

Cooke County Crop and Cattle Report for Monday, May 27, 2019

Well today is Memorial Day where we remember all those that gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and way of life. We honor those brave men and women who served this country that they loved, enough to die for. We pray for their families and friends who miss them and whose lives changed forever when they received the dreadful news of their fallen hero. We take to many things for granted here in the bountiful USA, especially our freedom and right to choose who we worship. We wake up every morning worried about our jobs, about how much money we can make, and paying the bills so we can have all those luxury items that most of us don't even need. We have so many freedoms that we get lost in all the pleasures in life and forget about all the sacrifices made so we could have all these privileges and choices that make us a great nation and people. There are two who you can thank every morning you wake up and get to smell the roses, Jesus and the American Soldier! Both have given the Ultimate sacrifice so that we may have the best of both worlds!!! Be Thankful daily!

Well it's been beautiful weather the last few days after less than an inch of rain on Tuesday and the crops are looking great. I checked some wheat and oats last week and they are in the dough stage to hardening and it won't be long to harvest, and the good news is, looks like it will be a pretty darn good crop this year. The corn and milo is taking off and looking pretty good with little to no pressure from insects and diseases. The sorghum forages like sudan and haygrazers are looking great as well. I have not heard any reports on cotton or soybeans but will try to get the facts on them this week. While on site visits throughout the county at the end of last week I saw hayfields that were being cut, some were raking, some baling, and a lot of it already rolled up. Also there were some fertilizer trucks running and slinging out money. It's been tough this spring having to work around all the rain and muddy fields each week and looking for windows of opportunity to fertilize and harvest the abundant forages we have been blessed with this season. I haven't heard too many complaints tho, and I'm sure not complaining. We fertilized our grass demonstration plot we are doing with NCTC and NRCS on Thursday. The trucks were running in water on one end of the field, but we got it completed. Thanks to Tony's Seed and Feed and Red River Co-op for their help in getting this trial fertilized and thanks to the college for allowing us to use a good coastal field for a test plot. We hope it will produce some useful information our hay producers can use and we intend on having a program this summer to talk about it. Stay tuned!

In the markets as of May 25- Slaughter cattle trade \$3 lower at \$115. Current feed yard closeouts were \$88 in the red. The live cattle futures for June were steady at \$111, while Aug Feeder futures were \$2 lower at \$143. The cash prices here in Texas for 750 lb feeder steers were up \$1 at \$1.35 and 550 lb. stocker steers were up \$3 at \$1.65. Average dress slaughter cows were steady to \$5 higher at \$56-65, while bulls were \$1-4 higher at \$71-89

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