**Merry Christmas**

All of us at the Comanche County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and thank you for your support this past year. We are a stakeholder backed program and could not function without the support of not only our County Commissioners Court, but also our many volunteers and sponsors. There are many program area committee members, research trial cooperators, volunteers and sponsors that help assist our programming efforts. We appreciate all the support we receive from the community for our 4-H, Family and Consumer Science and Agriculture programming. We look forward to working with all the good folks in Comanche County in 2019.

It has been a really tough year for many if not all farmers in the county and area, from unprecedented weather extremes and insect outbreaks to poor prices the challenges have been and continue to be many. Despite all this it is the time of the year to be thankful for all we do have. Try to forget your worries and enjoy your family and friends this Christmas season. You might also remember the reason for the season and give thanks to the Lord for all that He has done for us.

**County Pecan Show**

Comanche County is one of the top producers of pecans not only in Texas, but the world, currently ranked as the #2 county in the world for pecan production. Pecans are a major economic crop for our county. Unfortunately, due to the tough growing season, our county pecan show numbers were down this year as they were across the state. However, we still had some excellent pecans at the county show.

Here is a list of all 1st place winners and division champions: Our #1 pecan at the show this year was a Pawnee grown by Mr. John DeLaney. His Pawnee averaged 47.54 nuts per pound with 58.7% kernel. It took the Grand Champion Commercial Variety and Best of Show. Sorrels Farms had the 1st place Kanza with 58.9 nuts per pound and 49.35% kernel, they also had the 1st place Kiowa at 44.64 nuts per pound and 51.77% kernel and the 1st place Wichita with 54.18 nuts per pound and 55% kernel. Grissom Pecan Farm had the 1st place Cheyenne with 54.97 nuts per pound and 53.33% kernel. Don Alderman had the 1st place Sioux at 85.73 nuts per pound and 57.1% kernel. Mr. Alderman also had the Grand Champion in the Classic and New division with a variety seedling that had 112 nuts per pound and 58.66% kernel. Sidney ISD had the Grand Champion Native nut with 80.69 nuts per pound and 40% kernel. I heard it was difficult for the kids to collect enough nuts for the show because they kept eating them.