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**CORN GETS BIG DRINK** — Going into its most water critical stage, corn in the Texas Panhandle is getting a continual drink of water this month.

## Perry promotes value-added concept

By KELLY SHANNON

Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said Friday the state must work harder to keep its agricultural products close to home for processing to create jobs and boost the economy.

"This is truly where we need to be focusing our efforts," Perry told the 114th summer convention of the Texas Press Association. "We want to add the value of those agricultural products in the private sector."

Perry noted that 92 percent

of all cotton raised in Texas is shipped out of state for processing, also known as "value adding."

If Texas could just improve its value-added industry from its current 8

percent to 13 percent, it would have a \$2.5 billion economic impact, Perry said.

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## Wheat being sought by Panhandle feeders

**AMARILLO** — Because export demand is down and prices are favorable, many feedyards are looking at wheat as a possible feed grain, according to Bill Nelson, Executive Vice President of the Texas Wheat Producers Association.

Two years ago, when a similar situation existed, Nelson said feedyard demand accounted for an extra 25-50 cents per bushel for farmers that wouldn't have existed otherwise.

"And since feedyards tend to buy premium wheat because of its higher protein, they represent an important market for our growers," he said. "The quality of the wheat harvested so far this year is higher than last year, and we're seeing higher protein and much higher test weights than normal."

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# AgReview



Calendar

## Ag News

July 3

**HALE CENTER CENTENNIAL ROPING** — A Centennial Team Roping contest — coinciding with the city's 100th birthday — has been set for July 3 to benefit the Hale Center FFA.

It will be a 15x15 Round Robin tournament, \$100 per man/progressive after one head.

Information is available from Brian Patterson or Danny Ivy.

July 3

**HALE CENTER JULY FOURTH CENTENNIAL** — A tractor show will be the highlight of Independence Day events, with a parade set at 11 a.m.

July 3

**ANNUAL WEBB TRACTOR SHOW AND PLAYDAY** — Donald and Sallie Webb will host a tractor play day 3 miles northeast of Amarillo on FM 136. A parade, tractor pull, slow race, wheat threshing and log sawing will be held. Also, a Baker fan demonstration, feed grinding and other activities.

July 10

**LEVELLAND CELEBRATION & TRACTOR PARADE** — A parade featuring tractors at 10 a.m. in the downtown area will highlight the day's festivities. For information, contact Preston Reeves, 562-4381.

### COUNTRY CALENDAR

SUBMIT ITEMS TO: Editor, Country Trader AgReview, P.O. Box 1240, Plainview Daily Herald, Plainview, TX 79072. Or phone 296-1354.

## Cotton developing ahead of schedule

By GORDON ZEIGLER  
AgReview Writer

**L**UBBOCK — As High Plains cotton nears the traditional replanting cutoff date of

July 4th, the crop is thought to be in top form for this time of year — and farmers continue to hope nothing comes along to spoil their optimism.



HAKE

"Lots of producers are saying that, for this time of year, it is as good as it has been in recent years," said Kater Hake, Texas A&M cotton specialist, who assessed the crop in a swing across the area's cotton patch late last week.

"At least we've gotten very far into the year without major problems," Hake said.

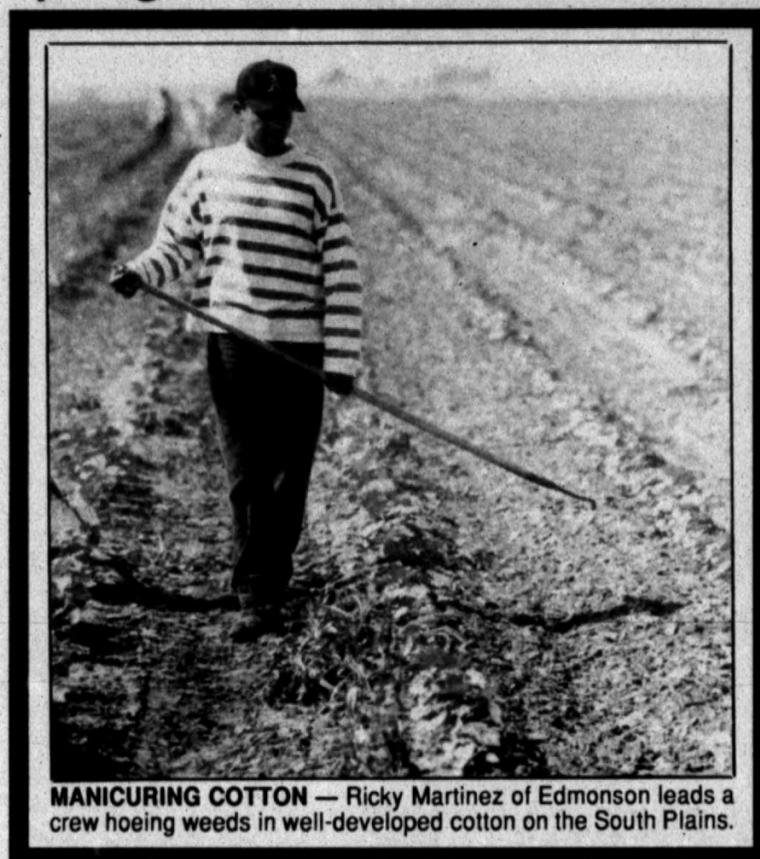
Early crops have, traditionally, been higher quality crops — packing better yields and possessing higher micronaire.

