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## Farm Bureau

### Bob Stallman Profile..

**PLAINVIEW** — Big challenges abound on the Texas ag scene, and tackling them will take a big effort over the next few months believes Bob Stallman, new president of the Texas Farm Bureau.

Stallman discussed his hopes for the future on a recent stop in Plainview to drop in on a board meeting with the Hale County Farm Bureau.

He called his stop here part of "communicating with the countryside," an effort to

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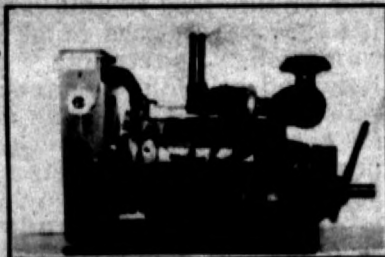
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**HALE CENTER FIRECRACKER CELEBRATION** — A day of fun and games and a parade on Saturday will precede Independence Day.

July 17

**TULIA'S SWISHER COUNTY PICNIC** — Traditional picnic celebration features noon barbecue meal.

July 28

**OKLAHOMA STATE TWO-CYLINDER SHOW** — One of the major tractor shows in the Southwest, in Fairview, Okla.

Sept. 17-18

**GOLDEN SPREAD ANTIQUE EQUIPMENT SHOW** — Donald Sell Farm in Perryton will be the site of the original old tractor show of the Texas Panhandle.

# Knox city station known for new grass, flowers

**KNOX CITY** — Several plant varieties have been released through the James E. "Bud" Smith Plant Materials Center here in recent years, according to Morris Houck, the manager.

The Soil Conservation Service-operated center touched on some of the recent work during a field day here recently. Brief descriptions of several of those releases follow:

**Alamo Switchgrass:** Released in 1978 by SCS and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Alamo is a great forage producer; controls erosion well on shorelines and watersheds; and has

some degree of salt tolerance.

**Aztec Sunflower:** Released in 1978, Aztec has a wide variety of uses ranging from livestock browser and wildlife food to landscaping. It's viewed as a good range forb. **Comanche partridge pea:** Released in 1985, Comanche is widely adaptable due to its intragression of several varieties. It provides cover for slower-establishing perennials.

**Eldorado Engelmann daisy:** Eldorado is a native, cool perennial, cool-season forb originating near El Dorado. Released in 1985, it produces a large amount of for-

age in late winter and early spring. It is palatable to all classes of livestock as well as deer.

**Haskell sideoats grama:** Haskell is a warm-season, perennial, rhizomatous grass originating near Haskell. Released in 1983, the plant is excellent for cattle grazing and is grown extensively in the Rolling Red Plains. **Lometa Indiangrass:** A native, perennial, warm-season bunchgrass found in tall-grass prairies of Texas and Oklahoma, it is widely adapted and is found in every region of the state. Released in 1981, the plant has potential for revegetating.

**Mason sandhill lovegrass:** Mason is attractive to livestock and produces abundant seed. It's well adapted to the Edwards Plateau and Southern High Plain. **Overton R18:** Released in 1991, the plant has a longer, later and more productive seasonal distribution of forage than other rose clover varieties. It adapts well to the eastern half of Texas. **Plateau awnless bushsunflower:** The plant is an excellent forage plant with high nutritional intake for cattle and deer. Released in 1987, the plant is good in mixture with other native forbs, legumes and other grasses.

**Rainbow wild plum:** Rainbow is a hardy, slightly suckering plant seldom reaching 10 feet in height. It is very good for wildlife, both for food and cover. Released in 1951, it is used extensively for erosion control.

**Sabine Illinois bundleflower:** This legume is found growing in nearly all range sites. Released in 1983 it's good for wildlife food and shelter.

**Shoreline common reed:** This wetland species was released in 1978 and has been used widely for erosion control. **T 587 old world bluestem:** This perennial, warm-season bunchgrass was released in 1981 and is very palatable for livestock; adapts best to tight soils. It does lack winter hardiness in the Texas Panhandle and in Oklahoma.

