

Cotton Production Down On Year

Texas Upland cotton production for 2008 is expected to total 5.1 million bales, down 38 percent from 2007 and unchanged from forecast last month, according to figures released by the Texas Field Office.

Objective yield measurements in Texas for December show boll weights to be the second heaviest in the last 10 years. Statewide harvested acreage is estimated at 3.35 million acres, 29 percent less than last year. Yield is expected to average 731 pounds per acre compared with 843 pounds last year, and unchanged from the November forecast.

Production on the Southern High Plains is estimated to total 2.28 million bales, down 47 percent from last year's production. Average yield, at 776 pounds per acre, is 43 pounds less than a year ago.

The Northern High Plains crop, estimated at 1.1 million bales, is 4 percent less than last year. In the Low Plains, production is estimated at 660 million bales, 49 percent less than last year.

United States Upland cotton production is forecast at 13.2 million bales, down 28 percent from last year and up 1 percent from the November forecast. Yield is expected to average 833 pounds per acre compared with 864 pounds in 2007. Harvested acreage is estimated at 7.59 million acres, 26 percent less than a year ago.



Football Academic All-District

Front row left to right: Myles Dumont, Mario Hull, Nick Duarte, Ryan Korenek. Back row left to right: Trent Popp, Garreth Casper, Cody Lantelme, Timothy Morales. Not Pictured: Damian Stevens.

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BAKE SALE

Greater Union Baptist Church Bake Sale

In front of B&B,

Wednesday, December 24

From 8 a.m.-Sold Out

For more information contact

Deacon John Allen Jr. at 979-234-3345

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Happy Holidays

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Rice Consolidated Booster Club Tournament

Girls Teams

Pool A

1. Tidehaven

2. Shiner

3. Rice

Pool B

1. Bellville

2. Needville

3. Cuero

Boys Teams

1. Rice

2. Columbus

3. Van Vleck

4. Cuero

5. Louise

29th- Rice High School

9:00-10:30 1 vs. 2 (Boys)

10:30-12:00 1 vs. 2 Pool A (Girls)

12:00-1:30 5 vs. 4 (Boys)

1:30-3:00 3 vs. 1 Pool A (Girls)

3:00-4:30 4 vs. 3 (Boys)

4:30-6:00 3 vs. 2 Pool A (Girls)

29th-Eagle Lake Elementary Gym

10:30-12:00 1 vs. 2 Pool B (Girls)

12:00-1:30 3 vs. 1 (Boys)

1:30-3:00 1 vs. 3 Pool B (Girls)

3:00-4:30 2 vs. 5 (Boys)

4:30-6:00 2 vs. 3 Pool B (Girls)

30th-Rice High School

9:30-11:00 Pool A 1 vs. Pool B 2 (Girls)

11:00-12:30 3 vs. 2 (Boys)

12:30-2:00 Loser of 9:30 Pool A vs. Pool B (Girls) (3rd Place Game)

2:00-3:30 Winner of 9:30 Pool A vs. Pool B (Girls) (Championship Game)

3:30-5:00 5 vs. 3 (Boys)

5:00-6:30 1 vs. 4 (Boys)

30th-Eagle Lake Elementary Gym

9:30-11:00 Pool A 2 vs. Pool B 1 (Girls)

11:00-12:30 3rd place Pool A vs. 3rd Place Pool B (Girls)

12:30-2:00 1 vs. 5 (Boys)

2:00-3:30 2 vs. 4 (Boys)

** 1st number listed is home-light jersey; 2nd number is visitor-dark jersey

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Troopers In Operation CARE This Weekend

Be a Life Saver!

Starting Friday December 19 at 12:01a.m. state troopers of the Texas Department of Public Safety will be participating in Operation CARE - Life Saver Weekend. This operation will discontinue at midnight, Sunday, December 21.

Operation C.A.R.E. (Combined Accident Reduction Effort) is a special emphasis program designed to reduce accidents, deaths, and injuries and to encourage strict adherence to established speed limits. "Texas will be joining other state police agencies in a nationwide effort to make all of our roadways safer," said Senior Trooper Gary Pflughaupt. "The holiday season is upon us and any type collision can ruin this joyous season. We encourage all motorists to adhere to safe driving - maintain safe speeds, utilize safety restraints, and avoid alcohol when driving," Pflughaupt added.

School Days

Rice School Calendar Dec.8 -Dec. 12

Mon.-4:30 Jr. High Basketball Boys @ Home

Girls @ Brazos Band-Xmas Concert-Rice

Boys BB vs. Brazos @ Home Girls BB vs Brazos there

Tue.-STUCO-Activity Period B.Basketball@Edna-5:00pm G.Basketball@Yoakum-5:00/6:30

Progress Reports Distributed

Wed.-

Thurs.-2:30p Class Parties PreK-8

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

B.Basketball Tourn.Dec.18-20@Yoakum-TBA

Christmas Program 1:00pm

Fri.-PROGRESS REPORTS GO HOME WITH STUDENTS STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL

Holiday Program-9:30 am

G.Basketball@Needville-5:00-6:30

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