The crop's earliness, however, creates an immediate challenge on irrigated farms, since its advance in growth also translates into an earlier-than-usual need for water.

While it is common for cotton to be a much smaller plant in June or July, this year much larger plants are seen — ones that are using substantially more water, Hake points out.

This is seen as an added pressure on a farmer's water management activities.

"Water management will be a key factor this year," said Hake. "We're getting rain, but not enough to keep up with demand. Just about all the irrigation systems on the South



MANICURING COTTON — Ricky Martinez of Edmonson leads a crew hoeing weeds in well-developed cotton on the South Plains.

Plains, except some on the northern areas, cannot deliver enough to keep up."

Fields will be using up more water than normally comes in rainfall. Lubbock County fields, for instance, have received 10 inches less rainfall to date this year than is normal — causing farmers to make up for it with underground irrigation.

One aspect of the 1993 crop that experts are watching closely this year, Hake says, is the performance of the newly introduced cotton variety HS200 (A Paymaster/Cargill product) — designed to produce maximum grade quality under South Plains irrigated growing conditions. HS200 is being touted as having

the potential of giving the Texas plains a product that will market competitively with the best that California has to offer. It has been compared with the San Joaquin Valley's noted Acela variety.

"Acela is considered the real standard for high quality cotton," Hake said. "The San Joaquin Valley product gets a premium price."

On the South Plains in 1992, an estimated 15 percent of our crop was HS200.

"That has gone up substantially, though we don't know exactly how much," Hake estimated.

But HS 200 is a bit more sensitive

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## Seasonal pressure continues on wheat prices

As the winter wheat harvest continues to move north through Texas and Oklahoma and into Kansas, normal seasonal pressure continues to weigh on cash and futures prices. The crop continues to be in fairly good condition, but condition ratings have eroded some with 66 percent of the crop rated good to excellent.

The crop continues to run a couple of weeks behind on maturity, and the increased moisture has led to concerns about disease and moisture problems. However, there is not much evidence that any wide spread problems have occurred yet.

From a supply/demand standpoint, the situation may not be as dismal as the current price situation might indicate, but there are a few concerns that the market is having a difficult time with.

The U.S. is looking at a good crop this year, unless we run into problems getting the crop out due to weather. While beginning stocks and production are both forecast to be above last year's level, they are not all that much higher, and are not at an unmanageable level. The continued growth in imports, while it is not large, continues to be a



### GRAIN MARKET UPDATE

Dr. Mark Waller

hinderance.

Food and seed use should be up slightly from last year, but the biggest boost to domestic demand could be a good increase in feed use, given the narrow spread between cash wheat and corn prices in the Texas panhandle and elsewhere. The biggest problem will be in the export arena, where U.S. market share could erode further.

Part of the problem is due to a decrease in world exports and stiff competition for the remaining business among all

the major exporters. The rest of the problem, however, the trade considers to be the inability of the administration to get it's act together concerning new crop EEP allocations and other competitive efforts.

World production, exports, and ending stocks are all expected to be lower for the 1993-94 marketing season. The lower export figure will likely keep exporting nations very competitive, but hopefully the lower ending stocks figure will help prices improve as we get past the harvest season.

From a marketing prospective, new crop prices appear to be low, but seasonally they may continue to move lower yet. Once we get through the harvest season, prices may be able to rally into the winter months. To a large extent, the size of any post-harvest rallies will depend on strong domestic demand, and the governments willingness to push exports.

