghum condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report Sugarcane, citrus and cabbage

continued to be harvested in the Lower Valley and South Texas.

Peach trees continued to bloom in North East Texas.

Potato fields continued to develop in South Texas.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Hay consumption remained constant as pastures continued to green up in the Edwards Plateau and the Northern Low Plains.

Some producers experienced some improvement in pasture condition, but supplemental feeding of livestock continued.

Range and pasture condition was mostly poor to fair statewide.

Cattle On Feed Up From Last Year

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.92 million head on March 1, up 5 percent from a year ago.

According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down slightly from the Feb. 1 level.

Producers placed 440,000 head in commercial feedlots during February, up 13 percent from a year ago, and up 10 percent from the January 2008 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 440,000 head during February, up 14 percent from last year and up 5 percent from last month.

On March 1, there were 2.47 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 85 percent of the state's total.

The number on feed across the area was up 5 percent from last year and down slightly from the February total.

February placements in the Northern High Plains totaled

376,000 head, up 10 percent from the January total.

Marketings were up four from last month to 378,000 head.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 11.9 million head on March 1.

This inventory was 2 percent above March 1, 2007.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.72 million

head, 4 percent above February 2007.

February placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 330,000 head; 600 to 699 pounds totaled 385,000 head; 700 to 799 pounds totaled 533,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 475,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.78 million head, 4 percent above 2007.

TxDOT Safety

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collision.

"We want motorists to be aware of the safety issues that work zones pose to construction workers and the traveling public," said Carlos Lopez, director of the TxDOT Traffic Operations Division.

"Our goal, as always, is to reduce the number of fatalities that occur in work zones and to remind motorists to do their part to help save lives."

Lopez said everyone should take responsibility for work zone safety, from engineers and planners to drivers and pedestrians.

The key to reducing work zone fatalities is as easy as following some simple rules:

--Observe and comply with work zone warning signs.

Speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may be altered or reduced in number and people may be working on or near the roadway.

--Slow down.

Speeding is one of the major causes of work zone crashes.

--Don't tailgate.

Keep a safe distance between you and the car ahead of you.

Keep a safe distance from construction workers and their

equipment.

--Obey flaggers.

They are the experts in what is best for safely moving traffic through the work zone.

--Stay alert and minimize distractions.

Dedicate your full attention to the roadway.

Avoid eating, changing radio stations or talking on cell phones.

--Keep up with the traffic flow.

Motorists can help maintain traffic flow and posted speeds by obeying speed limit and warning signs and merging as directed.

--Plan and schedule enough time to drive safely.

Check the radio, TV and Web sites for traffic information.

--Be patient and stay calm.

Remember that work zones aren't there to personally inconvenience you.

Highway crews are working to improve the road so that your future drive will be better.

For more information about driving safely through work zones, visit our Web site at http://www.dot.state.tx.us/services/traffic_operations/work_zones.htm, or check out our TxDOT Customer Answer Series Work Zone Brochure at <http://www.dot.state.tx.us/publications/traffic.htm>.

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