

Impact Statements:

- 38th Annual Randall County Crops Tour
- Second Internship
- Over 700 Youth attend 3rd Annual Ag Fair

Randall County

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Agriculture & Natural Resource

J. D. Ragland—CEA



Spray Equipment Demonstration

The 38th Annual Randall County Crops Tour was held on September 23. This is the largest Agriculture producer educational event of the year. A total of 52 attended the morning portion which consists of a variety of Ag. production topics presented by various in-the-field experts. This year's center focus: *Weed Control* for row crops and pastures along with suggested products and application methods.

Additionally, Farm insurance requirements pertaining to the new Farm Bill was featured as well as new water laws and regulation requirements. A total of 92 were on hand for the noon luncheon and awards presentation. The 2014 Top Hand Award winner was Jim Fischbacher, and the Outstanding Result Demonstrator went to Ryan Weick. The afternoon tour consisted of three tour stops with 25 attending. First stop, Spray Equipment Demonstration; Second, Range and Pasture Aeration Demonstration; Final, Variances in Applied Irrigation in Sorghum along with Different Planting Methods (single vs. twin row).



Sorghum Planting Methods

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Internship

Graham Henley—Intern



Graham Henley

I have been given the opportunity to return to Randall County this fall for a second internship and I am taking full advantage of this opportunity. I am once again working with JD Ragland as my supervising agent. Though I just started back in August I have already been involved in a lot of great work experiences. I started this fall internship August 25 and my first task was to finish modifications on the Randall County 4-H Livestock barns that we started during my first internship this summer. I also, shortly after arriving at the office, had the opportunity to give a presentation over Cotton at the Ag Fair in assistance to our Urban Programs Agent. The Ag fair was centered on educating 4th grade students about agriculture. I also attended the Tri-State Fair and Rodeo to assist JD with his extension agent duties as well as his Livestock Superintendent duties. This gave me a great opportunity to see the daily livestock show responsibilities of and agent and the behind the scene work of a show superintendent. It has been a really enlightening experience so far and I can't wait to see what the rest of this internship has in store for me.

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Kim Peters, JD Ragland, Shannon Walsh and Jackie Farrell

Urban Outreach

Shannon Walsh—Urban Programs

We hosted our 3rd Annual Canyon ISD 4th Grade Agriculture Fair for the entire 4th grade class of Canyon ISD. There were over 700 in attendance on September 9th and 10th at the event that was held at the West Texas A&M University's Horse Center. With more and more youth being several generations removed from agriculture, the Agriculture Fair offers them a first hand experience in agriculture. This years presentations included Class 4 Winds and Renewables - Wind Energy, Randall



Randall County Master Gardener Planting Presentation

County Farm Bureau - Cotton, AQHA - Equine, Randall County Master Gardeners - Planting of lima bean, NRCS - Water Conservation, and Southwest Dairy Farmers - Dairy Cattle. The students rotated to the six different stations to experience first hand the science of agriculture. Each student

was given a journal with specific questions related to each of the presentations. These questions were answered during the presentations and relate directly to the lessons taught in class by the teachers. The teachers will utilize these journals throughout the year to help reinforce the lessons by recalling the students personal experiences at the Agriculture Fair. The event was sponsored by Randall County Farm Bureau, Southwest Dairy Farmers Association and "Kids and Kows and More". Additional sponsorship items were donated by Happy State Bank and NRCS. A survey was conducted by CISD which showed that only 5% of the youth were "Very Knowledgeable of the subject matter" prior to the Ag Fair. While the same survey showed over 84% of the youth were "Very Knowledgeable of the subject matter" after the Ag Fair. In addition to the participation of the 4th Graders, we were fortunate to have two dozen High School Students from Canyon HS and Randall HS involved in the program. These students helped present subjects and served as group leaders.



Canyon High School Volunteers



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