

Texas Fifth In Organic Food Production In 2008 Says Survey

The total value of organic product sales in Texas totaled \$149 million during 2008, according to the results of the recently released national Organic Production Survey.

Texas ranked fifth in the U.S. in organic sales, following Cali, Wash., Pa., and Oreg.

Livestock and poultry products, at \$91.1 million, contributed to 61 percent of the state's total value.

Crops, including nursery and greenhouse, made up 29 percent at \$43.3 million, and sales of organic livestock and poultry accounted for the remaining 10 percent at \$15.0 million.

There were 372 Texas operations in 2008 that were either certi-

fied organic or were exempt from certification because their sales totaled less than \$5,000. Texas ranked third in the U.S. in total land devoted to organic production with 314,279 acres.

Organic pastureland made up over three-fourths of this total, at 242,736 acres, while organic cropland accounted for 71,543 acres.

More than half of the farms had 100 percent of their agricultural product sales coming from organic sales.

Total organic production expenses were \$121 million, an average of \$330,157 per farm.

Texas had 26 farms with value-added organic sales totaling \$79.0 million, an average of \$3.04 million per farm.

Forty-five percent of first point sales from certified and exempt farms were done nationally (500 miles or further), 34 percent were done regionally (more than 100 miles but less than 500), and only 16 percent locally (within 100 miles).

Milk sales in 2008, at \$80.9 million, represented 54 percent of the total organic sales.

The peak inventory of organic milk cows on certified and exempt farms in 2008 was 24,019 head.

The peak inventory of organic beef cows was 1,604 head, while the all other organic cattle and calves peak number was 5,742 head.

Sales of food crops grown under protection and vegetables

totalled \$11.6 million, accounting for 8 percent of the total organic sales.

Texas certified and exempt farms harvested 7,637 acres of

organic cotton for a total quantity of 8,163 bales and 3,720 acres of organic wheat for a total quantity of 117,983 bushels.

For complete results of the

2008 Organic Production Survey visit the Census of Agriculture homepage at www.agcensus.usda.gov and click on "Full Report".

Milk Production Down On Year

Texas milk production totaled 740 million pounds during Jan., down three percent from last year's production.

Dec. 2009 production totaled 738 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during Jan. averaged 410,000 head, down 20,000 head from last year and down 1,000 head from the Dec. 2009 number.

Production per cow averaged

1,805 pounds during Jan., 25 pounds more than last year.

Milk production in the 23 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 14.8 billion pounds, down 0.6 percent from production in these same states in Jan. 2009.

Dec. revised production, at 14.6 billion pounds, was down 0.7

percent from Dec. 2008.

Production per cow during January averaged 1,782 pounds, 30 pounds above a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 23 states was 8.32 million head, 191,000 head less than last year but 4,000 head more than December 2009.

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tigation, Russell Byron Tucker, 52 of Marshall, was arrested for Public Intoxication. Case closed.

At 9:23 am, Deputy Zak responded to CR 101 south of Columbus in reference to a delusional subject that was causing a disturbance. The subject was taken into custody on a Peace Officer's Warrant and transported to Texana for a mental health evaluation. The subject was transported to the Austin State Hospital for treatment. Case closed.

At 12:55 pm, Deputy Zak responded to a residence on Cat Spring Road in reference to phone Harassment. On arrival, it was determined that a valid Protective Order had been issued for the Victim. After further investigation, Andrew Michael Garcia, 21 of Alleyton, was arrested on a warrant for Violation of Protective Order. Case closed.

At 1:52 pm, Deputy Zak responded to a residence on Hwy 90A west of Eagle Lake in reference to a child custody matter. A report was filed and the case is closed by this agency.

At 10:35 pm, Sgt. Staff responded to the Columbus Community Hospital in reference to a Peace Officer's Warrant for a mental patient. The patient was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital for treatment. Case closed.

Friday, January 22

At 12:05 am, Deputy Lindemann observed a vehicle that caused property damage at the Myrtle Cemetery in Rock Island. After further investigation, one subject was issued a citation for Reckless Damage or Destruction. Case closed.

At 10:50 am, Lt. Neisner responded to the Columbus Texas Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol Office in reference to a wanted subject attempting to renew a driver's license. After further investigation, Robert Darby Transeau, 53 of Columbus, was arrested on a warrant for Theft by Check (Failure to Appear). Case closed.

At 2:20 pm, Deputy Hudson responded to Hwy 90A near Eagle Lake to meet with Adult Protective Service in reference to a suicidal subject. After further investigation, the subject was taken into custody on a Peace Officer's Warrant and transported to Texana for a mental health screening. The subject was transported to Cypress Creek Hospital for treatment. Case closed.

Saturday, January 23

At 12:15 pm, Deputy Hudson responded to the Just One More Bar in Sheridan in reference to a stolen ATV from CR 255. After further investigation, Justin Kyle Machart, 22 of Sheridan, was arrested on a warrant for Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle. In addition, another subject, Phillip Kyle Silgero, 22 of Yoakum, was arrested on a warrant for Theft. Case closed.