(Dr. Mark Waller, Grain Marketing Specialist with the Texas A&M Extension Service, is an authority on the nation's grain markets.)

**South Plains**  
**Ag News**

**July 17**

**SEAGRAVES DAYS** — The Texas Plains Chapter of the Two-Cylinder Club will bring the sounds of the Old Poppin Johnnie to Seagraves residents celebrating their annual community event.

**July 17**

**CHILDRESS PICNIC & REUNION** — Jim Parker will head up the event, which includes spotlighting old tractors.

**July 17**

**SWISHER COUNTY PICNIC** — A parade at 10 a.m. and the traditional noon barbecue will highlight this annual celebration. Old tractors will be part of the parade, which begins lining up at 9 a.m.

**July 24 & 25**

**SECOND ANNUAL AMARILLO TRUCK & TRACTOR SHOW** — The event will be centered at the Travelodge East, 3205 I-40 East.

**July 24 & 25**

**WESTERN WHEATLAND GREEN & YELLOW EXPO** — Old tractor buffs from Texas, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma will gather for a salute to the old tractor. Featured model this year is the John Deere Model D. Machines from 1923, 24 still needed. Jim Cole, Rt. 2, Seiling, OK, 73663, is show coordinator.

**Farm values rise slowly**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The value of U.S. farm real estate is expected to rise an average of 1 percent to 3 percent this year, according to the Agriculture Department's Economic Research Service.

**Program aims at boosting cotton profits**

**A&M EXTENSION SERVICE**

**L**UBBOCK — Increasing the profitability of growing cotton while reducing soil erosion is a challenge that is being met head-on by researchers at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station here.

Because the growing season for cotton on the High Plains is marginally short, a late planting or replanting date combined with cool, wet weather in the fall can reduce cotton yields and quality.

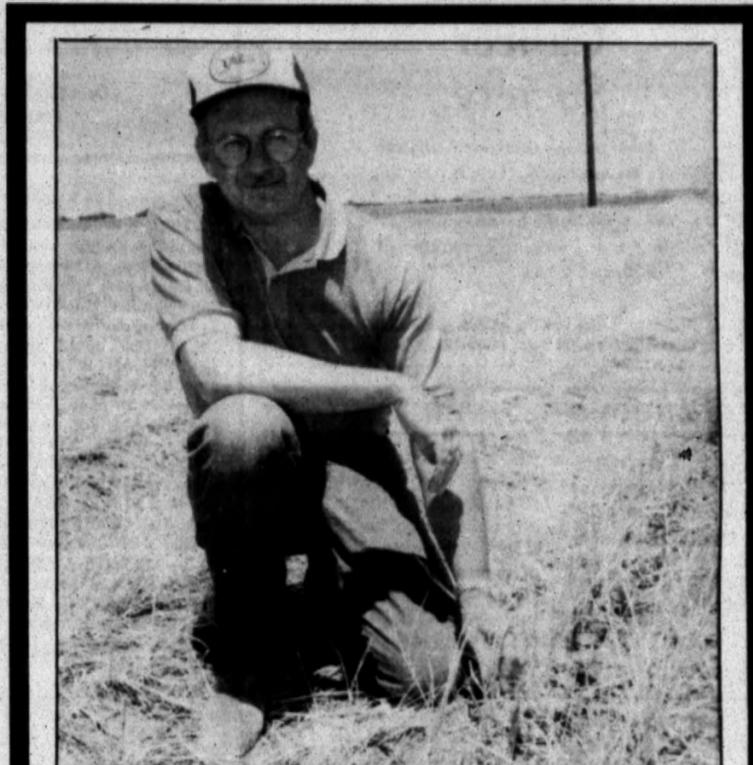
Nonetheless, cotton remains the most agriculturally viable crop in the area in terms of both acreage and crop value. Any means of providing it with a better start and protecting it from the adversities of the West Texas weather allows cotton growers to better take advantage of the short growing season.

Research being conducted at the experiment station here is providing answers to challenges facing cotton growers. For the past seven years, scientists have been studying cotton growth in conservation tillage systems using crop residue to provide early season protection from the weather.

These conservation tillage systems are gaining acceptance not only in West Texas, but across the United States as well. This is because of their effects in reducing soil erosion, allowing more efficient use of soil water, decreasing costs of production and increasing profitability, said Dr. Wayne Keeling, systems agronomy scientist at the Lubbock station.

