

Texas Crop Weather Report

Agricultural Summary for Week of Nov. 30

The Texas Field Office released the following report regarding Texas agriculture for the week of Nov. 30 – Dec. 6.

Agricultural Summary The Upper Coast, Coastal Bend and Lower Valley

received up to two inches of moisture while the rest of the state observed 0.01 to one inches of moisture.

Winter wheat continued to make good progress in the High Plains due to the recent moisture.

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Southern Low Plains, Cross Timbers, and South Texas.

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Topsoil moisture was mostly short to adequate across the state.

Small Grains

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Wheat condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

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Pecans Wet conditions delayed pecan harvest in the Northern Low Plains, Trans-Pecos, and the Edwards Plateau.

In the Trans-Pecos, most pecans have fallen.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

Winter vegetable crops made good progress due to the recent moisture in South Central Texas. Spinach and cabbage harvest was

active in South Texas.

Tomato harvest was active in the Lower Valley.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Supplemental feeding of livestock was in fullswing across the state due to cooler temperatures and wet conditions.

Recent moisture re-filled stock tank levels in most areas of the state.

Feral hogs damaged pastures and rangeland in North East Texas.

Native pastures declined in most areas of the state due to cooler soil temperatures.

Range and pasture condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Texas Crude Production Up On Year

October Permits to Drill The Texas Railroad Commission issued a total of 1,003 original drilling permits in October 2009 compared to 2,693 in October 2008.

The October total included 808 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 27 to re-enter existing well bores, and 168 for re-completions.

Permits issued in October 2009 included 260 oil, 174 gas, 537 oil and gas, 23 injection, zero service and nine other permits.

September Crude Oil Production

Texas preliminary September 2009 crude oil production averaged 897,156 barrels daily, up from 859,781 barrels daily average of September 2008.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for September 2009 is 26,914,676 barrels, up from 25,793,419 barrels reported during September 2008.

October Oil and Gas Completions

In October 2009, operators reported 477 oil, 575 gas, 63 injection and four other completions compared to 988 oil, 1,277 gas, 220 injection and three other completions during October 2008.

Total well completions for 2009 year to date are 13,575 down from 14,030 recorded during the same period in 2008.

Operators reported 469 holes plugged and four dry holes in October 2009 compared to 652 holes plugged and four dry holes in October 2008.

September Natural Gas Production

Texas oil and gas wells produced 553,618,142 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for September 2009, up from the September 2008 preliminary gas production total of 503,579,264 Mcf.

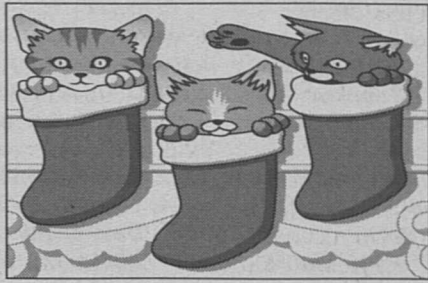
Texas production in September 2009 came from 140,298 oil and 90,805 gas wells.

October Texas Oil and Gas Drilling Permits and Completions By District

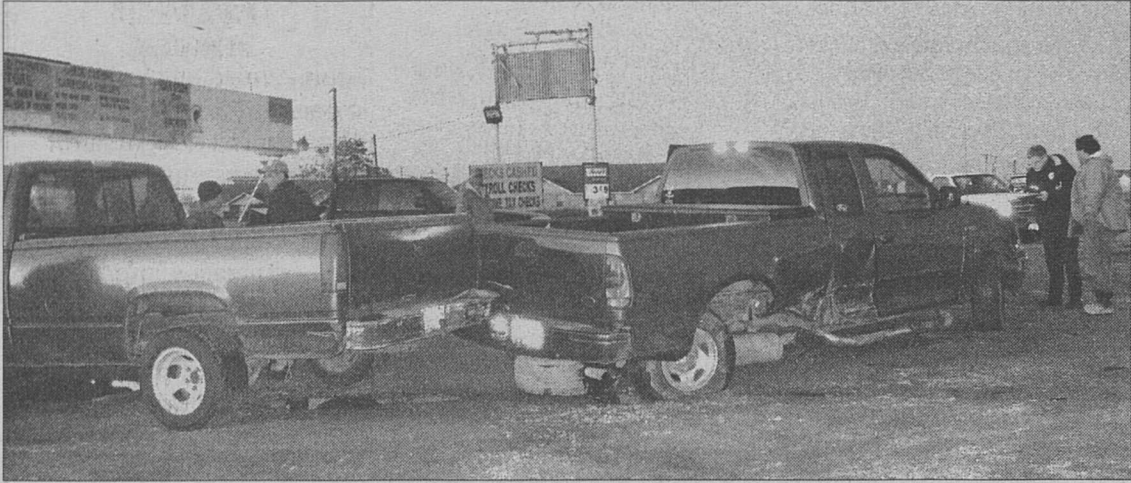
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Police sort out the aftermath of a three-vehicle collision that occurred Dec. 4 at about 5:40 in the 400 block of FM 3013. The accident occurred when Roy Johnson, Jr. of Garwood, driving a Chevrolet Cavalier, struck a Ford F-150 driven by Jose Ramos-Camarco of Eagle Lake. Both vehicles were westbound with Ramos-Camarco in front making a right turn into a driveway when Johnson tried to go around on the left and sent the pickup into a spin, striking a parked Chevrolet 1500.



