

Camp County AgriLife News

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Texas Snowmageddon 2021

Winter storm "Uri" as it is being called is being compared to a winter storm in this area from 1983. Definitely before my time, so I would consider this past month's storm hopefully a "once in a lifetime" event. Many of you took advantage of the cold and were able to get out and enjoy some sledding behind the four-wheeler, side by side or even horseback. Others were stuck without electricity, water or both. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension immediately began requesting damage and loss reports for agriculture producers in every county. Unfortunately I had to acquire and turn in this information in a little over 48 hours' time. I know I only spoke to about 6-8 producers and thus only gathered their information. It is compiled below. If you had damages or loss and would still like to report the information to me, please do so. I am able to send weekly updates to the district/state level offices for continued reporting. The compilation of this information is UNRELATED to the Farm Service Agency's livestock indemnity program and is UNRELATED to the other FEMA and USDA damage and recovery requests for information. The data I collected and reported will be used to assess the need for government assistance. At this time I do not know anymore details.

Cattle loss: 12 head; various reasons: frozen, drowned in frozen pond, downed cows

Dairy milk dumped: 77,000 lbs due to trucks not being able to gain access on road conditions

Equipment loss: Over \$200,000 due to storage facilities/barns/greenhouses caving in, frozen pipes, overuse of equipment and added fuel or propane use

Crop loss: just under \$25,000 lost in sales from damaged produce and plants

Estimated value of excess hay and feed utilized: just under \$4,000

**Again, these values are rough and from less than 10 agriculture producers in our entire county.

What's inside our latest issue:

- ◆ Texas Snowmageddon 2021- Damage and Loss Report
- ◆ Camp Co. Youth Project Show Results
- ◆ Beef and Forage Calendar

Next Camp County Cattle-men's Association Meeting:

Tuesday, March 16, 6:30pm
Aubrey Pilgrim Bldg

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<https://camp.agrilife.org/articles-publications/>

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Camp County Youth Project Show Results

Commercial Heifers:

Grand Champion: Lanna Wilkes	\$2200
Reserve Champion: Jacob Lindley	\$1800
Cayden Jackson	\$1700

Market Pigs:

Grand Champion: Laci Richardson	\$1900
Reserve Champion: Dylan Roy Kruse	\$1100
Allie Smith	\$900
Taylor Worth	\$700
Will Taylor	\$900
Aubry Self	\$900
Aiden Henninger	\$700
Landri Moore	\$1350
Brayden Heiser	\$1150
Brylie Moore	\$1500

Market Goats:

Grand Champion: Connor Gilbert	\$1900
Reserve Champion: Maycee Yandle	\$800
Audrey Lowe	\$700
Hannah Grace Wheeler	\$500
Reagan Lowe	\$800
Josi Simmons	\$700
Sadie Wheeler	\$750
Braxton Carpenter	\$900
Raymie Denman	\$1300
Zachary Lemarr	\$1300
Addi Wheeler	\$900

Broilers:

Grand Champion: Sadie Barrett	\$1500
Reserve Champion: John Peters II	\$1000
Kylin Hutson	\$1100
Keagan Carpenter	\$1000
Adaly Self	\$1000

Meat Rabbits:

Grand Champion: Nathan Lambkin	\$800
Reserve Champion: Makynlee Carpenter	\$900
Gracelyn Carpenter	\$700
Bixley Carpenter	\$500

Ag Mechanics:

Grand Champion: Khonlie McNutt	\$2000
Reserve Champion: Braiden Kirkpatrick	\$600
Bryce Wertz	\$500

Participated but elected not to sell:

Avery Hankins, market goat
Eva Hankins, market goat

If you were unable to attend the Youth Project Show or Auction but would still like to contribute, feel free to use the "Add-on" form I have included for your convenience. It should be mailed to the PO box listed on the form.

We certainly appreciate all those who participated and contributed; this event would not be a success without your support.

Thank you so much!!

Beef and Forage Calendar

March: Plan fertilizer needs based on soil test recommendations.

But do not apply fertilizer until you have had a consecutive 7 days of nighttime temperatures ABOVE 60° F, otherwise you are just fertilizing your winter weeds. Begin planting improved Bermuda-grass pastures (except for Tifton-85). Plan rotational grazing program. Continue feeding hay. Prepare for spring calving.

April: If you have winter pasture, harvest excess forage for hay as needed. Apply herbicides for pre-emergent control of warm seas on weeds such as grassbur/field sandbur. Begin additional weed control protocol and integrated pest management practices. Apply fertilizer once Bermuda-grass has broken dormancy (typically after a consecutive 7 days of nighttime temperatures ABOVE 60° F). Continue to watch for onset of labor in cows/ be prepared for calving.

Additional interesting articles:

- ◆ <https://texasfarmbureau.org/spring-calving-underway-on-texas-ranches/>
- ◆ https://www.progressivecattle.com/topics/management/starting-2021-on-the-right-foot-financially?utm_source=Newsletters&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=021621PCnewsletter
- ◆ https://www.progressivecattle.com/topics/grazing/is-your-stocking-rate-limiting-productivity?utm_source=Newsletters&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=030221PCnewsletter

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