Since 1990, agricultural scientists have been able to test such new technology as conservation tillage under the same conditions High Plains farmers are facing. With the development of a 160-acre farm, called the Agricultural Complex for Advanced Research and Extension Systems (AG-CARES) at Lamesa, irrigation, fertility, weed and insect management are now being evaluated in a whole farm situation.

Through such research, a conservation tillage system has been found that has gained acceptance in



**RESIDUE IS THE KEY** — Texas A&M's Dr. Wayne Keeling is shown on land where crop residue is benefitting cotton.

growing areas with sandy soils west and south of Lubbock. It consists of using wheat or rye as a winter cover crop, Keeling explained.

The cover crop is sprayed and chemically killed prior to planting the cotton. The cotton is then planted directly back into the cover crop residue. This standing stubble from the cover crop protects the soil from erosion and helps the cotton get an improved growing start.

Because of this and other research, interest has increased across the cotton belt in producing cotton in a conservation tillage system.

"Conservation tillage systems in which the crop is planted into the residue from previous crops have shown potential for reducing machinery, fuel and labor use," said Keeling. "It has also shown potential as a means of increasing profit."

The advantage of using conservation tillage systems as compared to a clean tilled soil lies in the erosion factor, he said. On a clean tilled soil, with no crop cover,

every time it rains or the ground is irrigated the soil is slicked over. It must be roughed up again with equipment such as a sandfighter or rotary hoe to prevent soil from blowing and damaging young plants.

Keeling says one of the initial obstacles in using conservation tillage systems is weed control. Cotton growers are accustomed to having herbicides incorporated into the soil before planting the cotton. Therefore, other means of controlling weeds are essential.

One method of combatting weeds is through strip tillage. This consists of an incorporated band where the cotton is planted. Strip tillage along with chemigation herbicide applications can effectively provide weed control equaling that of a conventional tillage system, Keeling said.

With the adoption of conservation tillage systems, growing cotton can now be a less risky option for farmers on the High Plains, the scientist says.

**Texas cows can fly, all the way to Thailand**

AUSTIN — "Who says cows can't fly?" joked Texas Ag Commissioner Rick Perry as he put a load of Brahmans onboard a jet for Thailand.

Perry bid bon voyage to Texas Brahman heifers recently as they left for Thailand through the TDA export pens at Houston Intercontinental Airport. The Brahmans are part of a record-breaking sale to the Thai government.

Over 700 Texas cattle, costing more than \$840,000, will be sent to Thailand in three air shipments. Thai government farms have been purchasing Texas breeding stock since 1986. A 191 Brahman purchase by Thailand was the largest of its kind at the time.

"Texans don't know the

meaning of the word impossible. We've learned that cows can fly and be happy living somewhere people don't speak in a Texas twang," Perry joked.

Perry cited Texas' reputation for excellent cattle genetics, saying Thailand has had good experience with Brahmans from the Lone Star State. The climates are similar, he said.

"Our Brahmans have helped the Thais improve their own cattle stock," Perry said.

Ausswin Wongwan, director of Complete Agriculture Systems of Thailand, purchased the cattle for the Thai Department of Livestock Development. The Thai government runs 32 farms and the Brahman heifers will be distributed over those farms to

improve the quality of Thai Brahmans.

On Monday, 310 heifers were loaded onto special 747 jumbo jets bound for Bangkok. One June 10, 300 more heifers will be shipped. Cattle for a June 29 shipment are still being tested, so the final number to complete the shipment has yet to be determined. The cattle were selected from 69 Brahman breeders across Texas. The total economic impact of the deal is over \$2.6 million.

In 1991, the Thai government purchased 660 head of Texas Brahman, the largest single Texas cattle purchase by any foreign country in the past 20 years and the largest effort every by Thailand.

Under Perry, TDA began a marketing program called

"Texas Livestock . . . Best in Any Language," which promotes the excellent quality of Texas livestock around the country as well as to foreign countries.

"Houston is a world-class international port, especially for our agricultural products," Perry said. "Houston Intercontinental is a great facility to bring buyers to from around the world, and our Texas farmers and ranchers provide us with the highest quality product available. The economic impact is important not only to our agriculture community but to the Texas economy overall."

Texas has now exported over 3,000 head of livestock valued at over \$3 million through Houston Intercontinental since Janu-

ary, and over 300,000 head were shipped to India through all TDA export pens. Over 2,000 sheep

were shipped to India through the Houston pens a month ago.

