

3/16	GCFA Commercial Heifer Auction	Fair Barns	4:30 pm
4/17	2018 Agricultural Symposium	JWMHB	CEU's
4/25	Riparian and Stream Ecosystem Workshop	JWMHB	CEU's

2017

A hurricane making landfall and a snowfall in the same year might be a first, and it happened in 2017. The year would have been memorable as it was due to Harvey, but having our first snow in twelve years will be sure that we will never forget the year of our Lord two-thousand and seventeen. It is really hard to estimate agricultural damages from the hurricane and we will have to wait for the final insurance reports which are still being drafted. But not all those structures out on the landscape might have been cov-

ered so we may never know Harvey's full toll. But it is safe to say that most everyone was impacted by the storm from well houses to barns and fallen trees on fence lines. And a lot of producers have taken the opportunity to improve their facilities, such as converting from wind power to solar for instance.

From a livestock standpoint we were very fortunate with minimal losses being reported. Also on the crop end, by the 26th all of our fields had been harvested. We did have some substantial damage to a pecan orchard and it will take several years for the producer to get back to full production.

Table 1. Ground Water District 2017 rainfall, Goliad, TX (TX-GD-17)

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RAIN	1.89	3.53	2.21	2.87	2.45	5.50	0.33	11.82	2.78	2.61	0.39	2.77
NORM	2.80	1.20	2.70	2.40	3.70	3.10	4.20	2.50	5.30	2.50	2.70	1.80
% NORM	68%	294%	82%	120%	66%	177%	8%	473%	52%	104%	14%	154%
DEPARTURE	-.91	+2.3	-.49	+.47	-1.25	+2.4	-3.87	+9.32	-2.52	+.11	-2.31	+.97
ACC. RAIN	1.89	5.42	7.63	10.5	12.9	18.5	18.8	30.6	33.4	35.9	36.4	39.1
ACC. NORM	2.8	4.0	6.7	9.1	12.8	15.9	20.1	22.6	27.9	30.4	33.1	34.9
% ACC NORM	68%	135%	114%	115%	100%	116%	94%	135%	120%	118%	110%	112%
DEPARTURE	-.91	+1.42	+.93	+1.4	+.1	+2.6	-1.3	+8.0	+5.5	+5.6	+3.3	+4.2



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2017

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The snowfall was insignificant from a precipitation standpoint, but not Harvey, dumping between 10 and 15 inches in the county and alleviating a 3 inch deficit in rainfall up until that point and allowing us to end the year 112% above normal.

Hay production was good due to our rainfall being fairly well distributed over the whole year. In fact many producers had three cuttings of hay. However pricing was still high, with some bales going for \$60 to a low of around \$40.

Calf prices were stronger than expected for the year and weaning weights were good as well. After starting the year at \$1.15, seeing a high in the fall at \$1.60, and ending the year around that \$1.45 mark.

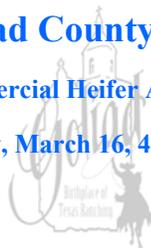
Ending a two year trend, we did have some cotton (.66 cents per pound) planted in the county and again losing some of our now less than 8000 acreage to more grass plantings, we saw an almost equal split between corn and milo planted and harvested. Corn yields were above the county average and a bumper year at 95 bushels and milo saw good yields at around 6000 pounds per acre for a third year in a row as well. Though yields were good just like hay, commodity prices were a slight improvement from 2016 (\$4.05 corn and \$7.61 milo).

So 2017 had some good in it and some bad. We needed Harvey's rain, we just didn't need his wind. And we will take moisture anytime and anyway we can get it, even with a snowfall.

Goliad County Fair

Commercial Heifer Auction

Friday, March 16, 4:30 pm



Ag Symposium

April 17

JWMHB

\$10



Area beef cattle producers will have an opportunity to participate in the 6th Annual South Texas Agricultural Symposium. The event will be broadcast live via the internet to the participating counties from the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Corpus Christi.

