

## Texas Crop Weather Report

The Texas Field Office released the following report regarding Texas agriculture for the week of August 24 to 30.

### Agricultural Summary

Much of the state received a few drops of rain, with parts of East Texas and the Panhandle received up to a couple inches of rain.

Some producers delayed planting of small grains in hopes of moisture in the Southern Low Plains.

Cotton continued to mature, while irrigation continued for corn in parts of the Plains.

Sorghum continued to mature due to the dry weather.

Peanuts continued to develop

and peg in South Texas.

Sunflowers and peas continued to mature in the Southern High Plains, while vegetable planting was underway in the Lower Valley.

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

### Small Grains

Field preparations started for small grains in the Northern Low Plains and parts of the High Plains, while some producers delayed planting in hopes of moisture in the Southern Low Plains.

### Cotton

Across much of the Plains, cotton continued to mature.

Cotton continued to set bolls,

with some bolls opening in the Plains.

Harvest occurred in both South Central and South Texas.

Irrigation continued for cotton in many parts of the state.

Cotton condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

### Corn

Irrigation continued in parts of the Northern High Plains.

Some corn was harvested for silage in the High Plains.

Harvest continued in the Blacklands, while harvest began to wrap up in South Texas.

Corn condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

### Sorghum

Sorghum matured rapidly due

Sorghum condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

### Peanuts

Peanuts continued to develop and peg in South Texas.

Peanut condition was mostly fair to good.

### Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

Sunflowers and peas continued to mature in the Southern High Plains, while vegetable planting was underway in the Lower Valley.

### Pecans

Pecans continued to progress, with some development reaching the gel stage in the Trans-Pecos.

### Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Stock tank levels remained low for much of the state.

Supplemental feeding continued in many parts of the state.

Some producers continued to cull their herds due to the lack of quality pasture.

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

## Feliz Cumpleaños

David Esquivel

15 anos



De Juanita y Familia de Lola y Freddy

## Happy Belated Birthday Clarenca Aug. 31



Love, Mom, Dominique, Grandma Hazel, Brennan, Ty'vone, Moo, Aunt Pam and Uncle Kenny, Grandpa Willie, Sylvester and Kenneth Jr.

## Texas Monthly Oil And Gas Statistics

The Texas Railroad Commission issued a total of 1,016 original drilling permits in July 2009 compared to 2,183 in July 2008.

The July total included 809 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 27 to re-enter existing well bores, and 180 for re-completions.

Permits issued in July 2009 included 279 oil, 185 gas, 522 oil and gas, 21 injection, zero service and nine other permits.

### June crude oil production

Texas preliminary June 2009 crude oil production averaged 893,024 barrels daily, up from 880,380 barrels daily average of June 2008.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for June 2009 is 26,790,714 barrels, up from 26,411,409 barrels reported during June 2008.

### July oil and gas completions

In July 2009, operators reported 368 oil, 471 gas, 39 injection and two other completions compared to 453 oil, 1,065 gas, 30 injection and five other completions during July 2008.

Total well completions for 2009 year to date are 10,561 up from 9,312 recorded during the same period in 2008.

Operators reported 1,170 holes plugged and zero dry holes in July 2009 compared to 395 holes

plugged and four dry holes in July 2008.

### June natural gas production

Texas oil and gas wells produced 554,397,320 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for June 2009, up from the June 2008 preliminary gas production total of 500,369,686 Mcf.

Texas production in June 2009 came from 141,223 oil and 91,192 gas wells.

July Texas oil and gas drilling permits by District

San Antonio area, permits to drill oil/gas holes: 60, oil completions: 13 and gas completions: 3.

Refugio area, permits to drill oil/gas holes: 58, oil completions: 15 and gas completions: 11.

Southeast Texas, permits to drill oil/gas holes: 62, oil completions: 21 and gas completions: 30.

Deep South Texas, permits to drill oil/gas holes: 72, oil completions: 11 and gas completions: 86.

East Central Texas, permits to drill oil/gas holes: 49, oil completions: 3 and gas completions: 39.

East Texas, permits to drill oil/gas holes: 96, oil completions: 8 and gas completions: 74.

West Central Texas, permits to drill oil/gas holes: 74, oil com-

pletions: 21 and gas completions: 13.

San Angelo area, permits to drill oil/gas holes: 57, oil completions: 24 and gas completions: 23.

Midland, permits to drill oil/gas holes: 219, oil completions: 174 and gas completions: 45.

Lubbock area, permits to drill oil/gas holes: 61, oil completions: 36 and gas completions: 12.

North Texas, permits to drill oil/gas holes: 157, oil completions: 27 and gas completions: 85.

Panhandle, permits to drill oil/gas holes: 51, oil completions: 15 and gas completions: 50.

June Texas top ten oil producing counties

County crude oil (Bbls)-Gaines, 2,027,361; Andrews, 1,850,849; Yoakum, 1,824,826; Ector, 1,597,950; Hockley, 1,384,126; Scurry, 1,244,589; Upton, 1,184,668; Pecos, 946,685; Midland, 910,005; and Martin, 757,950.

June Texas top ten gas producing counties

County total gas (Mcf)-Tarrant, 37,763,819; Johnson, 36,280,875; Pecos, 23,481,090; Panola, 23,029,595; Zapata, 20,610,178; Freestone, 20,192,234; Denton, 17,427,198; Robertson, 16,818,734; Wise, 16,662,235 and Webb, 14,948,042.