**The 'Fourth' minus one in Canyon**

The 1993 Independence Day Celebration in Canyon will be on July 3rd, and follows the theme, "Youth: The Future of Our Nation."

The schedule begins at 7 a.m. with the traditional Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast.

The remainder of the day will follow the following schedule:

- 10 a.m. — Bicycle contest and patriotic ceremony.
- 11 a.m. — Parade

with Bar-B-Que following.

■ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Arts and Crafts booths and entertainment on the square featuring musical dancers from "T.E.X.A.S."

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### VEHICLES

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### ORDER OF SALE

Monday, July 12—Livestock Equipment, Radios, Pickups, Cars, Suburban, Van, Motor Home, Travel Trailers, Camper, Boat, 3-Wheeler, Motorcycle, Tanks, Shop Equipment and Tools, Lawn Mowers & Garden Supplies, Miscellaneous and Unclassified, Horse Buggy and Pony Carts  
Tuesday, July 13—Tractors, Combines, Scraper, Grinder Mixer, Farm Equipment, Irrigation Engines & Equipment, Trucks, Trailers, Hay Balers and Silage Cutter

NOTICE—Free Hamburgers and Hot Dogs served both days to REGISTERED BUYERS

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### FARM EQUIPMENT

1—Marliss 28-ft., 8" Spacing Double Disc Grain Drill with Press Wheels + 1—AMCO 35-ft. Folding Tandem Disc + 2—John Deere 400 30-ft. Rotary Hoes + 1—Flex King 5X5 Sweep Plow with Pickers and Flex King 320 Air Seeder + 1—John Deere 7000 Maxi Merge 8-Row, 3-pt. Plateless with Monitor + 1—Wylie 1000-Gallon Sprayer with 34-ft. Boom + 1—King 24-ft. Offset Disc + 1—Big Ox Shank Ripper + 1—Noble 54-ft. Spring Tooth Harrow + 2—Krause 816 18-ft. Oneways + 2—John Deere DRA 16X10 Grain Drills with Press Wheels + 1—John Deere 205 5-ft. Gramore Mower + 1—Crustbuster 36-ft. Hoe Drill + 1—John Deere 8-Row, 3-pt. Cultipacker + 2—John Deere 8200 8" Spacing Grain Drills + 1—Sunflower Folding Offset Disc with Near New Blades + 1—Melroe 8-Row Rod Weeder + 6—IHC 295 Flex Planters on Double Bar with Hydraulic Markers + 1—Heavy Duty 8-Row Cultivator + 1—John Deere 7000 Maxi Merge, 8-Row, 3-pt. + 1—Hamby 30-ft., 3-Bar Tool Bar + 1—30-ft., 3-Bar NH3 Applicator + 1—John Deere 8-Row Bedder + 1—Noble 8-Row Cultivator + 1—Caldwell 7-ft., 3-pt. Blade + 1—John Deere 400 Rotary Hoe + 1—IHC 9-Shank Ripper + 1—Bush Hog 5-ft. Shredder + 1—John Deere 20-ft. Oneway + 1—Stratford Welding Shopmade Land Plane + 1—IHC 10 16X10 Grain Drill with Press Wheels + 1—5-Shank, 20-ft. Subsoiler + 2—IHC 510 20-ft. 8" Double Disc Grain Drills + 1—21-ft. DIA Bar with 7-Shanks and Gauge Wheels + 1—Serv 8", 3-pt. Blade + 1—IHC 6-Row 5X7 Bar Lister Planter + 1—6-Row Lister on 4X7 Bar with Gauge Wheels and Markers + 1—Folding Rope Wick Front Mount + 1—John Deere 6-Row Lister Planter with Gauge Wheels + 6—John Deere 71 Flex Planters on DIA Bar + 6—Roll-A-Cone Colters + 1—IHC 6-Row Monitor Cultivator + 1—Hoeme 15-ft. Chisel Plow + 1—MM Grain Drill with Grass Attachments + 1—5-Row Lister Planter Rig + 1—Double DIA Bar with Gauge Wheels + 1—John Deere Sickle Mower + 1—John Deere 6-Row Plate Type Planter on Double Bar + 1—Clod Buster Packer + 1—John Deere 15-ft. Oneway with Hydraulics + 1—John Deere DRB Grain Drills + 3—3 Drill Hitches + 1—Tye 21-ft., 8" Spacing Grain Drill + 1—3136A Krause 36-ft. Landsman + 1—John Deere 680 Tandem Axle PTO Manure Spreader Trailer + 1—Bush Hog 12615, 15-ft. Folding Shredder + 1—John Deere 606 72" Shredder for Small Tractor, 3-pt. + 2—Tye 6-Row Disc Bedders + 1—Case 4-Bottom Roll-Over Plow + 1—IHC 4-Bottom Roll-Over Plow + 2—Lilliston 6-Row Cultivators + 12—New Lilliston Fenders + 3—Noble 7-ft. Mulchers + 1—Set Flex King Pickers