## June supply/demand report is neutral to cotton

The market price for the 1994/95 season remains strong because of tight stocks, good domestic demand, and uncertainty as to the 1994 U.S. and foreign crop size.

Along with weekly crop progress reports and the Thursday export sales and shipments, the June 30 acreage report will receive considerable attention from both the trade and speculators.

March planting intentions were for 13.8 million acres, up from 13.44 in 1993.

Price for July futures has been unusually weak, given the small 17.2 million bale Chinese crop and expected large export sales from U.S. to them. Certificated stocks for July futures delivery are very large at about 350,000 bales. First notice day for July cotton futures was today, June 24.

These stocks hang heavy over the old crop market as speculators are moving to new crop contracts.

Crop prospects in all four production areas of the U.S. continue good. However, West Texas dryland needs timely rain to make a normal crop. South Texas and Coastal Bend crops are progressing well with few insect problems.

A 1994/95 crop between 17.5 to 18.5 million bales is likely with current conditions pushing it towards the 18.5 million level. Demand stands at about 17.5-18.0 million — 10.5 million bales for



## COTTON MARKET UPDATE

Dr. Carl Anderson

domestic and 7.0-7.5 million for exports. Thus, ending stocks may increase slightly to around 4.0 million, up from 3.6 million projected carryover from the 1993/94 crop.

With 17.5 usage, a 30 percent stocks-to-use target places ending stocks at 5.2 million. This suggests that the ARP for the 1995/96 crop will be much less than the 11 percent for this year. The discussion for setting ARP gets underway in September for a preliminary announcement by November 1.

The planted acreage report on June 30 is a benchmark of the market. The acreage will be the base for the July 12 supply/demand report which still reflects only prospects and trends. The first

objective yield survey is in August.

The relative level of December futures between the end of June and July 15 is a closely watched indicator of the direction December futures might move for the rest of the year. As a "rule of thumb", if December futures by July 15 is lower or higher than it was on June 30, then, it will likely continue to move in that direction until December. Good or bad weather in any major production region of the world can, however, change the outcome.

With December futures reaching for new highs, it is a good time to make pricing decisions. No one sees the season's highest price until it is history. As a result, your getting the highest price of the year is not a realistic target.

The 1994/95 season has general characteristics of the 1990 season. In 1990, U.S. stocks-to-use was 14 percent and foreign 34 percent; while projections for 1994 are 22 percent stocks-to-use for U.S. and 33 percent foreign. December 1990 futures were slightly above 75 cents in July, declined 5 cents by August, and then recovered to go off the board at 78.49. This year's price level for the rest of 1994 greatly depends on the crop size relative to 17.5 million bales expected usage.

(Dr. Carl Anderson, Texas A&M Cotton Marketing Specialist, is a noted authority on the cotton markets.)



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With that in mind, you may be interested to know that some manufacturers are trying to make the idea a good deal more appealing.

Not only will you find all the components for the job at your local home improvement center, but for the price of a stamp you'll get professional help in laying out the system. And if you still have questions, there's often a toll-free phone number to help you along the way.

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Of course, not every property will accommodate a sprinkler system. If the waterline from the street to the meter is smaller than five-eighths of an inch (because of mineral deposits), or if your water pressure is down in the 20-

psi range, your options are extremely limited.

A heavily landscaped yard, or one with a good deal of concrete or hefty tree roots, will also limit your options and make the job more difficult.

To determine water pressure, you can call your local water company. A more precise method is to measure the pressure at an outside faucet. To help you judge the capacity of your water supply, sprinkler system companies, such as Lawn Genie, offer a worksheet that includes a formula to determine how much water your system delivers in gallons per minute.

No matter what your delivery capacity at the meter, however, it's important to know that friction will reduce the output somewhat. Every fitting, turn and length of pipe will subtract from the raw total, and you may have to upsize the piping that supplies the sprinkler system to achieve appropriate flow rates.

Plan your sprinkler system to begin inside the house, as near the water

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You should receive in turn a detailed layout, including pipe sizing, head types and locations, the number of zones and zone valves and the best piping routes.