At 6 pm, Deputy Blair responded to West 3rd Street in Sheridan in reference to malnourished horses. After further investigation, an agreement was made between the owner and Habitat for Horses. After further investigation, the horses were removed from the property and released to Habitat for Horses for proper care.

At 7:04 pm, Deputy Martell responded to a residence on Bernardo road in reference to Criminal Mischief. After further investigation, the incident was determined to be a civil matter. Case closed.

Sunday, January 24

At 1 am, Deputy Blair met with a complainant at the Sheriff's Office about an Assault that occurred on CR 2103 near Weimar. Case is pending further investigation.

At 1:35 pm, Deputy Hudson spoke with a complainant from Eagle Lake about her vehicle being damaged at Cozy's Lounge. A report was filed and

the case is pending development of suspect(s).

At 9:10 pm, Deputy Blair responded to CR 235 near Sheridan in reference to a dog bite. The owner was located and arrangements were made for rabies quarantine. The vaccinations were determined to be current. Case is pending results of quarantine.

At 11:17 pm, Sgt. Staff responded to a residence on Lakeside Drive in Eagle Lake in reference to an Assault in progress. The suspect fled the scene prior to arrival. The suspect was found hiding in the area and taken into custody. After further investigation, Glynn Ashley Cochran, 30 of Eagle Lake, was arrested and charged with Family Violence Assault with Previous Conviction, Evading Detention, Resisting Arrest, Assault on a Public Servant, Criminal Mischief, Failure to Identify using Fictitious Name, and Terroristic Threat on a Public Servant.

At 11:30 pm, Deputy Martell met with a complainant at the Sheriff's Office about an Assault that occurred at a residence in Cat Spring. Case is pending further investigation and charges.

Monday, January 25

At 9 am, Deputy Head responded to property on Kleihege Road near Lone Oak in reference to an ongoing dispute and verbal disturbance. On arrival, an investigation was initiated and the situation was resolved.

At 10:28 pm, Sgt. Marc Staff conducted a traffic stop on CR 16 near Altair. The vehicle was towing an ATV with what appeared to be an altered Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). The trailer was seized until it could be properly identified. After the identity of the trailer was established, it was returned to the owner. Case closed.

Tuesday, January 26

At 12:45 am, Sgt. Marc Staff responded to Texana in Columbus in reference to a Peace Officer's Warrant for a mental patient. The patient was transported to the Austin State Hospital for treatment. Case closed.

At 8 am, Deputy Abbott responded to a residence on Hattemann Lane in reference to a reported home invasion. On arrival, it was determined that a burglary had occurred along with a Criminal Trespass of a Habitation. After further investigation, Nina Allison Reip, 29 of New Ulm, and Natalie Jean Camareno, 27 of Columbus, were both arrested on a warrant for Burglary of a Habitation. In addition, a third suspect, Patricia Hammons Woodard, 39 of New Ulm, was arrested on a warrant for Criminal Trespass of a Habitation. Case closed.

At 12:45 pm, Sgt. Girndt met with a complainant at the Sheriff's Office in reference to a Theft of Firearm that occurred at a residence in Altair. The missing weapon was entered into the State and National database as stolen. Case is pending further investigation.

At 2:55 pm, Deputy Abbott responded to Ford Lane west of Columbus in reference to trespassing. After further investigation, one subject was issued a Criminal Trespass Warning. Case closed.

At 3:55 pm, Deputy Zak responded to CR 222 near Weimar in reference to Estray livestock. After further investigation, the owner of the livestock was located. Case closed.

Wednesday, January 27

At 1 pm, Deputy Abbott responded to Canal Street in Alleyton in reference to a Cruelty to Animals complainant. On arrival, it was determined that a Pit Bull dog was in an extremely poor and emaciated condition. A warrant to seize the animal was obtained through Justice Court and the Pit Bull dog was seized and transported to the Houston SPCA for treatment and a physical exami-

nation. After further investigation, Ray Charles Coleman Jr., 29 of Alleyton, was arrested on a warrant for Cruelty to Non-Livestock Animals. Case closed.

At 3:15 pm, Sgt. Girndt met with a complainant from CR 210 near Weimar in reference to a mail scam. The complainant did not suffer a monetary loss. A report was filed and the case is closed.

At 8:05 pm, Deputy Lindemann responded to FM 109 in reference to a motor vehicle accident. After further investigation, it was determined that the vehicle had driven into a culvert after turning around. The driver was issued a citation for No Proof of Liability Insurance, Expired Registration, and Expired Inspection. A report was filed and the case is closed.

Thursday, January 28

At 2:56 am, Sgt. Edman initiated a traffic stop on FM 3013 near Eagle Lake. After further investigation, Martin Herrera Ferrel, 39 of Eagle Lake, was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated. The passenger, Alvin Sosa, 49 of Eagle Lake, was arrested for Public Intoxication. Case closed.