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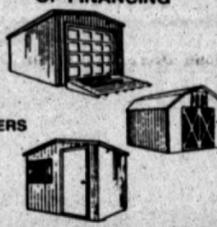
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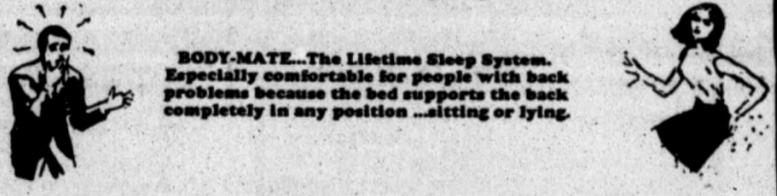
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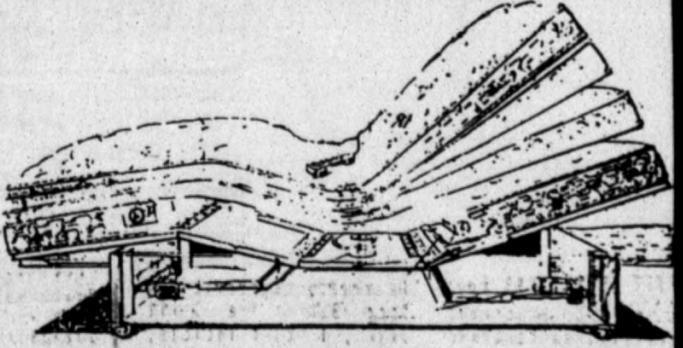
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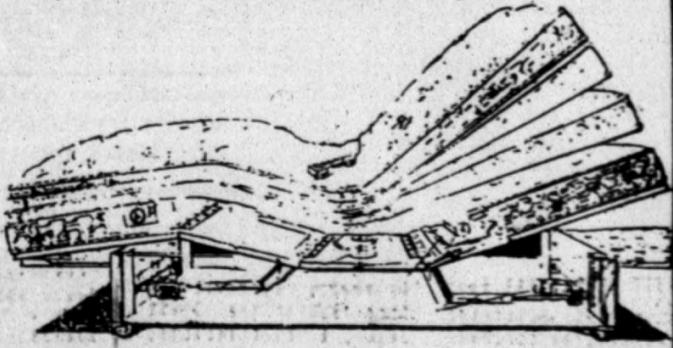
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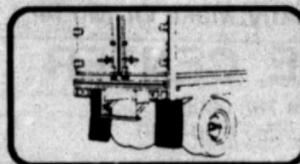
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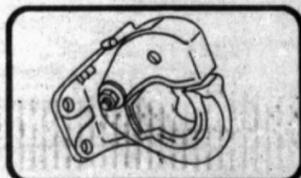
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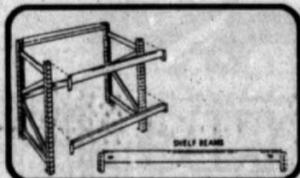
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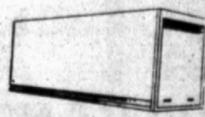
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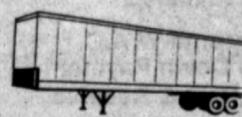
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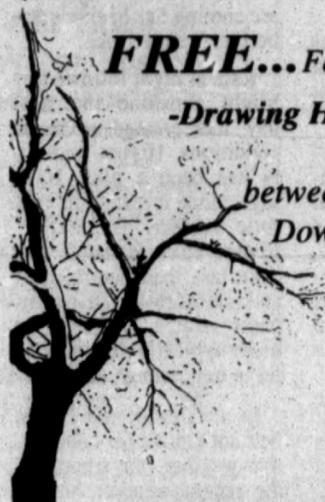
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# COTTON

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to drought conditions, and crop watchers are judging its performance with a critical eye.

Crop watchers say there are potentials for big yields this year if the plants can avoid undue stress during July and early August.