## Facts about the black bass

The black basses are members of the sunfish family,

Centrarchidae. This family includes the sunfishes and crappies. Originally, the black bass distribution was limited to the eastern

side of the rocky mountains. These fish prefer warmer lakes and streams and are nest builders. The males will create a depression where one or more females can lay her eggs. The male will guard the eggs.



### Devil's claw sprouts in its own pod

Frank Judah, a Plainview area farmer, discovered a real oddity in his cotton patch recently. It seems a common "devil's claw" plant sprouted within its own pod. Judah said he had never seen such a phenomenon in his many years on the farm.

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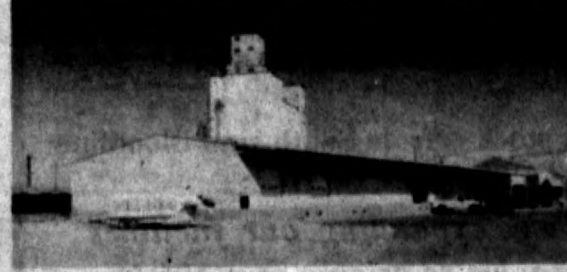
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# Outdoorsman guilty of shooting too many ducks

By RICHARD ESPINOZA  
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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Outdoorsman Fred Ramsay pleaded guilty Thursday in federal court to shooting too many sitting ducks at the end of a daylong hunting trip he guided last November.

According to federal authorities in Kansas City, Ramsay and another hunter were caught piling 28 dead and dying mallard ducks beside a creek in Holt County. The birds had been shot while at rest for the night.

The daily limit during waterfowl season is two ducks per day.

"The mallard population is pretty poor," said J.D. Persson, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife special agent familiar with the case.

Ramsay, 43, is host of KCMO radio's "Fred Ramsay's Outdoor Magazine" in Kansas City. He also hosts KQTV's "The American Outdoorsman" television show and KFEQ radio's "Midwest

Outdoors," both broadcast in St. Joseph.

Ramsay, an Amazonia, Mo., hunting guide, could not be reached for comment Thursday. His attorney, Mark H. Wissehr, declined to comment on the case before sentencing.

Ramsay, who entered his guilty plea to the misdemeanor charge before U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert E. Larsen, faces up to a year in prison and \$100,000 fine.

Because Ramsay was acting as a hired guide when the violations occurred, he was prosecuted under the federal Lacey Act, which prohibits anyone from making money from game that is caught or killed illegally.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Special Agent Dan Burleson gave this account:

Just after a large flock of snow geese flew out of the Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge on Nov. 13, Ramsay and a hunter he was guiding parked near

a creek where the birds had landed.

They were armed with two shotguns and looking for ducks.

The hunters, however, hadn't noticed Burleson's unmarked car parked nearby. Burleson was part of a waterfowl task force made up of Fish and Wildlife Service agents working with the Missouri Department of

Conservation.

The conservation agents were looking for poachers.

As Burleson walked through a harvested cornfield toward the creek he saw the two hunters collecting their kill. He hid and watched while Ramsay left to bring the pickup closer.