Columbus Wal-Mart recently donated \$1,000 to the Rice Medical Center Employee Volunteers. Pictured from left to right are Columbus Wal-Mart Manager, Ronny Baker; RMC Employee Volunteer, Betty Guthmann, RN; and Keith Johnson, Assistant Manager.

Shiner Area Big Buck Contest Standings

The following is the unofficial weekly results of the 27th Annual Shiner Businessmen's Club Shiner Area Big Buck Contest Week 5, as of Dec. 7.

Gonzales County

1. * Willie Simper * of Gonzales, 13-pointer, 21 7/8-inch spread, 13-inch longest time, 4 1/4-inch right antler circumference, 52 1/8 total points;

2. Edward Holdridge of Magnolia, 8-pointer, 22 1/2-inch spread, 11 3/4-inch longest time, 4-inch right antler circumference, 46 1/4 total points;

3. Donnie Valis of Shiner, 10-pointer, 20 1/2-inch spread, 10 7/8-inch longest time, 4 1/4-inch right antler circumference, 45 5/8 total points;

4. Matt Wyant of Gonzales, 10-pointer, 20 3/4-inch spread, 9 1/2-inch longest time, 4 1/2-inch right antler circumference, 44 3/4 total points.

Colorado County

1. Richard Grobe of Columbus, 13-pointer, 17 3/8-inch spread, 13-inch longest time, 4 3/4-inch right antler circumference, 48 1/8 total points;

2. Wayne Zimmerhanel of Columbus, 11-pointer, 20 5/8-inch spread, 9 1/2-inch longest time, 4 3/4-inch right antler circumference, 45 7/8 total points;

3. Anthony Janda of Weimar, 9-pointer, 18 5/8-inch spread, 8 3/4-inch longest time, 5 5/8-inch right antler circumference, 42 1/8 total points;

4. Ronnie Stock of Weimar, 8-pointer, 16 5/8-inch spread, 10 1/4-inch longest time, 4-inch right antler circumference, 41 1/4 total points;

Dewitt County

1. John Vasbinder of Moulton, 10-pointer, 19 3/4-inch spread, 9 1/2-inch longest time, 3 3/4-inch right antler circumference, 43 total points;

2. T.J. Matula of Shiner, 10-pointer, 15 3/4-inch spread, 9 3/4-inch longest time, 4 1/4-inch right antler circumference,

ence, 39 3/4 total points;

3. Robert Fojtik of Moulton, 11-pointer, 16 1/2-inch spread, 8-inch longest time, 4-inch right antler circumference, 39 1/2 total points;

4. James Hurta of Cuero, 8-pointer, 16-inch spread, 9 1/2-inch longest time, 4 1/2-inch right antler circumference, 38 total points;

Lavaca County

1. Stephen E. Grahmann of Hallettsville, 13-pointer, 15-inch spread, 7 3/4-inch longest time, 4 1/4-inch right antler circumference, 40 total points;

2. Allan Raabe of Moulton, 10-pointer, 17 1/2-inch spread, 8 5/8-inch longest time, 3 3/4-inch right antler circumference,

ence, 39 7/8 total points;

3. John Kloppenburg of Hallettsville, 9-pointer, 16 3/8-inch spread, 8 5/8-inch longest time, 3 5/8-inch right antler circumference, 37 5/8 total points;

4. David Vaughn of Moulton, 8-pointer, 16-inch spread, 9 1/2-inch longest time, 3 3/4-inch right antler circumference, 37 1/4 total points.