"Those periods have the best potential to make good crop, but it is also a time when plants are most vulnerable to drought stress," Hake said.

A key will be to make sure that, by early bloom, that enough moisture has been banked in ahead of time.

"Lots of fields are just over a week away from that," said Hake. "If they haven't gotten quite a bit of moisture, one would need to check the soil moisture real closely and take advan-

tage of warm days to put moisture down there, so as to store it."

Hake said a major plus this crop year is that most planted after cold weather subsided in mid-May.

After that followed a period of extremely dry weather — a phenomenon that destroyed many dryland acres.

But the effect of the dryness apparently did not hurt cotton that had found enough moisture to germinate.

"It was the perfect time to have a drought," commented Hake. "It occurred at a time when the plant doesn't use any water to speak of, but is vulnerable to cooling."

What followed in the last two weeks has been a series of rains. Though sometimes spotty, and not the general soaking kind, they have been welcome and helpful.

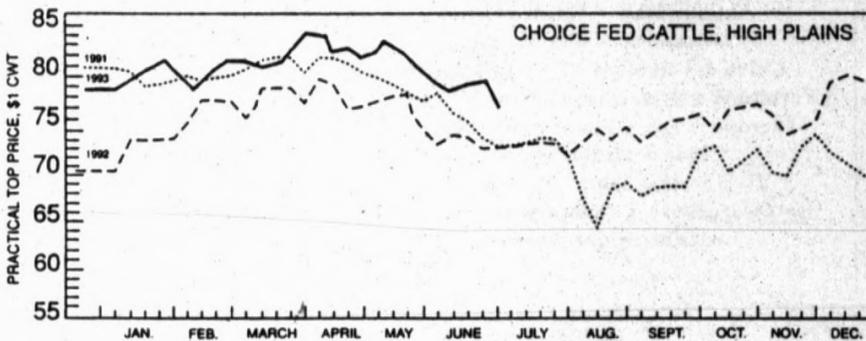
"We're getting humidi-

ties up, frequent rains... even the way rains are coming has been picture perfect," said Hake.

Rain at night followed by bright sunshine the next day has created textbook conditions. Higher humidity has been a plus, Hake says, since it results in very little surface evaporation. (Evaporative demand has been less than one-third of an inch recently. That compares with a half inch or better typically experienced on a hot, windy day.)

In an area of the cotton belt not known for cooperative weather, the timing of the recent weather on the South Plains has been exceptional, Hake commented.

"It is unfortunate to have so much dryland acreage that is either quite late, or has failed," said Hake. "It is unfortunate because cotton as a whole is getting off to an excellent start."



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## Choice fed cattle, High Plains

The above report reflects market activity through June 25.

# Huge Purina Mills sold to investors

CLEVELAND (AP) — BP America Inc. is selling its animal feed division, Purina Mills Inc., to an investor group that includes Purina managers, the company said Wednesday.

BP America, the U.S. subsidiary of British Petroleum, said its BP Nutrition unit had reached agreement to sell Purina Mills to investors led by The Sterling Group Inc. for about \$425 million.

BP America said the deal should be completed in the third quarter of this year. Purina Mills, the largest supplier of animal feeds in the U.S., is based in St. Louis, Mo. It operates 54 feed mills employing about 2,600 people.

The Sterling Group, based in Houston, is a private organization that acts as investment banker for leveraged and management buyouts.

