

Texas Crop Weather Report

The Texas Field Office released the following report regarding Texas agriculture for the week of Feb. 22 to 28.

Agricultural Report

The Central and Eastern part of the State received up to 1.5 inches of rainfall while the rest of the State received little to no rainfall.

Winter wheat has continued to improve due to recent moisture levels and is nearing the jointing stage in the Southern High Plains.

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A recent hard freeze this past week delayed some early planting of sorghum in South Texas, with producers hoping to begin midweek.

Vegetables were progressing well in the Lower Valley but some replanting had to be done due to seed problems in heavily saturated soils.

Livestock conditions were deteriorating due to the cold, wet weather in the Northern High Plains with hay supplies getting shorter.

Muddy pastures in some feeding areas were contributing to foot rot problems in beef cattle in the Cross Timbers.

Soil temperatures across the state remain unseasonably cool for this time of year.

Topsoil moisture was mostly adequate to surplus across the

state.

Field Crops Report

Small Grains: Winter wheat has continued to improve due to recent moisture levels and is nearing the jointing stage in the

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Wheat condition was mostly

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Sorghum: A recent hard freeze this past week delayed some early planting of sorghum in South Texas, with producers hoping to begin mid-week.

Planting has also been delayed in the Coastal Bend because of the wet conditions.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

Vegetables were progressing well in the Lower Valley but some replanting had to be done due to seed problems in heavily saturated soils.

Sugarcane harvest was halted because of unfavorable field conditions.

However, cabbage and spinach harvest was very active in South Texas.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Livestock conditions were deteriorating due to the cold, wet weather in the Northern High Plains with hay supplies getting shorter.

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Sheep and goats are lambing and kidding in the Edwards Plateau with supplemental feeding on most operations.

A blanket of snow covered the area early in the week, increasing soil moisture in the Northern Plains.

Soil temperatures across the state remain unseasonably cool for this time of year.

Range and pasture condition

Texas Oil And Gas Stats Given

January Permits To Drill

The Commission issued a total of 1,147 original drilling permits in January 2010 compared to 1,264 in January 2009.

The January total included 984 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 32 to re-enter existing well bores, and 131 for re-completions.

Permits issued in January 2010 included 252 oil, 238 gas, 614 oil and gas, 41 injection, zero service and two other permits.

December Crude Oil Production

Texas preliminary December 2009 crude oil production averaged 892,585 barrels daily, down from the 921,141 barrels daily average of December 2008.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for December 2009 is 27,670,153 barrels, down from 28,555,363 barrels reported during December 2008.

January Oil And Gas Completions

In January 2010, operators reported 347 oil, 388 gas, 30 injection and two other completions compared to 556 oil, 881 gas, 27 injection and two other completions during January 2009.

Total well completions for 2010 year to date are 765 down from 1,466 recorded during the same period in 2009.

Operators reported 342 holes plugged and one dry hole in January 2010 compared to 347 holes plugged and six dry holes in January 2009.

December Natural Gas Pro-

duction

Texas oil and gas wells produced 579,199,147 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for December 2009, up from the December 2008 preliminary gas production total of 571,461,748 Mcf.

Texas production in December 2009 came from 137,727 oil and 91,419 gas wells.

January Texas Oil And Gas Drilling Permits And Completions By District

1.)San Antonio Area- Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 62, Oil Completions: 19, Gas Completions: 8.

2. Refugio Area- Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 48, Oil Completions: 2, Gas Completions: 31.

3. Southeast Texas- Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 67, Oil Completions: 24, Gas Completions: 37.

4. Deep South Texas- Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 89, Oil Completions: 6, Gas Completions: 49.

5. East Central Texas- Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 26, Oil Completions: 0, Gas Completions: 16.

6. East Texas- Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 87, Oil Completions: 6, Gas Completions: 52.

7B. West Central Texas- Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 49, Oil Completions: 29, Gas Completions: 9.

7C. San Angelo Area- Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 110, Oil Completions: 90, Gas Comple-

tions: 2.

8. Midland- Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 267, Oil Completions: 80, Gas Completions: 19.

8A. Area- Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 89, Oil Completions: 41, Gas Completions: 0.

9. North Texas- Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 198, Oil Completions: 31, Gas Completions: 99.

10. Panhandle- Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 55, Oil Completions: 19, Gas Completions: 66.

December Texas Top Ten Oil Producing Counties Ranked By Preliminary Production

County - Crude Oil (Bbls)

1. Andrews - 2,020,010

2. Gaines - 2,001,479

3. Yoakum - 1,897,159

4. Ector - 1,622,682

5. Hockley - 1,388,032

6. Upton - 1,249,297

7. Scurry - 1,240,207

8. Midland - 1,055,367

9. Pecos - 979,358

10. Martin - 858,575

December Texas Top Ten Gas Producing Counties Ranked By Preliminary Production

County - Total Gas (Mcf)

1. Tarrant - 47,716,118

2. Johnson - 41,983,400

3. Panola - 22,003,850

4. Freestone - 21,849,795

5. Robertson - 20,175,847

6. Zapata - 19,878,747

7. Denton - 18,888,191

8. Wise - 17,264,200

9. Pecos - 16,106,073

10. Webb - 15,029,242

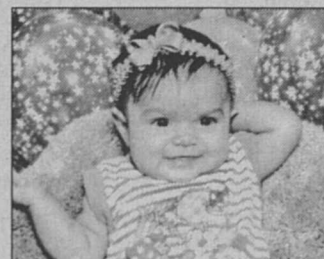
EAGLE LAKE WEATHER REPORT

Information Courtesy of Texas A&M University System
Agricultural Research and Experiment Station, Eagle Lake

Date	Temp (H/L)	Rainfall(in.)
Mon. 02-22-10	54/39	0.00
Tue. 02-23-10	42/33	0.21
Wed. 02-24-10	52/31	0.00
Thu. 02-25-10	63/35	0.00
Fri. 02-26-10	63/42	0.04
Sat. 02-27-10	61/36	0.00
Sun. 02-28-10	66/50	0.45

Happy Sweet 16 "Chach"

March 9, 2010



My pride, my joy, content with any toy...

