

Cooke County Crop and Cattle Report for Monday, September 10, 2018

Well its dang sure wet after a week of rain. Totals for the weeks' worth are from 1 to 6 inches over the county with the biggest majority receiving at least 4-5 inches. Pastures are wet and muddy for a change and grass is growing, cattle fat and ranchers happy. There will definitely be some more hay made and some folks had hay laid down when the rains hit, that's lost I bet. Hay is still in short supply but folks are feeling better about their odds of going into the winter with an ample supply of hay. There was a lot of milo stalks wrapped up because hay was short and there is still some for sale. Hay prices are high for now but these rains might change that soon. Folks were asking \$50 for 4X5 rolls and \$70 for 5X5 rolls of mixed coastal hay and 5X5 rolls of milo stalks are bringing from \$50-70 as well. A few farmers got some wheat sewn before the rains, but not many. Most everyone was waiting on some moisture, some were delaying planting to maybe put off spraying Fall Army Worms so many times. I visited with a farmer last week and he said he had moths everywhere so the Army Worms will soon be marching their way across our pastures. There are already reports of them from folks in Denton County so be on the look out and check out the good information we have on our website for controlling these hungry pests. They can destroy a field or pasture overnight seems like. There are several good insecticides to choose from but a new addition to the list is Besiege insecticide from Syngenta. Besiege is a mix of Prevathon and lamda cyhalothrin and is labeled for both fall army worm and grasshoppers in pastures and grass grown for hay. Others are Dimilin, Tombstone, Warrior, Declare and these are restricted-use so you must have a Private Applicator License to purchase. Ones you can buy without a license are Prevathon & Intrepid and two of the old standbys we have used for years that still work great-Seven(Carbaryl) and Malathion

In the markets as of Sept 8- Slaughter cattle trade was at \$108. Current feed yard closeouts were \$119 in the red. The live cattle futures for Oct were at \$110(Dec 114), while Sept Feeder futures were at \$1.53(Oct 1.53). The cash prices here in Texas for 750 lb feeder steers were at \$1.54 and 550 lb. stocker steers were at \$1.60. Cows and bulls were steady with average dress slaughter cows at \$53-58, while bulls were \$79-84

Replacement Cows: Medium and large 1-2 2-4 yr old 1050-1300 lb black cow 2-5 months bred 985.00-1000.00; 5-6 yr old 1050-1250 black cow 2-4 months bred 800.00-910.00; 7-8 yr old 1125-1150 black cow 2-4 months bred 650.00-725.00 per head.

Pairs: Medium and Large 1-2 pkg 3 yr old 1000 lb black cow w/250 lb calf 1450.00 per pair.

Coastal Bermuda: Small Squares: FOB: Good to Premium 297.00-330.00, 9.00-10.00 per bale. Large Rounds: FOB: Good to Premium 140.00-190.00, 70.00-95.00 per roll; Fair to Good 60.00-70.00 per bale.

Milo Stalks: local prices ranged from \$50-70 for 5X5 rolls in the field.

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