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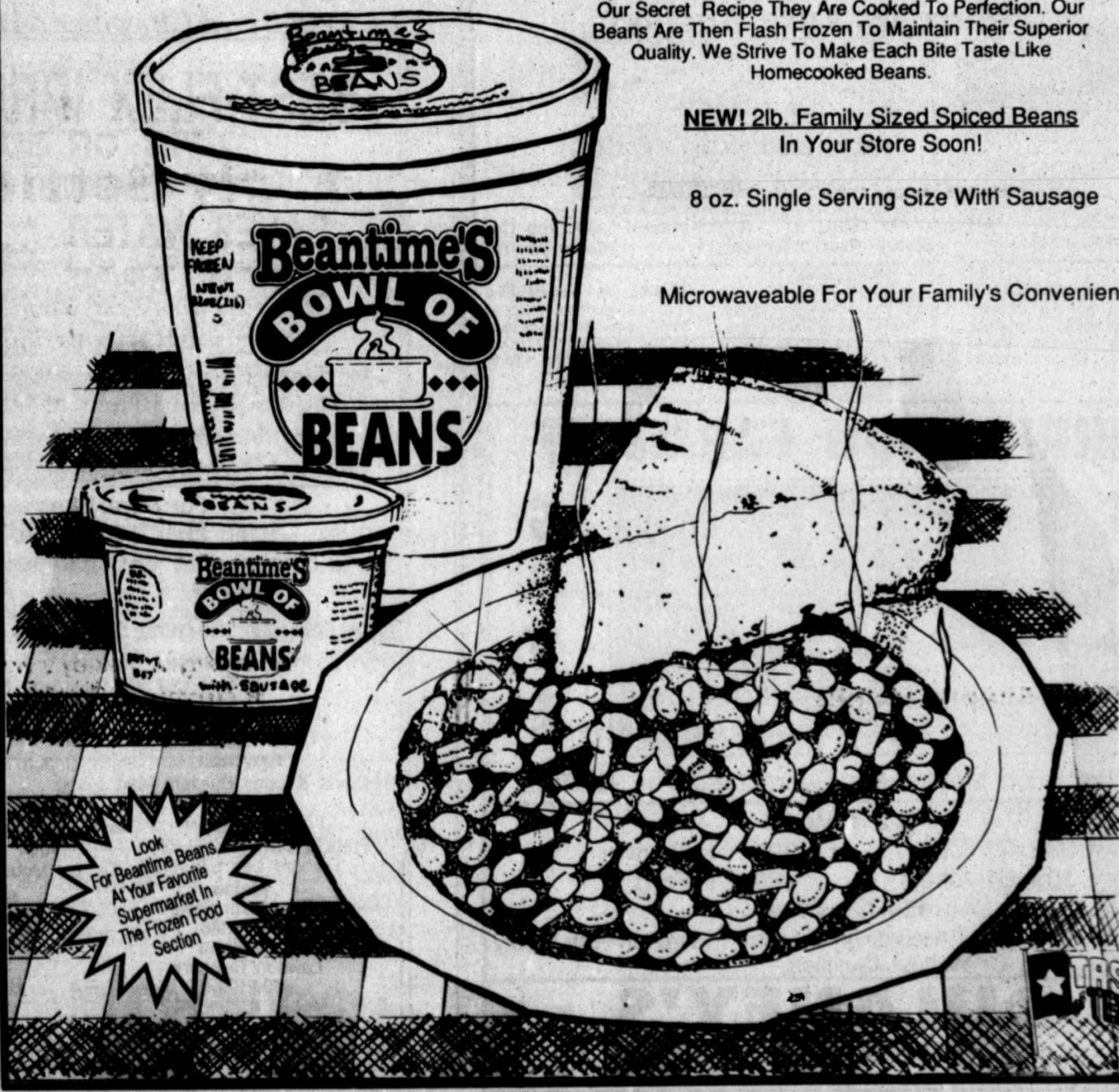
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By MARGARET SCHERF  
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be sure food safety is part of the fun.

The department's hotline is warning consumers that at warm temperatures food poisoning bacteria can begin to multiply on food and could cause illness.

Something you may not have thought of in preparing for a picnic: Pack foods in reverse-use order so those used last stay in the cooler and aren't shifted around by warm hands until just before eating.

Of course, pack all

perishable foods in a cooler, taking them directly from the refrigerator or freezer. Use gel packs, ice cubes or blocks of ice to keep the food cold.

"A full cooler maintains its cold temperature longer than one that is only

partially filled," says the hotline's Susan Conley. "Pack any extra space in the cooler with fruits, other nonperishable foods or just more ice."

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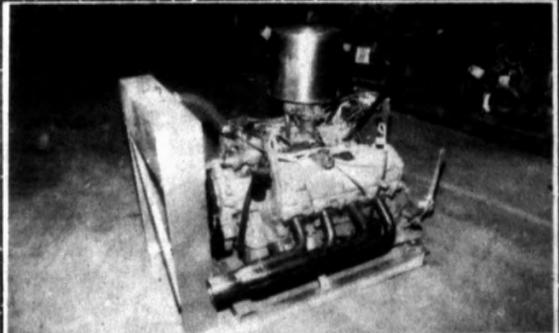
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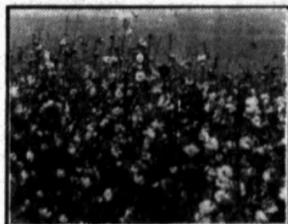
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