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The students were sponsored by the Colorado County Farm Bureau. They joined more than 330 high school juniors and seniors from over 150 counties across the state.

The purpose of the conference is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American heritage, the capitalistic free enterprise system, and to inspire leadership development, according to Marv Ulbricht, president of the Colorado County Farm Bureau.

During the weeklong event, students discuss topics such as the free enterprise system, constitutional government, Americanism, leadership and goal setting. Students are encouraged to meet with school and civic groups upon their return home to share what they've learned.

A representative of Angelo State University welcomed students to campus at Monday's opening session. Afterward, Chad Hymas of Utah, a motivational speaker, spoke about "Setting and Achieving your Goals." Students were captivated on Tuesday morning as Hymas shared his personal message of "Overcoming Adversity."

Charles Benton, TFB Field Representative, and Drew Alders, 2008 Free Enterprise Speech Contest winner, presented "Farm Bureau Scholarship Opportunities."

Dr. Jim Sartwelle, Texas A&M University, presented sessions on "Basics of Free Enterprise," Ronald Trowbridge, former assistant dean at Hillsdale College in Michigan, presented two-part sessions on "The Constitution," and Gary Evans, a registered investment advisor, offered advice on "Managing Money." In addition, the students participated in a program called "Congressional Insight," which allowed them to simulate a Congressional office and election.

Damon Whaley, former TFB Talent Find Contest winner, provided entertainment on Tuesday. Damon is an accomplished musician, comedian and impres-

sionist. At Thursday's evening's banquet "Farm Bureau - Your Host" was presented by Kenneth Dierschke, president of Texas Farm Bureau and Miss Kelsey Craig, 2008 Miss Texas Farm Bureau, addressed the group. Special guest and motivational speaker, Clebe McClary, challenged the students to "Press on Regardless" with courage, determination and dedication to oneself and their country.

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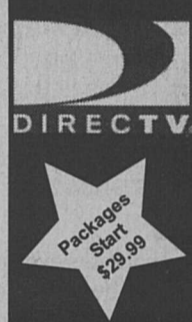
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Agricultural Summary

Agricultural Summary For Week Of July 13:

The Texas Field Office released the following report regarding Texas agriculture for the week of July 13 to 19.

Agricultural Summary:

The Plains, East Texas, and the Upper Coast received up to 3 inches of rainfall while the rest of the state observed trace amounts of moisture.

Sorghum suffered from insects and lack of moisture, chilies were in full bloom, and heat caused stress on fall wheat preparation in the Cross Timbers.

In the High Plains, cotton heat units progressed well and recent moisture improved sorghum conditions.

Grain sorghum continued to head out and cotton progressed well in the Northern Low Plains.

In South Texas, cotton boll setting continued and peanut pegging was active. Supplemental feeding of livestock continued in localized parts of the state.

Range and pasture conditions continued to suffer across the state and were in need of moisture.

Topsoil moisture was mostly very short to short across the state.

Small Grains:

Heat caused stress on fall wheat preparation in the Cross Timbers.

Statewide, wheat condition was mostly very poor to fair and oat condition was mostly very poor to fair.

Cotton:

In the Northern High Plains, heat units progressed well.

Cotton began to bloom in the Southern Low Plains and responded well to the recent rain.

Cotton progressed well in the Northern Low Plains and insect and weed spraying was active.

Dryland cotton producers were in need of rain in the Southern Low Plains.

In South Texas, cotton boll setting continued and progressed well under heavy irrigation.

Cotton condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Did You Know?

Minimum wage rates are established to protect workers and prevent salary discrimination. However, minimum wage varies among states, and there are even some that do not have minimum wage laws in effect.

* Five states have no minimum wage law: Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, and South Carolina.

* Six states and the U.S. Virgin Islands have minimum wage rates lower than the Federal rate: Wyoming, Kansas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Arkansas, and Georgia.

* The majority of states have minimum wage rates higher than the Federal rate (27, plus the District of Columbia)

* Washington State has the highest rate at \$8.40 per hour. Kansas has the lowest rate at \$2.65 per hour. - Rates accurate as of 1/1/09.

Corn:
Tasseling progressed well in the High Plains due to cooler temperatures.

Heat caused stress on the crop in the Edwards Plateau.

Corn condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Sorghum:

In the High Plains, recent moisture improved crop conditions.

Grain sorghum continued to head out in the Northern Low Plains and the Blacklands. Sorghum in the Cross Timbers suffered from insects and lack of moisture.

Hot, dry conditions accelerated the drying process in the southern part of the state.

Sorghum condition was mostly fair to good.

Peanuts:

The crop progressed well in the Southern Low Plains.

Peanut pegging was active in South Texas.

Peanut condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Rice:

Rice condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Soybeans:

Soybean condition was mostly

fair to good statewide.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report:

Sunflowers were in full bloom in the Southern High Plains.

Peach harvest neared completion in the Cross Timbers.

Chilies were in full bloom in the Trans-Pecos, however, heat caused stress on the crop.

Pecan:

Pecans progressed well in the Northern Low Plains and the Blacklands.

Pecan nut development continued in the Trans-Pecos.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report:

Supplemental feeding of livestock continued in localized parts of the state.

Hay baling continued, however, the crop suffered due to hot, dry conditions across the state.

Stock tank levels were low in the central and southern part of the state while cattle culling continued.

Range and pasture conditions continued to suffer across the state and were in need of moisture.

Range and pasture condition was mostly very poor to fair statewide.

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