Burleson then confronted Ramsay's hunting partner, who said

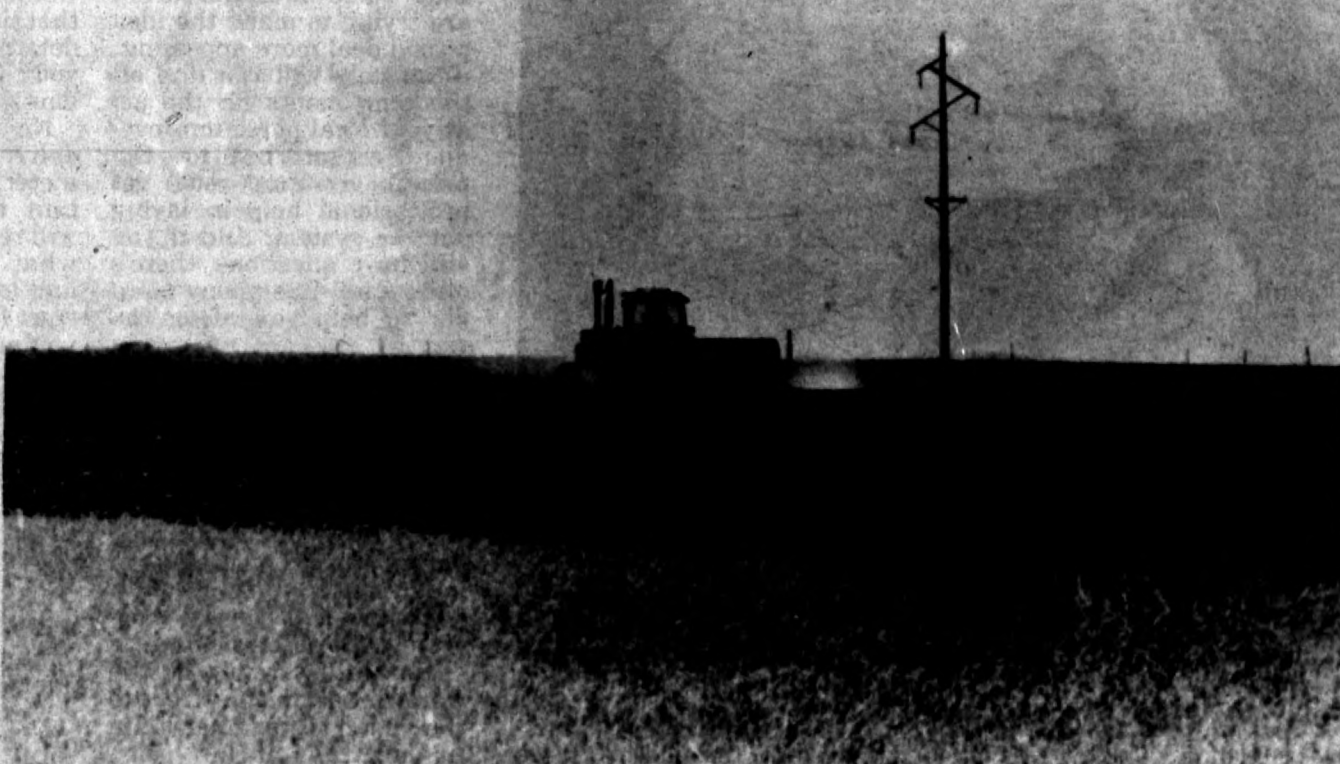
he'd fired three times. Ramsay, meanwhile, insisted he had shot only two birds.

But a forensics test on the dead ducks in Ashland, Ore., showed that seven birds were riddled with pellets from Ramsay's 12-gauge shotgun. Nine birds had pellets from his hunting partners' 10-gauge shotgun.

The 12 other birds had

been shot completely through, leaving no clue as to who had killed them, authorities said.

The other hunter was fined but not prosecuted because he cooperated in the investigation. He said he hired Ramsay on the recommendation of a St. Joseph sporting goods store and agreed to pay Ramsay \$100 for each hunt, plus a \$50 tip.



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**Naz German Fest, Suds and Sounds set July 9**

The 22nd annual Nazareth German Festival will be held in conjunction with Suds and Sounds on Saturday, July 9.

An Arts and Crafts show, sponsored by the Nazareth Art Club will be held in the school cafeteria from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To reserve an 8x10

booth with table and two chairs, contact Lucille Drerup, Box 3, Nazareth, 79063, phone (806)945-2562; or Rose Mary Wilhelm, HCR 2 Box 13, Nazareth, 79063, phone (806)945-2583.

Reservations are on a first come, first served basis. Deadline is July 2, and

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learn more about the counties he represents. The best way to 'tune in,' he says, is to sit through a county board meeting.

The Texas coastal bend rice farmer elected to the top ag post this year is in the thick of some critical ag issues affecting the Lone Star State.

"The next Farm Bill is going to be budget driven, which translates into less money for agriculture," explained Stallman, who's involved in talks as to best help preserve farmer interests in upcoming legislation.

