



Seeds were collected from the white orchid tree growing at the little white building near the Dairy Queen and distributed to the garden club members at the March meeting. This is supposed to be an easy, fast growing tree. There are at least two other orchid trees growing in Eagle Lake and they are purple. So maybe in a couple of years Eagle Lake will be awash with Orchid trees and won't that be beautiful? According to one gardening book they are native Texas trees. Submitted by Patty Holloway

County Declares Ag Week

Where does your food come from?

If you're like many Americans, the answer is the grocery store. And frankly, that disturbs us.

The grocery store is not where food comes from; it's just from where it's distributed.

In reality, far too many people are unaware of the role of American agriculture in their daily lives...and what it really takes to have food on their dinner table.

Just a few generations ago, most people were a part of and had friends or relatives involved with agriculture.

Today, that's no longer the case.

That's why we're writing, because agriculture is responsible for providing the necessities of life food, fiber, clothing, and shelter.

And it's about time American's recognized that contribution!

American farmers are working harder than ever, and it shows.

Today, each American farmer feeds more than 120 people.

And the need for food produced in the United State is dramatic.

Agriculture is this nation's No. 1 export and vitally important in sustaining a healthy economy.

And it's not just the farmer who makes our food possible.

The entire agriculture industry all the way to the grocery store is composed of vital links in a chain that brings food to every citizen and millions of people abroad.

Frankly, it's easy to take agriculture for granted in America.

Our food is readily accessible and safe.

But this doesn't mean we don't have an obligation to recognize how it's made possible.

March 15 thru 21 is National Ag Week, hosted by the Agriculture Council of America.

This is a good time to reflect and be grateful for American agriculture and to share that message with others, especially young people.

The Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District, one area organization involved with agriculture, has been assisting landowners for 60 plus years.

"Locally led conservation" is the basis of the organization, with local landowners serving on the SWCD board guiding local

conservation efforts in Colorado County.

The District partners with the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board in Temple and the Regional Office in Wharton to protect the natural resources in this area.

The Colorado County Farm Bureau also promotes agriculture.

On an average, American families spend approximately 10 percent of their income for food. Farm Bureau wants the people of Colorado County to know where and how the agriculture industry produces their goods and how it is made available to them

Texas AgriLife Extension Office of Colorado County has been providing quality outreach and continuing education programs and services to county citizens for 90 plus years.

The Extension office is a member of the Texas A&M System and operates in cooperative partnership with the USDA and the Colorado County Commissioner's Court, along with community based committees to address the relevant needs of our community.

Informative articles can be found in the newspapers, heard on the radio or you may attend an educational workshop.

Publications may be ordered through the county office or educational tips received with just a phone call.

Texas Parks and Wildlife works to manage and conserve the natural and cultural resources of Texas and to provide hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation opportunities for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

USDA Farm Service Agency - Colorado County is a customer-driven agency with a diverse and multitalented work force, dedicated to achieving an economically and environmentally sound future for American agriculture.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service - Columbus Field Office has assisted landowners in Colorado County for 60 years to improve and protect their soil, water and other natural resources.

While farmers and ranchers

remain the primary customers of NRCS, the agency also provides technical assistance to groups and units of state and local government.

We, as "Ag Partners," invite the residents of Colorado County to join us in celebrating National Ag Week March 15 thru 21.

Sincerely,
Marv Ulbricht, President
Colorado County Farm Bureau

W. J. Kleimann, Chairman
Colorado SWCD No. 333
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Jay Knight, District Conservationist

USDA - NRCS Columbus Field Office

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500-600 lbs 98-110 82-92
600-700 lbs 85-97 80-94
700-800 lbs 73-85 66-77
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National Ag Week

will be observed

March 16-20, 2009

across the Nation

One of Colorado County's top agriculture commodities is row crop production. Colorado County Row Crop Production for 2007 was:

10,270 acres of corn were planted in Colorado County generating \$3,697,200.

2,241 acres of cotton were produced generating \$924,412.

1,458 acres of soybeans were produced in Colorado County generating \$346,275.

Compliments of Colorado County Row Crop's Committee



Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University Systems, U.S. Department of Agriculture and County Commissioners' Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Happy Birthday Gloria Boutte' March 19



We celebrate you today
Because of the life that you lived
Because of the legacy that you left behind
Because of your gentleness
Because of your classiness
Because of your love and kindness
You have enabled us to continue
on We thank God for loving us
enough to share your life with us.

Rest Rest - We will meet again,
Your children, grandchildren,
great-grandchildren, family and friends.