



Randall County Ag News TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE EXTENSION

MONTHLY SNAPSHOT OF AGRICULTURE IN RANDALL COUNTY

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News and Views Straight From the County Agent's Desk

Howdy! Welcome our new Randall County AgriLife Extension Agents! We are extremely excited to share that these three lovely ladies all joined our staff on June 1.

Josie Hicks, native of Canyon, former Randall County 4-Her and WTAMU graduate has assumed the Assistant Ag. Agent position in Randall County. She obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Agribusiness in August of 2021. While working on her Masters she served as a Recruiting Coordinator of the Ag. Department. She will complete her Masters in Ag. Science this August. She and her fiancé Wesley Strnad will marry September 23.



**Josie Hicks, Assistant
CEA Randall County**

We are very fortunate to have Josie and her position. All assistant agent positions were taken away from our agency some 20 years ago and have just now been reintroduced. There are currently only six AgriLife Extension Assistant Agent positions across the State.

Kayla Lanford, grew up as an Ag. Teachers daughter from Quitaque, and graduated from Valley High School. She received her Bachelor's degree in Ag. Communications from WTAMU in 2010. Kayla also worked as Communications Coordinator for Texas Cattle Feeders for three years. She was responsible for organizing many of TCF youth programs such as Feedyard Camp and Junior Fed Beef Challenge. She and her husband Rob have two wonderful children Halli who is 10 and Carter who is 6.



**Kayla Lanford, 4-H
Agent Randall County**

Madison Colvin, originally from College Station, Texas and is a Junior at WTAMU. She will receive her Bachelors Degree in Ag. Education in December 2024. Madison grew up as a strong 4-Her in Brazos County excelling in leadership, swine and livestock judging projects. We have truly enjoyed having her with us this summer as she's experienced agents roles at State 4-H Round-up, Power Camp, Livestock Validation Processing, Record Book Judging and assisting in conducting Result Demonstrations. Madison's future plans upon graduation is to pursue a career as a County Extension Agent! We wish her the very best of luck in her future endeavors.



**Madison Colvin,
WTAMU Summer
Intern Randall County**

Current Crop Conditions

Overview: It's definitely been a weather roller-coaster thus far this crop season. In late May we experienced 10– 15 inches of rainfall over a ten day period. Parts of Randall and Potter County received flood damage and some cases resident evacuations and rescues occurred. 95% of Randall County's 12,000 acre cotton crop was lost or never planted. Majority of those acres were replanted to sorghum. According to the National Weather Service as of July 20, 2023 Randall County has received a total of 17.25 inches of moisture for the entire year. This compares to a total of 6.74 inches received in 2022 for the same time period.



Corn/Silage: For the month of July there has been 9 days with temperatures reaching 100-105 degrees. High day time temperatures and high dry winds has made it extremely tough to keep up with the high water demands needed to finish out this years crop. Yields are expected to be average.

Cotton: As mentioned earlier, due to the late May flood and it's timing virtually all cotton in Randall County was lost.

Sorghum: Majority of the lost cotton was replanted to sorghum. Therefore sorghum acres will be up some 35% this year which should put us around 60,000 acres. Plant growth and development has been good, but a good rain would be extremely beneficial at this time, especially for the dryland.

Wheat: For a fourth straight year very few wheat acres were harvested throughout Randall County this June/July. For those that did harvest wheat this year report that yields were extremely low. Dryland yields averaged 7 bushels per acer at best and irrigated average was around 18 bushels per acre.

Range/Pasture: Early June looked tremendous, but since then lack of moisture and extreme temperatures has created native pastures to stress. A good slow 2 inch rain would be greatly appreciated.

Hay: On a much brighter note, the late May and scattered early June rains allowed producers to bale some good hay across the county. Which hasn't occurred for the past four years. Some wheat hay along with native grass, haygrazer and red top cane has been put up thus far with hopes of sorghum/sudan hybrids throughout August.



Top Wheat Variety Picks List

The following information is provided by Dr. Jourdan Bell, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agronomist– Amarillo, Texas

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, in collaboration with our wheat breeding program colleagues in Texas A&M AgriLife Research, offer this list of wheat varieties for producers. Wheat Picks are based on a minimum of three years of data.