## 4-H Drill Team To Perform At County Fair

On Friday, Sept. 11, the 4-H mounted drill team Texas Thunder will perform at 7:45 p.m. at the Colorado County Fair.

Texas Thunder is the younger of the Champion Rider teams.

They have competed at the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Show, various rodeos throughout the year, and have competed in the United States Equestrian Drill Team Competition, in Canton, for the last 5 years.

They placed 6th in Abilene in 2007 and in 2008 were only one point away from 5th place at the State 4-H Horse Show where they performed to their "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" drill.

They placed 8th at State in 2009; however they were second among the younger teams.

Texas Thunder was named the USEDC Theme with prop champions in 2009 with a John Deere Tractor theme and placed 3rd in the youth intermediate division.

Their hard work and dedication paid off.

2008-09 members were: Christina Henry, Ashley Henry, Brittany Henry, Jennie Reynolds (leader), Bailey Schmoker (leader), Jennie Reyna, Angela Kristynik, Sarah Murphree, Haylee McKissick, Joseph Reynolds, Hannah Vern and Justice Brooks.

Drillmasters are Gary Murphree, Ray Smithey, Pat Vern and Ronnie Plant.

On Saturday, Sept. 12, the 4-H Mounted Drill Team Thundering Hooves will perform at 7:45pm.

The Thundering Hooves began in 1990 and strive to teach horsemanship, professionalism, drill team preparation and execution, teamwork, competition, respect for authority and community service.

They also seek to entertain through excellence in showmanship and to instill pride in a job well done.

Thundering Hooves

have enjoyed being Texas State Champions as well as USEDC Champions.

The Thundering Hooves have been named 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2008 Texas State Champs; 2007 and 2009 Reserve State Champions; 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008 USEDC National Theme Champs; 2004 USEDC National Champs; 2005 and 2008 USEDC Reserve National Champs; 2008 Reserve Champions in the USEDC Ride of Champions, and the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Assn. drill champs for eight straight years; GCECC overall champions 2007 and the GCECC theme champions in 2007.

They participate in various rodeos competitions and parades throughout the state.

Thundering Hooves have also been featured in the Drill Fever calendar and well as have a House of Representatives bill adopted for their accomplishments.

2008-09 members were: Amy Murphree (leader), Kalley Fikes (leader), Elizabeth Anderson, Heather Fort, Jennifer Fort, Kassi Golden, Sarah Murphree, Haylee McKissick, Chelsea Pawlosky, Hannah Vern, Jodie Reynolds, Joseph Reynolds, Melanie Calk and Lyndsey West.

Drill master is Ray Smithey and assistant drill masters are Gary Murphree, Pat Vern and Ronnie Plant.

## Columbus Livestock Co.

Brad & Tana Hauerland, Owners

979-732-2622

Sale Every Thursday

10:30 a.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

CATTLE ON HAND - 2094

HORSES-0 GOATS-0 DONKEY-0

# OF SELLERS - 292

PACKER COWS

Higher dressing utility & cutter cows 41-51  
Lower dressing utility & cutter cows 31-41  
Thin Cows 21-31

PACKER BULLS

Heavyweight bulls 53-64  
Utility cutter bulls 47-57

STEERS #1 #2

150-300 lbs 120-150 102-120

300-400 lbs 110-135 94-109

400-500 lbs 105-120 89-102

500-600 lbs 95-110 88-95

600-700 lbs 88-99 77-87

700-800 lbs 84-94 74-85

HEIFERS #1 #2

150-300 lbs 112-139 103-118

300-400 lbs 94-127 88-104

400-500 lbs 98-116 90-106

500-600 lbs 95-106 82-98

600-700 lbs 83-95 69-84

700-800 lbs 81-91 68-80

STOCKER COWS Good Stocker Cow/  
Calf Pairs 800-950

Medium Cow/calf Pairs 600-800

Common Cow/calf Pairs 500-650

Good Stocker Cows & Heifers 600-850

Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers 400-600

## COLORADO COUNTY RANCH SORTING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2009

COLORADO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS ★ COLUMBUS, TEXAS

8:00 AM - Youth Clinic (16 Years and Under)

9:00 AM - Youth Sorting (3 Ride Max)

Buckles to the First Place Team

★ Pro-Sorting: \$500 Added Money

★ Amateur Sorting: Buckles First Place Team

★ Beginners Novice: Buckles to First Place Team

★ Individual Ratings:  
Pro-Sorting (4 & Above) & Amateur Sorting (1-3)

50% Payback (excludes Youth Sorting)

\$25.00 Per Ride with 5 Ride Max (All Categories except Youth)

Please join us, Cowboys & Cowgirls, Family and Youth of all ages as we kick off our new event of Ranch Sorting. There are 10 cows in each pen numbered 0 to 9. The announcer calls out a number and each team of two has 60 seconds to sort the cows beginning with that number through a 12 foot gate to the other side of the arena. The team that sorted the largest amount of cows in the shortest period of time won that round. Big fun while one cowhand has to watch the gate to make sure they come across the line in order and the option to switch places with your partner to get the next numbered cow in order. DON'T MISS OUT ON BIG FUN!

For more information, please contact: Larry Meacham ★ 713-829-2606 ★ www.Coloradocountyfair.org

COUNTY FAIR

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE YOUTH CLINIC!

8:00 AM  
Hosted by John Glithro  
(Ages 16 Years and Under)