"And, there's going to be a big push to have a strong environmental component," Stallman added.

If that isn't worry enough, Stallman is one another mission vital to the future in Texas.

He wants the Farm Bureau to discover secrets of mobilizing the support and influence of their urban cousins — those who know little of farming but hold the majority of vote and political influence to help or hinder the ag effort.

"We farmers and ranchers haven't told our story," he often tells farmer gatherings. "We know we have to do it, and it is time to start really trying to do it now."

With that in mind, the TFB has commissioned one of the nation's leading public opinion research groups to conduct a scientific opinion poll concerning the views of urban Texas toward agriculture and ag issues.

This effort being funded by TFB could lead to more focused efforts to communicate, find common ground, and learn to shape ag policy cooperatively for a common effort of both urban and rural efforts, believes Stallman.

"This will let us develop a really focused, targeted message about agriculture. We're looking forward to those results and a chance to implement their recommendations."

"I have had occasion to meet and talk with residents in Houston on the subject of farming," says Stallman, who resides in Columbus, just outside the South Texas metroplex. "There is a lot of misunderstanding and misconception about what we

are doing on our farms."

Communicating with urban dwellers, most who are unfamiliar with ag practices and who seldom encounter agriculture except to consume its products, is going to be a very difficult task, and that survey could help devise a better approach, believes Stallman.

Stallman's stated goal is to make himself available to do radio talk shows — not as part of agricultural programming but to discuss issues of concern to the general public, like the role of agriculture in environmentalism, for instance.

Stallman said he observes that farmers do a good job of talking back and forth among themselves, but aren't quite as good in "telling our message to our urban friends."

Stallman sees a push within the Farm Bureau to do more of that, injecting structured and targeted messages into urban areas.

Stallman says intends to take an aggressive approach to leadership.

"One of my primary goals is to be a spokesman for TFB and agriculture, and I want to do that very aggressively," he said.

"And, I'd like to somehow better tell our story to urban friends and policy makers."

Stallman said one of his first experiences as TFB president was to host a Russian television crew interested in telling the story of U.S. agriculture.

The experience left him with the impression that agriculture rates more status abroad than here — especially in Old World countries that have seen food shortage and famine in their history.

The Russian team was headed by a man Stallman referred to as the "Dan Rather of Russian TV" whose show boasts 150 million viewers.

"When they interviewed me in Washington, they said they couldn't understand why our government was not more sympathetic to agriculture," Stallman said. "There just isn't the appreciation of agriculture in this country as there is in Europe."

"We're not going hungry here," said Stallman. "We just don't know what it takes to keep the grocery stores full so you can walk in and

buy anything you want to eat."

Stallman's own heritage is German. His family settled in Colorado County in the mid 1800s. He is a third generation rice farmer, having farmed in partnership for a time with his brother and father. Now that his father is seem-retired, Stallman now runs family operation which produces two rice crops annually — one in July and the other in October.

He resides in rice country, where he returned shortly after graduation from The University of Texas at Austin where he earned a degree in computer analysis — a field he says "helped me a lot" in laying groundwork for a more analytical management style required in farming today.

Stallman met his wife, Connie, in college. She did not grow up on a farm as he did, but she has become actively engaged in the ag scene since their marriage. They have two daughters, Angie, 17; and Kimberly, 13. He served six years as a Columbus school trustee. They are Methodists.

Looking ahead a generation or two, Stallman admits he has some concern for the future of the family farm.

"You look for young farmers and ranchers and see that few are getting into it," Stallman said. "For the ones who are, I say that if you want a future in agriculture, we have to convince them to get into an organization like Texas Farm Bureau. The reason is that what we are doing will determine whether they have a future in agriculture."

Stallman said in his own experience these younger farmers, starting their farms and raising a family, find little time to really participate. But Stallman believes "we owe it to them to make an attempt to get them working in this organization."

As to other issues looming on the horizon:

The Clean Water Act is one issue gaining attention right now.

