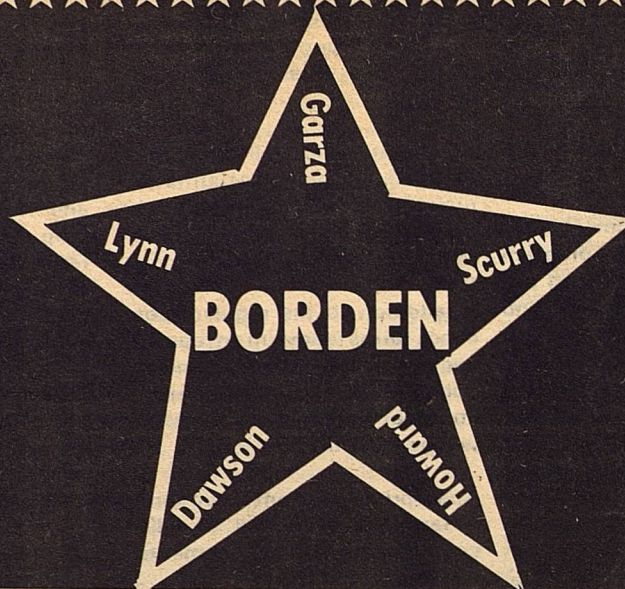


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USDA REQUEST COMMENTS OF 1986 WHEAT MARKETING QUOTA PROGRAM

Dear Producer,

The US Department of Agriculture is seeking public comments on proposed provisions of the 1986 Wheat Marketing Quota Program. The program sets price supports, acreage and marketing quotas for wheat producers in years when an excess wheat crop is expected.

To become effective, marketing quotas must be approved in a referendum by two thirds or more of the eligible wheat producers.

The public comments will be used to finalize program provisions for the wheat producers' referendum scheduled for July 19-26.

Producers voting in the referendum will be choosing the type of program they want in effect for the 1986 wheat crop. If two-thirds or more of the voters favor marketing quotas, basic program provisions would include mandatory acreage controls and penalties for overplanting; a three-tier price support system ranging up to 90 percent of parity (the June 1985 parity price for wheat is \$7.09 per bushel); a domestic and export certificate program financed by processors and exporters; and a mandatory unpaid land diversion program.

If one-third or more of the referendum voters opposes marketing quotas, basic program provisions would include no acreage controls or penalties for overplanting; a price support loan program set at 50 percent of parity for cooperators (price support may

be extended to noncooperators); no domestic or certificate program; and no land diversion program.

USDA wants comments on the following aspects of the program:

--eligibility requirements for voters in the producer referendum;

--method of balloting employed in the producer referendum;

--diverted acreage requirements and uses if the marketing quotas are approved by referendum;

--levels of price support for cooperating and noncooperating producers if marketing quotas are approved by referendum;

--levels of price support for cooperating and noncooperating producers if marketing quotas are disapproved by referendum.

Comments must be received no later than July 5 by the Director, Commodity Analysis Division, USDA-ASCS, Room 3741-S, P.O. Box 2415, Washington D C 20250. A regulatory impact statement on the 1986 Wheat Marketing Quota Program that covers the options considered may be obtained by writing to the same address or calling (202) 447-3391.

Sincerely,

Jerry Neil Stone
County Executive Director
Borden County ASCS

REGION 2 COUNTY TREASURER'S MEETING

The regular meeting of the Region 2, Sandy Landers County Treasurers Assn. met on Thursday, June 20, 1985, at 10:00 A.M. in the Borden County Courthouse.

Mr. Norman Jenkins, Field Representative, Employees Retirement and Social Security System, Austin, Texas presented a program on the proper method for reporting employee's social security benefits.

The election of officers was held. Newly elected officers are as follows:

President- Melissa Ludecke, Borden County
Vice-President-Linda Clark, Gaines County
Secretary-Treasurer-Glenna Orman, Floyd County

County treasurers attending the meeting were Betty Hudson, Cochran Co.; Atha Prater, Cottle Co.; Barbara Stone, Dawson Co.; Druline Rape, Dickens Co.; Glenna Orman, Floyd Co.; Linda Clark, Gaines Co.; Voda Beth Gradine, Garza Co.; Laverna Harrison, Kent Co.; Kay Crisewell, King Co.; Cindy Bryan, Lynn Co.; Bobbie Montgomery, Terry Co.; and Naurwelle Rogers, Nolan Co.;

The next meeting will Thursday, November 21, 1985 in Dawson County, Lamesa, Tx.

