

Cooke County Crop and Cattle Report for Monday, June 10, 2019

Well we received a few tenths to one inch of rain scattered over last week, with reports of from a few tenths to one inch yesterday as a cool front punched its way into North Texas and did some wind and hail damage in places, with some winds in excess of 70 mph. And this morning we woke up to mid-60 degree weather with winds out of the north which felt rather nice. So far no reports of damage to crops from those I have talked too, but we did get some tree damage reported. The forecast calls for a dry week with lows in 60's and highs in the upper 80's so it's still kind of cool for this time of the year. A few farmers got started harvesting their wheat and oat crops the first of last week in between the rain showers. Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning we had perfect weather before the front blew in for those crops that were ready to harvest. In some fields they were still dodging some mud holes but for the most part it was dry enough to hold them up. Moisture content is still a little high for much of the wheat and oats to be harvested, so we wait hoping they will dry more this week, along with the fields drying out a little. Of those that did get to combine last week I had reports of from 40-70 bushels of wheat being made with test weights from 50-60 pounds and oats making 60-80 bushels with no test weights reported. The majority of the corn is in the reproductive stage building ears and is up and down on height according to where water stands in fields, so the high ground looks pretty good. Some corn will be put into silage for feed. The milo and soybeans are looking better in most fields with some still a little yellow in spots but getting better. There was more hay laid down last week with less than half of it getting rolled up before the rain yesterday. The rest will be ready to roll in a couple days with no rain in the forecast. Everyone hopes to be in the fields this week gathering up the crops and baling hay. The cattle are looking good with the cows fat and happy and calves on the gain, but summer grasses are still thin and a little slow in coming on so far. Some ranchers will be weaning fall born calves this month and running them on summer grass if they have it, or shipping them to the market or possibly a grow yard. The stockers are running out of winter grazing as the grasses have given it up for this year, but the summer grass is coming on and looking much better. Those stockers that are heavy enough will be shipped to the feedlot this month and replaced with some summer grazers. The forage sorghums like Sudan and Hay grazers look a little yellow still but should take off with good weather conditions this week, although nights are still a little cool for this time of year. I heard the G word the other day so look out as grasshoppers are here. I have some good information on controlling them if you need help!

In the markets as of June 8- Slaughter cattle trade lower at \$113. Current feed yard closeouts were \$107 in the red. The live cattle futures for June were down \$1 at \$107, while Aug Feeder futures were up \$4 at \$137. The cash prices here in Texas for 750 lb feeder steers were down \$1 at \$1.31 and 550 lb. stocker steers were down \$10 at \$1.51. Average dress slaughter cows were steady to \$4 higher at \$55-69, while bulls were steady to \$2 lower at \$73-89

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