"The Clean Water Act debate is going on now," said Stallman. "It will have a very direct and fairly immediate impact on farmers and ranchers."

Upcoming elections will

also shape the face of Texas agriculture, he added.

"The makeup of the legislature and governor's office will have an impact on what policies are promoted in the state," he predicts.

Stallman also voiced his opinion on other issues:

**New EPA mandates:**  
"It was ridiculous for the EPA to set the April 15 start-up date," Stallman said. "Especially when the government couldn't even get training materials out to the countryside. It was enough to make you mad. We still had to comply with labor standards on chemicals but, with postponement of the start up date, this should give us time to get trained ourselves and train our workers to meet all those requirements."

**Edwards Aquifer:**  
"That little debate is still going on," said Stallman, who recounts the time and efforts the TFB put into the legislative and judicial efforts surrounding Edwards last year.

"The Sierra Club is still filing, or thinking about filing some more actions, one of which would be to deny farmers their program payments if they are in that region because reducing level of the aquifer hurts endangered species."

On that issue, Stallman said the TFB goal is to eventually get a ruling by an appeals court or the U.S. Supreme Court that limits the jurisdiction of the Endangered Species Act.

Stallman believes many other water issues related to the control of underground water are going to depend on what happens in this particular case.

"If the environmental community is successful in regulating underground water, this same type effort may start in other areas of the state," Stallman said. "It is possible that even the Ogallala Aquifer might be affected."

**Point Source Pollution:**  
"The non-point source pollution issue is tied up in the Clean Water Act Debate," said Stallman. "Point Source Pollution control has been pretty well achieved by regulation. Non-point-source, by

definition, cannot be traced back to a single point and agriculture, frankly, gets the blame — particularly in the area of nutrients and nitrates."

Stallman claims there are natural pollutants of this type in water, perhaps more than what agriculture is responsible for.

"There has not been enough of a detailed study of this," Stallman argued. "What is the natural background level of organic nitrates? What comes from runoff in cities. There just needs to be more study done so we don't regulate everything out of existence. We need to put the focus where there truly are problems and on watersheds where there are problems."

Farmers, Stallman said, are willing to take steps to be environmentally sensitive. But first, he says, let's find out what the problems are. And, in the end, Stallman believes the best approach in this area is voluntary compliance with cost sharing to implement prevention measures.

"This could work along the same lines as Soil Conservation Service and soil conservation plans work," he said. "This is a very successful model and there is no reason not to follow that."

**Dialogue with environmentalists:**

"The problem is we have such a wide range of environmental interests," said Stallman. "You have what I call the reasonable environmentalists who along with farmers and ranchers can come to sensible, cost effective solutions," Stallman said. "The problems arise when you bring in what I call the 'radical environmental community,' which . . . believes farmers and ranchers are just poisoning the earth. Those people you cannot talk to."

Stallman has more in common with the environmental movement than you might think. In his own Columbus he helped form a citizens group to fight the establishment of a hazardous waste disposal site. In fact, he was vice president of that group.

## Stallman discusses thrust of Farm Bureau programs

By Lana Robinson  
Texas Agriculture

WACO—In his opening address at the recent Texas Farm Bureau Leadership Conference, TFB President Bob Stallman assured agricultural leaders that the farm organization's purpose of bettering the lives and incomes of the state's farm and rural families has not changed.

"This year, we will fly," he vowed, speaking of all members of the agricultural community working together toward that common goal.

Stallman, rice farmer from Columbus who was elected to his first term as TFB president at the state convention this past November, said the organization will be aggressively seeking opportunities

through the media and in other forums to promote agriculture.

The primary thrust, he said, will be to make the public aware of the gifts agriculture has provided this country and state and the burdens and challenges farmers and ranchers face. "The bottom line is profit and farm income," he emphasized. "We must cause the public to ask itself, 'How many more farmers can be forced off the land?' 'How many regulatory burdens can we place on those that feed us?' 'How many cutbacks in support for agriculture can we stand before our own children face a future with scarce and expensive food?'" The TFB leader said obstacles and roadblocks thrown up by well meaning bureaucrats and misinformed activists have

reached an unacceptable level.

