

Colorado County Farm Bureau Holds Annual Meeting In Columbus

Colorado County Farm Bureau (CCFB) held its annual convention Sept. 9 at the KC Hall in Columbus. Social hour was from 6 to 7 p.m. with approximately 90 people in attendance at the 7 p.m. meeting, with President Marv Ulbricht presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Donald Hoeninghaus and invocation was given by Leon Hattermann. Mikeska's served a BBQ meal. President Marv Ulbricht recognized guests: Tom Paben-Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) State Direc-

tor District Eleven; Beverly Tuck and Kendra Ray with the Colorado County Soil Conservation. Marv Ulbricht introduced Citizenship Seminar students Chris Smothers and Karlon Mitchell of Columbus High School and Krystal Davalos of Weimar High School (not present). Chris and

Karlon each gave a synopsis of his experience at San Angelo State University during the summer. The purpose of the seminar is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American Heritage and the capitalistic free enterprise system. E.M. Holt introduced the guest

speaker, Tom Paben-TFB State Director District Eleven. Leon Hatterman, CCFB Board Director, presented the following resolutions for adoption:

2 years. Hattermann moved for adoption, Gerald Heintschel seconded. Motion passed.

Prairie Edge Museum Gets Repair Work

The masonry building owned and occupied by the Prairie Edge Museum is 82 years old and was previously a Ford Motor Company dealership. The last major repair was a new roof in 2003. In conjunction with repairs and renovations planned and begun in 2004, the building received a sorely needed water proofing to fix a flaw which allowed water

from west rains to be driven into the building under the sills. The Morales Construction Company's painters, carpenters, and plumbers have completed their portion of the required work. The current electrical wiring was installed in 1984 when the needs were much less than they

are at present. A complete electrical upgrade and modernization was included in the renovations now underway. Knebel Electrical Company of El Campo is currently re-wiring the entire building, installing additional lighting, wall switches and wall outlets. Lighted EXIT signs were placed above each outside

door. Switches will now be used to turn on lights for display cases instead of circuit breakers. Stage lights are being upgraded and modernized, and lights and sounds will now be controlled from a switchboard backstage. The electrical work should be completed within the next two weeks.

"We are extremely grateful to the David and Eula Wintermann Foundation for a matching grant, and to the many generous citizens and businesses in Eagle Lake for their contributions which enabled us to meet the grant qualifications," stated Lisa Rose, President of the Museum Board of Trustees.

5.) Trichinosis- We support proof of trichinosis test before moving bulls into Texas. Hattermann moved for adoption, Leon Dittmar, Jr. seconded. Motion passed.

6.) Whereas coordinate training and support of local entities both professional and volunteer is vital in defense against both natural and unnatural disasters. Be it resolved that Goldwater Revenues sharing to local agencies be encouraged and that Good Samaritan laws be re-enforced. Hatterman moved for adoption, James Clipson, Jr. seconded. Motion passed.

The following were re-elected to the CCFB Board of Directors: Larry Poenitzsch, Bill Pavlicek, Charles Harbich, E.M. Holt and Dale Rankin. The following were elected to be voting delegates to the TFB Convention in Corpus Christi December 6-8: Charles Harbich, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Poenitzsch, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Heintschel, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hoeninghaus and Marv Ulbricht.

Texas Crop Weather

The Texas Field Office issued the following report regarding Texas agriculture for the week of Sept. 8 to 14.

Agricultural Summary
Late last week, Hurricane Ike brought East Texas and parts of the Upper Coast heavy rain along with strong winds, while parts of the Panhandle, the Blacklands, and Cross Timbers had isolated flooding as well.

Some areas of the Trans-Pecos, parts of Edwards Plateau and parts of South Texas and the Lower Valley also received rain.

Small grain planting was delayed due to wet conditions in parts of the Panhandle, Cross Timbers, the Blacklands and Edwards Plateau.

Cotton development was slowed in parts of Edwards Plateau and the Panhandle due to cool, wet weather.

Corn harvest was underway in the High Plains; however, it was delayed later in the week due to rain.

Sorghum continued to progress even though there was cooler weather in the Plains.

Peanuts continued to mature in South Texas and the Southern High Plains.

Land preparation continued for vegetables in South Texas.

Pecan nut development moved into the shell hardening stage in some areas of the Trans-Pecos. Livestock conditions continued to improve due to the greened up pastures and ranges.

Topsoil moisture was mostly adequate statewide.

Field Crops Report
Wet conditions delayed small grain planting in parts of the Panhandle, Cross Timbers, the Blacklands, and Edwards Plateau due to recent rains.

Cool, wet weather slowed cotton development in parts of the Panhandle, and Edwards Plateau.

Cotton condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

In the High Plains, corn harvest was underway, but delayed later in the week due to rain.

Corn condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Sorghum continued to mature despite the slightly cooler weather in the Plains. Sorghum condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Peanuts continued to progress in the Southern High Plains and South Texas.

Harvest should start pretty soon in South Texas.

Peanut condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

Pumpkin and sunflower harvests were underway in the Northern High Plains.

Land preparation continued for vegetables in South Texas.

Pecans' nut development moved into the shell hardening stage in some areas of the Trans-Pecos.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Range and pasture continued to improve due to recent rains.

Livestock condition improved as well in most areas of the state.

Range and pasture condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

CCA Meeting Set For September 25

Combined Community Action, Inc. will hold a Board of Directors meeting on Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m. in

Texas Cotton Production Up

The 2008 Texas Upland cotton crop is expected to total 5.3 million bales, 36 percent less than 2007 and up 1 percent from last month.

Yield is expected to average 748 pounds per acre, compared with 843 pounds last year.

Corn production is forecast at 279 million bushels, down 6 percent from last year's production, and down 2 percent from last month.

Based on Sept. 1 conditions, statewide yield is expected to average 124 bushels per acre, 24 bushels less than in 2007 and two

bushels less than last month.

Texas peanut production is up 18 percent from last year, at 875 million pounds.

Statewide yield, at 3,500 pounds per acre, is 450 pounds less than last year and 300 pounds less than last month.

Sorghum production is forecast at 117 million bushels, 28 percent less than last year and unchanged from last month.

Harvested acreage is estimated at 2.3 million acres, down 8 percent from last year.

Yield, at 52 pounds per acre, is down 14 pounds from last year and the same as last month.

Rice producers expect to harvest 12.2 million cwt, up 27 percent from 2007 and down 11 percent from last month.

Yield is forecast at 7,200 pounds per acre, 600 pounds more than a year ago and unchanged from last months forecast.

The 2008 Texas soybean crop is forecast at 4.3 million bushels,

up 40 percent from last year's production and the same as last month.

Yield is expected to average 23 bushels per acre, compared with 37 bushels last year.

United States corn production is forecast at 12.1 billion bushels, down 8 percent from last year's crop.

A yield of 152.3 bushels per acre is forecast, up 1.2 bushels from last year.

The sorghum crop is expected to total 426 million bushels, down 16 percent from last year. The U.S. Upland cotton crop is expected to total 13.4 million bales, down 27 percent from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 2.93 billion bushels, up 13 percent from last year.

The U.S. peanut crop is estimated at 4.8 billion pounds, up 27 percent from a year ago.

U.S. rice production is forecast at 207 million cwt, up 5 percent from 2007.

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