Fayette County

1. Andrea Janda of La Grange, 16-pointer, 19-inch spread, 10 1/2-inch

longest time, 4 1/2-inch right antler circumference, 50 total points;

2. Amanda Ditta of La Grange, 10-pointer, 19 1/2-inch spread, 11-inch longest time, 4-inch right antler circumference, 44 1/2 total points;

3. Harold Mica of Flatonia, 8-pointer, 18 7/8-inch spread, 11 7/8-inch longest time, 4-inch right antler circumference, 42 3/4 total points;

4. Charles Sruar of West Point, 9-pointer, 18 3/8-inch spread, 10 1/2-inch longest time, 4 5/8-inch right antler circumference, 42 1/2 total points.

Texas Open - North Zone

1. Logan Brown of Lockhart, 9-pointer, 22 1/4-inch spread, 9 7/8-inch longest time, 5-inch right antler circumference, 46 1/8 total points;

2. Otilia Meyer of Columbus, 9-pointer, 20 3/4-inch spread, 11 1/4-inch longest time, 5-inch right antler circumference, 46 total points;

3. Alois Palinek of Wharton, 10-pointer, 19-inch spread, 8 7/8-inch longest time, 4 3/8-inch right antler circumference, 42 1/4 total points;

4. Rodger Koehler of Seguin, 8-pointer, 19 1/4-inch spread, 10 3/4-inch longest time, 4 1/8-inch right antler circumference, 42 1/8 total points.

Texas Open - South Zone

1. Frank A. Wojtek of Richmond, 13-pointer, 21 3/4-inch spread, 9 3/8-inch longest time, 5-inch right antler circumference, 49 1/8 total points;

2. Ronnie Kostelnik of Hallettsville, 11-pointer, 21 3/8-inch spread, 10 1/8-inch longest time, 4 3/8-inch right antler circumference, 46 7/8 total points;

17 & Under Youth Division

1. Mary Kubicek of Moulton, 10-pointer, 17 1/2-inch spread, 10 1/4-inch longest time, 5 1/4-inch right antler circumference, 43 total points;

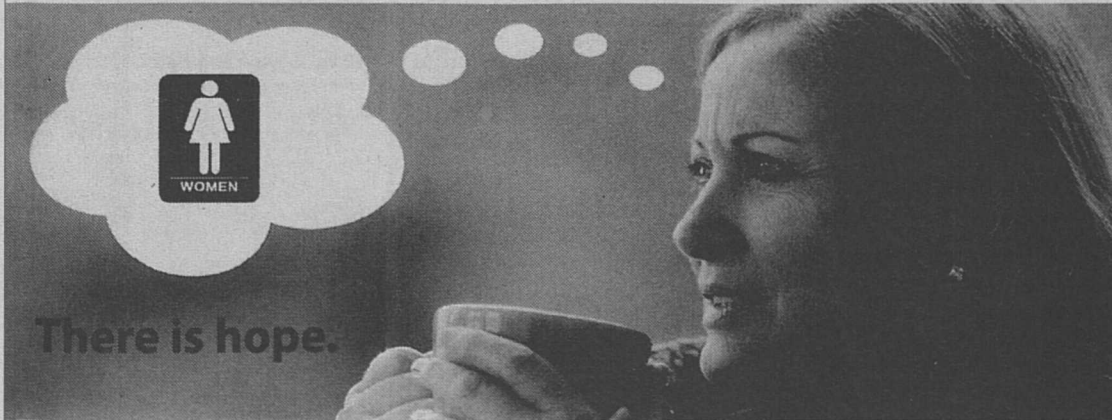
2. Richard Thiele of Gonzales, 9-pointer, 19 5/8-inch spread, 9 1/8-inch

longest time, 5 1/8-inch right antler circumference, 42 7/8 total points;

3. Colton Blackwell of Cuero, 10-pointer, 20 3/8-inch spread, 8 1/4-inch longest time, 4 1/8-inch right antler circumference, 42 3/4 total points;

4. Chase Blackwell of Cuero, 8-pointer, 21-inch spread, 9 3/8-inch longest time, 4 1/8-inch right antler circumference, 42 1/2 total points.

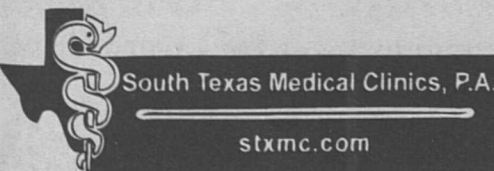
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