At 11:10 am, Deputy Zak responded to McCormick Road near Eagle Lake in reference to a Theft of diesel fuel. Evidence was collected and the case is pending further investigation.

At 7:40 pm, Deputy Lindemann initiated a traffic stop on FM 3013 and FM 1093 near Eagle Lake. After further investigation, Oswaldo Montiel Carmona, 28 of Columbus, was arrested for No Driver's License and No Proof of Liability Insurance. Case closed.

At 8 pm, Sgt. Edman responded to the Columbus Oaks Apartments east of Columbus in reference to trespassing. After further investigation, one subject was issued a Criminal Trespass Warning. Case closed.

At 8:20 pm, Deputy Lindemann responded to a residence on FM 949 near Alleyton in reference

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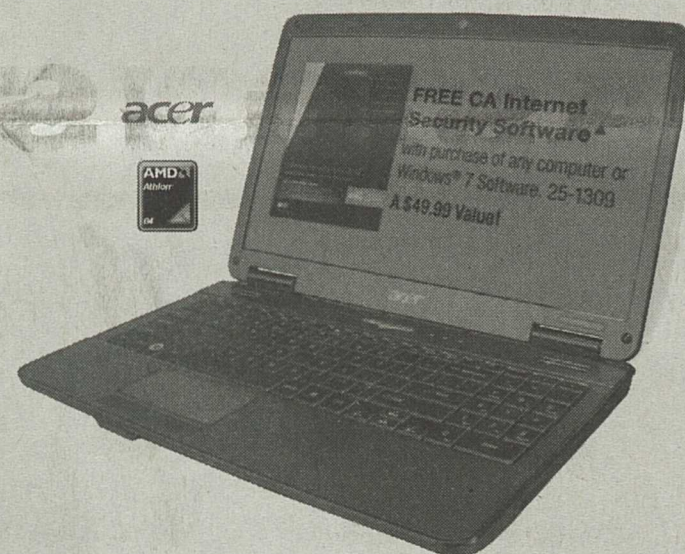
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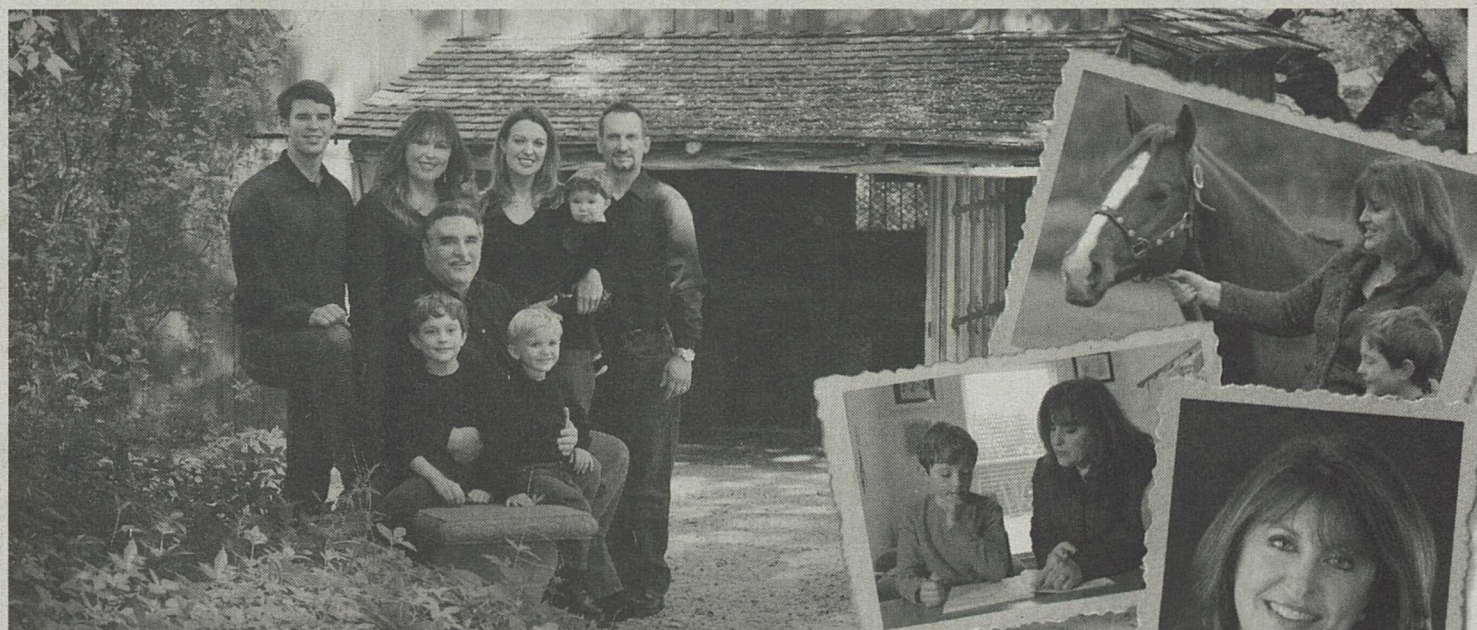
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