WINNERS OF GIFT CERTIFICATE

The Borden County Junior Livestock Association wishes to thank Bar-H-Bar Western Wear of Snyder, Texas for donating the two gift certificates that were awarded to holders of the lucky numbers found in the programs at the Borden County Junior Rodeo. The winners of the certificates were Donna Fowler and Ann Henderson, both of Snyder, Texas. Happy Shopping!!



CHEERLEADER CAMPERS

These cheerleaders from Borden County High School attended the annual cheerleader camp at Western Texas College from June 17-20. Seated is Cindy Balaque and standing are Elvira Balaque, Kerri Williams, Mindy Williams and Ralynn Key. Personnel from the AL-Star Cheerleader Conference in Kansas City provided instruction for the 65 students. Mickey Baird, Student Activities Director at WTC, also assisted.

TSTA NEWS

NEA general counsel, will be the counsel - of - records.

The Texas State Teachers Association and the National Education Association today announced that it has retained the services of three law firms to review portions of House Bill 72 as it relates to competency testing of practicing teachers.

Representing TSTA and NEA will be the Washington D.C. firm of Bredhoff and Kaiser and the Texas firms of Schwartz, Waterman, Fickman, and Van Os of Houston and Austin and Daves and Hahn of Tyler. Karen Johnson, TSTA general counsel, will coordinate the efforts between the state and national firms and Bob Chanin,

TSTA President Becky Brooks said she anticipates suits to be filed this summer in both state and federal courts challenging the decertification provisions in the current law. Teachers are scheduled to be tested the week of March 10, 1986.

Brooks said that should the lawsuits fail to eliminate the testing or if a decision from the courts is not made in time, ISTA is preparing to offer free test preparation workshops to its members throughout the state. Approximately 250 trainers are being secured to conduct the workshops.

ASCS NEWS BY JERRY STONE

REVIEW OF ACR REQUIREMENTS

Good conservation management of cropland withdrawn from production is a requirement of the 1985 acreage reduction and land diversion programs. The diverted acres are called acreage conservation reserve (ACR) to emphasize the importance of saving soil and water.

As soon as possible after the normal planting period of spring crops, farm program participants are required to establish conservation protection on their ACR by devoting these acres to annual, biennial or perennial grasses and legumes, volunteer stands OTHER THAN WEEDS, small grains or crop residue from the use of no-till or minimum-till practices. Other cover or plantings, such as those benefiting wildlife, may be developed as long as the practice or cover meets erosion control standards.

ACR may be put into a permanent vegetative cover or conservation practice such as trees, sod waterways, filter strips and windbreaks. Permanent conservation practices are eligible for cost-share payments under the Agricultural Conservation Program. The cover and practices authorized for these acres are sufficient to protect

the land from wind and water erosion.

To protect ACR from insects, weeds and rodents, program participants are required to use normal control measures and maintain the acreage throughout the year. Keeping the land free from weeds is a very important program requirement and farmers who fail to do so will be out of compliance and could lose program benefits.

ACR land may not be harvested. Grazing is not permitted between April 1 thru August 31 except in areas approved for special or emergency haying and grazing.

In deciding on the cover and control measures for their acreage conservation reserve, farm program participants are urged to consider the soil and water conservation benefits, protection or wildlife, and the long-term nutrient returns from a well-chosen cover crop.

MAINTENANCE OF 1985 ACR

Good conservation of ACR is a requirement of the 1985 acreage reduction and land diversion programs. ACR must be devoted to practices that will protect the acreage from wind and water erosion throughout the calendar year ending December 31, 1985. Necessary measures to control weeds must be taken throughout the

calendar year. Unauthorized harvesting and grazing will result in loss of program benefits.

The county office will spotcheck a sufficient number of arms to make sure farm operators are complying with ACR requirements.

In addition to the regular spot check farms follow up on reports and complaints from the general public and producers concerning improper maintenance of ACR will be carried out.

Appropriate payment reductions if farm operators fail to fully comply with ACR requirements will apply.

REPORT WEATHER DAMAGED CROPS

To receive credit for future crop acreage bases, Borden County farmers are reminded to notify the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service before destroying weather damaged crops.

Evidence of the failed acreage must be present when the area is inspected for this purpose.

Farmers are currently filing acreage reports with ASCS to qualify for price support loans, deficiency payments, and other farm program benefits. The reports are necessary to determine program compliance and to document acreages for crop history purposes. Crop reports must be filed by July 15 to be in compliance with 1985 acreage reduction and land diversion programs.

Likewise, farmers who wish to prove higher wheat yields than are presently established for their farm must document proof of production for this year's crops. Production evidence must be kept separate for each year and for each farm.

When 1986 yield notices are sent out, farmers will be given the opportunity to request a proven yield if production

evidence so warrants.