You're my heart, you're my soul, my love for you will never grow old...

Growing up brings many challenges. I know you will make the right decisions. Let God guide you.

I Love You!!!!

Aunt CoCo

NEWSBRIEFS

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WCJC Band to perform March 9

The Wharton County Junior College Pioneer Band will perform Tuesday, March 9 at 7 p.m. The performance will take place at the Horton Foote Theatre (Duson-Hansen Fine Arts Bldg.) on the Wharton Campus. Admission is free! For more information call 979-532-6300.

Sheridan Lions dinner March 13

The 47th Annual Sheridan Lions Club will hold their roast beef dinner on Saturday, March 13 at the Sheridan Community Center. Plates are \$8 each. Serving starts at 6. Plates to go available. Dinner includes roast beef, rice/gravy, green beans, rolls, dessert and tea. Bingo with cash prizes will also be held. Stay for the drawing. There will also be a silent auction with a great variety of items.

Mop, broom sale is March 18

The Eagle Lake Lions mop and broom sale is Thursday, March 18 on the square in Eagle Lake. Stop by from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lions Club projects include: Rice High School scholarship, little league, fire department, The Lighthouse, Rice Medical Center Volunteers, Summer Reading program, Texas Lions Camp, children's eyeglasses, Lighthouse for the Blind, Leader Dog Program and Lions Eye Bank.

White Cloud Breakfast set

White Cloud Missionary Baptist Church (WCMB) at 1093 Old Altair Rd. Eagle Lake will hold their "Brotherhood Prayer Breakfast" Saturday, March 20. Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. Brotherhood Annual will be held Sunday March 21 at 3 p.m. Theme: "I'm A King", Genesis 2:15, Matthew 19:28, Matthew 25:23. Topic(s): "God's Position for Men in the World", Genesis 2:20a, James 1:8, 22-26, "God's position for Men in the Home" Ephesians 5:23, 1 Timothy 3:4-6, 12-13. Check us out at www.facebook.com/whitecloudbaptistchurch.

RMC golf classic is March 20

The Rice Medical Center (RMC) Classic 13th Annual 4-player golf scramble will be held Saturday, March 20 at Eagle Lake Golf Course. Shot gun starts at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Entry fee \$200 per team, which includes meals and gift. Prizes for 1st - 3rd place teams, closest to hole, longest drive contest and hole in one prize. Proceeds to benefit Rice Medical Foundation and RMC Employee Volunteers for hospital equipment and renovations.

Episcopal teaches rules to children

On Sundays thru March 21 Christ Episcopal Church (CEC), 401 N. Lake at Stockbridge (the pink church), is offering a series on The Ten Commandments for all children ages 7 through 16. Each Sunday during the first half of the 10 a.m. church service the children will learn one of God's commandments through Scripture, interactive play, drama, crafts, and stories. The first Sunday after Easter the children will give a dramatic presentation in church to share what they have learned. You are invited to bring your children each Sunday, so they can learn about God's rules for life. For more information contact Fr. Ralph Morgan at 234-3437.

Rabies vaccination clinic is March 23

The City of Eagle Lake will sponsor a rabies vaccination clinic on Tuesday, March 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the fire station. Dr. R.H. Potter of Columbus will conduct the clinic and rabies vaccinations will be \$10 per animal. Dogs, as well as cats, may be vaccinated at that time.

Residential sewer averaging

Annual residential sewer rates are determined by water consumption from through March 15. The readings for these three months are averaged and that average will be your sewer charge for the next 12 months, starting April 1, 2010. Customers are encouraged to fix any water leaks as soon as possible and limit water usage (like watering grass or washing cars) in an effort to keep water consumptions at a minimum during this time. Each residential sewer rate is based on the actual water consumed at that particular location. If you have any questions, please call city hall at 234-2640.

Jazz Band to perform April 15

The Wharton County Junior College Jazz Band will perform Big Band Sounds Thursday, April 15 at 7 p.m. The performance will take place at the Horton Foote Theatre (Duson-Hansen Fine Arts Bldg.) on the Wharton Campus. Admission is free! For more information call 979-532-6300.

Prairie Edge Asks For Help With Donations

The Prairie Edge Museum Thrift Shop has a problem with the theft of your donations and needs the help of the community.

Without the wonderful donations of the community there will be no Thrift Shop or Museum. The Museum needs the Thrift Shop and the Thrift Shop needs your donations.

We must ask that you bring your donations to us when there is someone there to accept them. Recently the donations that have been left at our door have been

disappearing before someone can stop and put them inside to be worked on by our volunteers and put in the store to be sold.

The Thrift Shop is the main fundraiser for our Museum and can only remain open if we continue to receive your donations.

The Museum is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.

If those hours are not convenient please call us to schedule a donation: Christine Owen, 979-234-2575, leave a message I will return your call after 6 p.m. or call Helen Craig, 979-234-2807.

Please follow these guidelines when getting your donations ready for delivery. We accept all clean, dry clothing, shoes and accessories as well as household items and small furniture pieces.

We are not able to accept computers and large or damaged pieces of furniture due to limited storage space and the inability to sell them.

Please help us keep the theft of your donations to a minimum. We thank you for your continued support of the Prairie Edge Museum and for your donations.

Texas Milk Production Down

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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