"We will cooperate where we can. We always have. Still, we have done our part. There is a point beyond which no compromise is possible, and we are dangerously close to it," he said.

Stallman lamented over the fact that some members of Congress and the general public cannot grasp the simple concept that consumers are the real beneficiaries of farm programs.

He warned that the assault on the wool and mohair and honey programs is just a precursor of what is likely to happen to other programs when the 1996 farm bill comes up r deas. Farm programs and agriculture are always at the top of the budget-cutting list, he said, adding that reor-

ganization of USDA must result in efficiencies without the loss of vital services to farm families.

The TFB president also expressed concern that environmental activists may attempt to load up the farm bill with regulations and costly compliance measures to discourage participation.

"Frankly, the current system has worked well enough to make us the best fed people in the world. If there is a better way, we will listen. If there is not, agriculture is being mortally wounded by misguided leaders and a complacent public," he said.

Stallman pointed out that Farm Bureau had won some important battles in the area of private property rights.

"We need to build on these victories and make our point that

private ownership and private enterprise hold the answers to man y environmental and economic objectives," he asserted.

Stallman challenged

**BOB STALLMAN**  
President, Texas Farm Bureau

Voting delegates of the Texas Farm Bureau elected Bob Stallman as the organization's eighth president on December 1, 1993.

Stallman joined the TFB board as District 11 Director in December of 1987, and was elected vice-president in 1991. A third generation rice farmer, Stallman began farming in 1975. He formed a family partnership with his father and brother. In 1988, he took over the family farming operation when the partnership was dissolved. Stallman has been an active Farm Bureau leader since the '70s, and served the Colorado County Farm Bureau as director, secretary-treasurer, vice-president and president. He served on the TFB State Resolutions Committee, the Blue Ribbon Goals Committee,



Stallman

and the state Health Advisory Committee. In January of 1994, Stallman was elected to the American Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors. The Colorado County farmer graduated from Columbus High School and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Computer Sciences from the University of Texas. He is a past member of the Columbus ISD board of trustees, serving six years, and was president and vice-president. Stallman was a member of the Colorado County ASCS Rice and Soybean Committee, and was selected as 1988 "Man of the Year in Agriculture" by the Columbus Rotary Club. In 1989-90, Stallman represented TFB on the General Land Office's Coastal Management Plan Advisory Committee. He currently serves on the Colorado County Agriculture Advisory board.

Bob and Connie Stallman have two daughters, Angela and Kimberly. The Stallmans are members of the First United Methodist Church in Columbus, where Stallman serves on the administrative board. The Texas Farm Bureau is the largest farm organization in Texas, with more than 250,000 family members.



# Crops progressing for Fall Farmer-Stockman show

LUBBOCK — The Farmer-Stockman Show will return to farmland just east of Lubbock this

fall with 500 acres of new exhibit and crops to be harvested with the latest equipment as

thousands of farmers and ranchers look on.

It will be the second year of a highly successful farm show, one unique to the Southwest that attracted wide attention in its initial staging last fall.

Dates for the event this year are Oct. 11-13. But work for the show continued all winter and now crops are being planted so they will be ready for harvest during the critical three-day

period this fall.

According to show manager Farris Hightower, cotton planting will begin in late April, to be followed by corn, sorghum, alfalfa, peanuts and soybeans. The peanut and soybean crop will be new this year.

The Farmer-Stockman Show is unique to this part of the country since it puts emphasis on

actual work for farm and ranch equipment in a real life environment. 11 of the crops are harvested and cattle are worked during the show.

That way, farmers and ranchers can not only see equipment in place, but actually take stock of it doing the job it is intended to perform. The exact location for the show is the City of

Lubbock farm, one and a half miles east of Lubbock's Loop 289 on Farm Road 835, East 50th Street.

Admission will be \$3 per person for each adult. Show hours will be from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. each day.

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OLTON — Cecil G. "Bill" Smith has been named Cooperative Ginner of the Year and received the recognition at a recent meeting of the Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council.

