

## Cooke County Crop and Cattle Report for Monday, June 3, 2019

Well more rain fell last Wednesday and again Saturday evening, with the southern part of the county receiving the highest totals of 4-6 inches. The center of the county about 2-3 inches and the northern part less at 1-2 inches. It just keeps coming and there's more in the forecast for this week, 80% today and 100% on Wednesday. There was quite a bit of wind damage to trees, roofs and some small structures here in Gainesville from the Saturday night storm. Most of the wheat and oats survived the high winds and dodged the hail storms on Saturday evening, unlike our neighbors down in Sanger. The wheat and oats I checked last Friday looked pretty good and should make above average yields and average test weights. There were a few farmers on higher ground that were able to get in the field and start harvesting on Friday. One reported yields on their monitor from 40, 70, and 90 bushels and this was all in the same field, and test weights were from 40 to 60 lbs. So it's going to be all over the board but some think we can average 70 bushels this harvest. The corn is in the tassel stage and looks good considering all the water lately. One farmer said it was "outrunning the water!" Aint that the truth! The Milo on the other hand is not looking too good with its feet staying wet all of the time and waiting on hotter weather to arrive. It has just been too cool and wet for the Milo. I believe we could have put off planting for a month this year and been ok. There are a few soybeans planted and they don't look good so far, same problem as milo. There has been a lot of hay rolled up in between all the rain storms the last couple months. The winter grasses were sure good this year and bale counts are up there, however a lot of the hay put up got rained on at least once, some more, with very little put up that didn't get wet. If it was rained on only once then it will still be good quality hay, but the more it gets rained on the lower the quality will be. Be sure to test your hay for Protein and Energy so you know how much to supplement when the time comes. No use wasting money over-feeding expensive proteins. The warm season grasses, and especially Bermudagrass pastures and hayfields, have been slow in coming on this year because of the cooler than normal weather and soil temps. Will it ever get hot this summer? Well it's Texas so I would say the answer to that is yes! How hot? Well the Almanac says milder than normal summer so we'll see! The cattle all look good standing shoulder deep in winter grasses where calves are hidden. There are still a lot of stockers out there cleaning up on those winter grasses and doing well. The cow calf boys say cows are fat and happy and calves on the gain with a lot of cattle worked in between all the rains.

**In the markets as of June 1-** Slaughter cattle trade steady at \$115. Current feed yard closeouts were \$82 in the red. The live cattle futures for June were down \$3 at \$108, while Aug Feeder futures were \$10 lower at \$133. The cash prices here in Texas for 750 lb feeder steers were down \$3 at \$1.32 and 550 lb. stocker steers were down \$4 at \$1.61. Average dress slaughter cows were steady to \$3 higher at \$56-68, while bulls were steady to 2 higher at \$73-91

Visit Cooke County AgriLife Extension website at [cooke.agrilife.org](http://cooke.agrilife.org) for our local events, news & updates  
Visit [www.cattlerange.com](http://www.cattlerange.com) for all the latest market reports and Ag news.

Marty Morgan, Cooke County Ag Agent for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service  
Call 940-668-5412 or email- [marty.morgan@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:marty.morgan@ag.tamu.edu)