The symposium is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17th at the Julie Wimberly Memorial Homemaking Building, located at the Goliad County Fairgrounds beginning with registration at 8:30 am.

Persons interested in attending the event are encouraged to RSVP with Extension Service office in Goliad County at 361-645-8204 by Friday, April 13 so preparations can be made for refreshments.

TX Riparian & Stream Ecosystem Workshop

April 25

JWMHB

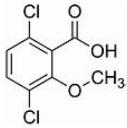
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Riparian areas, or zones, are an extremely crucial and vital ecosystem, which occur along watercourses or at the edge of water bodies. The common presence and effects of water produce a lush, generally greener, belt of vegetation, which causes riparian areas to be among the most productive and important of all land types.

This riparian educational program will attempt to improve the management of these sensitive and vital ecosystems with your attendance.

140 head (70 pens) of pairs, breds and open heifers the largest offering ever by our FFA and 4-Hers!!!



Dicamba Update

Dicamba tolerant cotton and soybean varieties were brought to the market in 2015 and 2016, respectively, and were followed in 2017 by the newly registered dicamba herbicides formulated specifically to have lower volatility. Following a challenging launch in 2017 of these newly registered herbicides in some states, the EPA worked with companies registering the new dicamba formulations to make revisions to those product labels in an effort to reduce incidence of off-target movement during application. In mid-October, revised labels for XtendiMax® with VaporGrip® Technology, Fexapan Plus VaporGrip® Technology, and Engenia® herbicide were approved and released by the EPA and the corresponding companies, Monsanto, DuPont and BASF, respectively.

Notable revisions include the addition of new restrictions as well as clarifications to previous label language. New restrictions include the following:

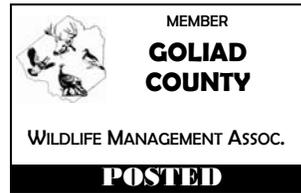
Classification of these three products as Restricted Use Pesticides

Required record keeping of all applications for 2 years

Annual mandatory auxin-specific training for every person that will be applying the product to any crop.

While restricted use classification and record keeping are currently in effect for these products in Texas, the mandatory auxin-specific training for all applicators is a new change that applies to not only those with an applicators license but also to those making applications under someone else's license. This requires awareness for all applicators to ensure their ability to use these herbicides in 2018 and in subsequent years.

Clarifications to label language include but are not limited to what qualifies as a "susceptible" or "sensitive" crop, requiring the use of downwind buffers, clarification around temperature inversions and restricting the application time to only include sunrise to sunset, tightening the windspeed window from 3-15mph down to 3-10mph, and amplifying the language on sprayer cleanout to prevent cross-contamination.



PIG BOUNTY

OVER

AS WE KNOW IT

Why no more bounty?

Though the bounty worked in our county, in other parts of the state there were issues. Consequently the TDA Coordinated "HOGOUT" Management Grant is no more.

Perceived Problems with the Bounty from the Wildpig Newsletter Vol. 2:2, Summer '17 (in quotes)



Occurred in our County:

"Funds running out well before the end of the program, thus possibly eliminating an incentive for landowners to continue to hunt hogs."

COMMENT: Disagree with latter part of sentence but we did run out of funds each year.

Occurred in our County:

"Some participants collected and froze tails and ears throughout the year in anticipation of the bounty program next year."

COMMENT: Well we actually preferred tails to come in frozen due to the fact we did not want to count decomposing tails. And our county actually had switched from tails to ears to alleviate this loophole.

Did not occur in our County:

"Concerns of participants cutting off the ears or tails and then releasing the hog."

COMMENT: I been told of some instances of participants cutting tails off of road kill, but I have yet to see a pig running around the county with no ears!

GOLIAD COUNTY RESULTS

12,505 claimed bounties

1374 attended educational programs on feral hog control

Goliad Co received a total of \$72,500 and placing 5 out of 6 years.

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Sincerely,

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