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# Americans spend big bucks on hunting, fishing

By **BILL SCHULZ**

Associated Press Writer

American sportsmen spend big bucks to hunt and fish.

The 40 million American sportsmen and sportswomen spent an average of \$1,000 apiece on their hunting and fishing in 1991, according to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service's National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation.

That spending, on everything from a tube of crickets at the local bait shop to a \$4,500 elk hunt, came to \$40.9 billion in 1991, the last year the survey was done. That's about 15 percent more than the annual sales of Coca-Cola and PepsiCo com-

bined.

There are 50 million anglers in the United States, according to the Sport Fishing Institute.

This compares with 24.8 million golfers and 22.6 million tennis players.

Those anglers spent \$24 billion, generated 1.3 million jobs and \$19 billion in personal income, and created \$69 billion in economic output, SFI said.

"Put simply, fishing is a silent, friendly giant that supports a substantial segment of our nation's economy," says Steve Pennaz, executive director of the North American Fishing Club.

Field & Stream magazine, in its own analysis published in the February issue, said anglers spent \$47 bil-

lion, created 899,000 jobs and generated total economic impact of \$70.1 billion.

Hunters, Field & Stream said, spent \$13.9 billion and created economic impact of \$36 billion in 1991.

Together, hunters and anglers created 1.3 million jobs, \$2.6 billion in state taxes, \$3.8 billion in state taxes and \$29.7 billion in household income for Americans in 1991, the magazine said.

Sportsmen's federal taxes were equal to one-quarter of the federal highway budget, the magazine said.

Another study, done by Southwick Associates for the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, said hunters accounted for \$12.4 billion in retail

sales, \$391 million in state sales taxes, \$91 million in state income taxes, \$1.1 billion in federal income taxes and 410,900 jobs associated with hunting.

Southwick says that includes \$520 million a year on licenses and permits, \$7 billion on gear, \$3 billion on lodging and travel and \$1 billion to buy or lease hunting land.

Today's hunters are upscale people with that kind of money to spend, according to Fortune magazine.

"Compared with the hunter of five years ago, today's hunter is better educated, more likely to be a professional or manager and earns more," Fortune magazine said recently. "The average hunter has an income of \$43,120 per year, compared to the national average of around \$29,000, and 80 percent of all hunters own their homes."

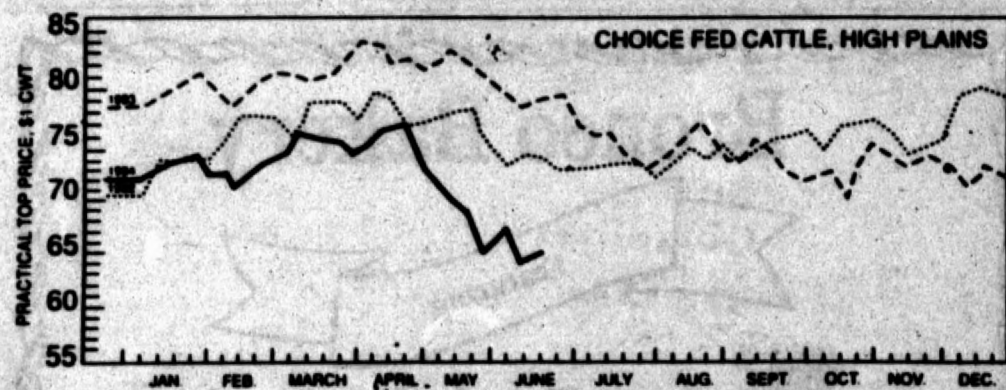
"The dollars spent by hunters pack special oomph, because they hit

small towns, far off the interstate. There, merchants look to the hunting season (and field trial activity) the way Macy's looks to Christmas: It can make or break the year," Fortune said.

Bob Delfay, president of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, says the group "does not maintain that hunting is an acceptable activity in our modern society merely because it makes a significant contribution to our national and local economies.

Hunting is an acceptable and desirable ingredient of our nation's heritage because wildlife management professionals and our conservation experience over the past century tell us so."

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