LOAN RATES SET FOR OATS SORGHUM RYE

Loan rates for 1985 oats, sorghum and rye have been announced by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Services. The rates are based on national average loan rates announced in September 1984.

National average loan rates are \$1.31 per bushel for oats grading No. 3 or better; \$4.32 per hundred weight for sorghum grading No. 3 or better; and \$2.17 per bushel for rye grading No. 2 or better. Exceptions will be made for test weight or thin rye, and for stained or weathered oats.

To qualify for the loans, farmers need to comply with farm program provisions. Price support loans give farmers an opportunity to obtain operating

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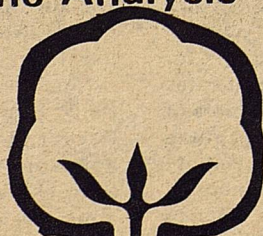
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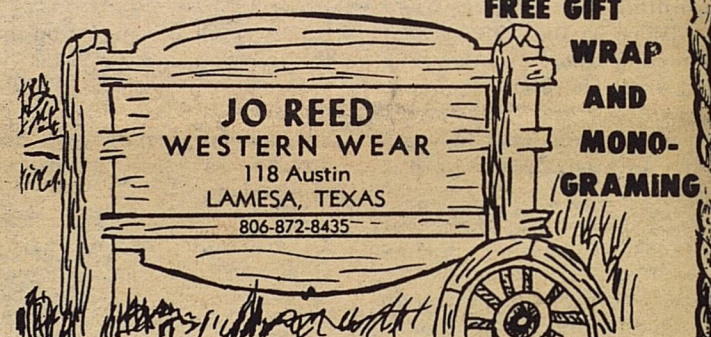
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SUMMER THE DEADLIEST MONTHS OF THE YEAR

Summer is a time for fun. But the mixture of automobiles, fatigue, water and alcohol, can also make it among the most dangerous times of the year.

A few simple precautionary measures can keep you from becoming a grim summer holiday statistic.

Start and return from summer trips early enough to reach your destination without hurrying. Remember that a day at the

beach or park is tiring. If you're weary and want to get home quickly, it may affect your judgment behind the wheel. A lengthy stay in the sun at a lake or beach can also affect your night vision. If you have been drinking alcohol on your outing, let someone else drive.

Alcohol is also a contributing factor in many water-related accidents. Use of alcohol, plus fatigue caused by the nature of water sports can produce many faulty decisions and a loss of reaction time in an emergency.

Swimming accidents account for over 150 deaths in Texas each year, and boating another 100 or more. But there are fatalities each year associated with all types of water activities, including fishing and wading.

Don't swim alone, or while chilled or overheated, overly tired or just after eating. Distances over water are deceiving, and many drowning victims die from attempting to swim across a lake or after abandoning a boat which has overturned or run out of gas, even though the boat stayed afloat.

All boaters should wear life preservers. And children should wear a life jacket at all times around the water. Children and adults often fall into the water from places that are assumed to be safe, such as docks, bridges, boats and the sides of pools.

A backyard pool can be a special danger to small children. Children should never be left unattended by a responsible adult when near a

swimming pool - whether it's an in-ground pool, a large above ground pool or a small child's wading pool. In the time it takes to answer the telephone or check the food on the stove, an unattended child can drown, even in shallow water.

The best thing parents can do is give children swimming lessons at an early age and then make sure they are properly supervised around water.

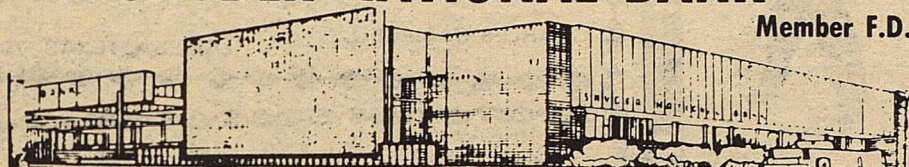
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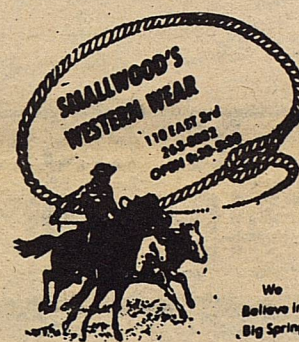
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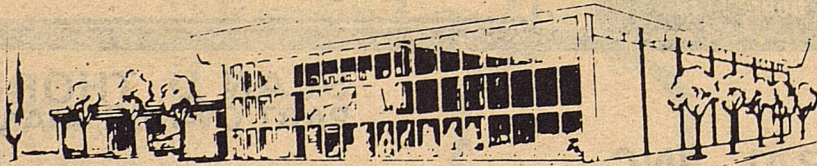
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