

## Cooke County Crop and Cattle Report for Monday, May 13, 2019

Well I hope everyone had a Happy Mother's Day yesterday and celebrated with your Mom on a day of worthy recognition for all they do for us. From the womb to the tomb our Mothers love us unconditionally and just as we are, thank goodness, and we are very blessed to have them in our lives. If your mother has passed on then I hope you honored her memory and what she meant to you. We received rain a couple of days last week on Wednesday and Saturday morning early. Rain totals seem to be steady at around 2-3 inches throughout the County and totals since the first of May are at 7-10 inches. We may have a dry week until Saturday when there is an 80% chance of liquid. We did have reports of True Armyworms last week in some fields with thresholds justifying spraying for several farmers. The corn and milo still looks pretty good considering all the moisture in its young life, and now the armyworm threat. Most wheat and oats are still standing with very little lodging occurring and its getting a little more gold colored and closer to harvest every day. Some sprayed for Armyworms last week but only a few had heavy infestations. A farmer reported there was a herd of them crawling across the highway south of town, between his wheat and corn fields so he sprayed on both sides last Tuesday before the rain. I figured we would have some rust problems in wheat and oats since it has been so wet and cool but not many reports this season, with the ones that did spray doing so as a precaution, and I think we are past the window of harm as it usually occurs before heading. The cattle look fat and happy and painting the fences green, and everything else that happens to be behind them. It's a good problem to have and all the winter grass is the best it's been in years. Now if we can just get some winter grass hay put up and hopefully this week we can do exactly that with not much rain in the forecast, at least until the weekend. Several folks had quite a bit of hay cut and on the ground before this last round of rain last week, and they should be able to roll it up this week. It should still make good hay and hold most of its protein and energy. There are a lot of folks that drilled in some Sudan and Hay Grazers in between the rains the last several weeks and it looks good. This is the month most folks work their cows and calves so if you need some good information on a particular product or method, give me a call or visit our website where I have some good articles and literature on the subject. Kelly Huston and I work hard to keep the website up to date and ready for you to use.

**In the markets as of May 11-** Slaughter cattle trade \$3 lower at \$120. Current feed yard closeouts were \$22 in the red. The live cattle futures for June are at \$112, while May Feeder futures were \$138. The cash prices here in Texas for 750 lb feeder steers were at \$1.36 and 550 lb. stocker steers were at \$1.66. Average dress slaughter cows a tick lower at \$52-60, while bulls were \$1 lower at \$70-84

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