2023-2024 Wheat Variety "Top Picks" List

Dryland	Lim. Irrigation	Full Irrigation
TAM 113	TAM 114	TAM 114
TAM 116	TAM 115	TAM 116
TAM 205	TAM 116	TAM 205
WB4792	TAM 205	WB4792
— — —	WB4792	CP7017AX
— — —	CP7017AX	SY Wolverine

Texas A&M AgriLife North Region Ranch to Retail Podcast

The North Region Texas A&M AgriLife Extension continues to bring you the North Region Ranch to Retail Podcast episodes. There are currently over 30 outstanding podcast episodes highlighting various experts in the field of timely agricultural information pertaining to crop and beef cattle production. The podcasts are easy to access, simply go to the following link.



<https://agrilifenorthregionag.libsyn.com/>

The latest (3) episodes have been highlighted below for your review. Each one is designed with a *play/stop/pause* format and are about 45 minutes in length.

Episode #31 Recorded June 17, 2023

Mark Carroll, AgriLife Extension Agent in Floyd County and Dr. Juan Pineiro', AgriLife Extension Dairy Specialist discuss the pro's and con's of growing and feeding sorghum silage as an option for dairies.

Episode #32 Recorded July 24, 2023

This recording is the first of a 3 part series on Small Grain/Wheat production starting with a discussion with Dr. Calvin Trostle. Dr. Trostle is an agronomist with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and works in a variety of cropping systems including small grains. He talks about variety testing, and AgriLife's "Top Picks List" and how it is determined, fertility needs and timing, seed treatment, certified seed, and

Episode #33 Recorded July, 25 2023

This is the 2nd of the 3 part series discussion related to wheat and small grains. Steelee Fischbacher who is the Policy Director with Texas Wheat Producers Board and Association talks about the role of these organizations, the history and role of these, the wheat checkoff, and the work they are doing in policy, marketing, and research.

46th Annual Randall County Crop Tour

8:30a.m. Tuesday, August 29th, Kuhlman Extension Center

- ⇒ The attached flyer provides the complete agenda. All participants attend at **NO COST!**
- ⇒ A total of (3 CEU's) will be provided for all Private Applicator License holders (2.5-General, .5-Drift Minimization)
- ⇒ Please RSVP your attendance by calling the Extension Office or at the link indicated on the flyer
- ⇒ Registration Deadline **Fri. August 25**



46th Annual Randall County AG Day & Crops Tour



Tuesday, August 29, 2023

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RSVP : Before 5:00 p.m. Friday, August 25 **CALL :** (806) 468-5543 **ONLINE :** <https://forms.office.com/r/2txVgwcH0G>

MORNING SESSION

- 8:30 A.M. Registration:** Coffee & Donuts sponsored by Plains Land Bank
- 9:00 A.M.** Dr. Peter Dotray, Weed Resistance & Control; What Works and What Doesn't
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Weed Specialist, Texas Tech University Lubbock, TX
- 9:45 A.M.** Dr. David Anderson, Cattle Market/Price Trends; Could Fall Prices Reach Year Highs?
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Economist. Texas A&M University College Station, TX
- 10:15 A.M. Break/View Exhibits**
- 10:30 A.M. Overview of Afternoon Tour Stops:**
Katrian Horn & Dr. Ronnie Schnell, Sorghum Variety Study-Drone Image Viewing;
Hicks Farms
Texas A&M AgriLife Research Crop Testing Coordinator College Station, TX

Miranda Stotz, Pasture Cropping & Density Grazing Systems; WTAMU Nance Ranch
Systems in Agriculture / Rangeland Ecology WTAMU
- 11:00 A.M. Break/View Exhibits**
- 11:15 A.M.** Jason Coleman, Current Water Issues & Law Update
High Plains Underground Water District, Lubbock, TX
- 11:45 P.M.** Christy Dyer, Impact of 2023 May Flood/County Growth & Daily Challenges
Randall County Judge, Canyon, TX
- 12:15 P.M. Lunch & Awards**
Featured Speaker, Dr. Joe Outlaw, Introduction to new 2024 Farm Bill
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Ag. Policy Center, College Station, TX

AFTERNOON TOURS

- 1:30 P.M. Stop 1:** Sorghum Variety Study; Drip Irrigation & Soil Moisture Monitoring System
Danny Hicks Farms; (2 miles west of Canyon Hwy. 60; take FM 1062 west for 2 miles; Turn north on
City Lake Rd for 1.5 miles; enter field at green gate on west side)
- 3:30 P.M. Stop 2:** Pasture Cropping System - WTAMU Nance Ranch
Features wheat planted into native pasture situation proving more devious grazing options and
increased cattle gains
- 5:30 P.M. Conclude**

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