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TEXAS FARM NEWS

Bell county hog raisers are showing some partiality to Yorkshire stock, recently introduced into the county by the Bell County Yorkshire association...

Milo maize and kaffir corn crops are unusually good throughout west Texas.

A survey of vegetables, growing in the Rio Grande valley, recently conducted by the state chamber of commerce, disclosed that hundreds of dollars worth of perishable vegetables rotted before transportation facilities could be obtained.

The rice yield in south Texas will be on an average of previous years.

The shearing of sheep throughout west Texas was begun September 15. The clip is somewhat lighter than last year but it is of high quality.

San Angelo now has on hand an excess of three million pounds of spring wool. Some of the mohair from the 1919 fall clip, and all that sheared last spring, is still on hand.

A veterinarian is making an inspection to ascertain the nature of the disease that is killing the sheep in Mills county.

The chamber of commerce of Dublin has been carrying on a demonstration in killing out the boll weevil. The work is under the direction of county agents.

For the first time in years, Mexicans are buying fat cattle from Texas, and shipping them as far south as Mexico City. The Mexican bandits have pretty well cleaned out the cattle of old Mexico.

Joe Fitzgerald, fruit grower near Stephenville, has sold \$2000 worth of Concord grapes from a small vineyard, and expects to sell another thousand dollars worth before the crop is entirely moved.

Jefferson has organized a corporation for building and operating a 10,000-bushel sweet potato curing plant.

A tractor demonstration was staged in Corsicana September 14. A large number of farmers and other interested persons attended the demonstration.

At a meeting of about 1000 farmers, bankers, and merchants at the Dallas Auditorium, a plan was decided upon for the gradual selling of cotton, building bonded warehouses in every cotton-growing precinct in Texas...

Fannin county farmers are interested in the terracing of their farm lands, and will get the assistance of H. W. Aker of the A. and M. college of Texas.

The pecan crop along the course of the Red river valley, north Texas, is practically a failure, and not one tree in twenty is expected to bear pecans during 1920. The caterpillars are stripping both pecan and walnut trees of their foliage.

From Stamford comes the report that the horn fly is doing considerable damage to stock.

The Lambert Melon Growers association, operating near Weatherford, has shipped 53 cars of melons, receiving a total of \$13,559.43.

Farmers of Jefferson have organized to hold up the prices of cotton. They will contend for a minimum price of 40c a pound.

Thirty-five county farm agents have left their work during the present season on account of insufficient wages.

W. T. McGee, sheep and goat specialist of A. and M. college, says that both the Rambouillet and the Shropshire breed of sheep will do well in Texas. He thinks that the farmers and stock men should raise more sheep and goats, as they have proven very profitable and can be raised at less expense than many other kind of livestock.

B. L. Hunt, who lives near Waco, must be the champion pumpkin farmer of Texas. He brought in one weighing 81 pounds to the Waco chamber of commerce.

Lampasas, which is one of the largest concentration points for pecans in Texas, and whose territory produces a very fine variety of the nuts, does not expect to ship over one carload this season. A late frost of last spring killed the buds on the trees.

San Angelo will have an auction sale of Hereford cattle October 26th to 30th, inclusive.

The Grayson County Poultry Show will be held at Denison this year. The dates are December 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Fine stock and farm products from various sections of the Panhandle were among the exhibits featured at the annual Childress State Fair, which opened September 15th, and continued four days.

Farmers near Edinburg will specialize on long staple cotton next season.

Many sheep which were shipped into Mills county from Colorado are reported as having died.

Figures gathered by the Texas Chamber of Commerce disclose the fact that cotton is gradually losing ground as the leading agricultural crop of Texas. Corn is the second most important crop of the state, and wheat is considered as third.

Farmers of Hood county have organized a watermelon club, and pledge themselves to plant 500 acres next season. Weevils and worms have almost destroyed the cotton crop in Hood county within the last 30 days.

Erath county reports a big peanut crop, and the farmers are making an effort to save it by cutting poles preparatory to shocking the vines in the field.

Williamson county, which heretofore has been one of the banner cotton counties of Texas, expects no top crop, and will finish picking by November.

East Texas is again at the front with a large crop of sweet potatoes. The peanut crop in that section is also good and the corn and hay crop is splendid.

East Texas farmers are forming many live stock associations and preparing to bring in dairy cows, hoping thereby to recoup losses they have sustained from the poor crops of cotton.

The farmers are organizing in many of the Texas counties for the purpose of warehousing their cotton, and marketing it slowly. They are also preparing to hold their cotton seed for better prices. The picking and marketing of low grade cotton is generally discouraged, on account of there being about 300,000 bales of low grade cotton now on hand in the United States which cannot be disposed of.

Crops generally over the state, with the exception of cotton and rice, have been benefited by the August rains.

The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas has issued the following bulletins, which are for free distribution to any farmer who will write for them:

Bulletin No. 261, "Disease of grain, sorghum and millet, and their control in Texas;" Bulletin No. 260, "Wilts of the watermelon and related crops;" Bulletin No. 257, "The cotton and melon louse;" Bulletin No. 256, "The cowpea weevil."

Mr. Jack Culbertson, president of the Wichita Motors Co. of Wichita Falls, thinks it would be a good plan for the United States to exchange some of its low grade cotton to Germany for German dyes. Germany has accumulated a great deal of dyes that they have no market for. He says the dyes can be sold in northern markets.

Lamar county will levee north Sulphur river, about 18 miles south of Paris, for which \$354,000 of bonds have been voted. It will be about 13 miles in length, approximately 18 feet high, and claims 8000 acres of fertile land. The Sulphur is now leveed through Hopkins, Delta, Red River and Franklin counties on both sides for about 60 miles.

The state health commissioner of Oklahoma is warning people against skinning cattle who die of anthrax. He says the disease is fatal among humans as well as livestock.

Scott & Shipp, have now on their stock farm near Paris four fine pigs which they bought from the stock farm of Gov. Cox of Ohio.

Two local hog men near Hereford are importing about 800 head of hogs from the Llano county, and will feed them maize, sorghum and feterita. They claim this will save them the expense of threshing the seed, and will bring more money than if the feed was sold out of the field.

Mr. A. C. Williams, assistant secretary of the Texas Cattle Raisers association says that cattle conditions are better than for many years, but that the cattlemen cannot secure adequate loans to carry on their business.

F. W. Kazmeier, of the Poul-

try department of the A. & M. College, is arranging to put in a big chicken hatchery near Bryan. The plant will be modern and will have a capacity of 20,000 eggs every three weeks, or 150,000 chicks a season. The hatchery will be built of concrete and low tile, and will be ready for operation by November 1.

Advertisement for Gillette Tires and Tubes. Includes text: 'Meet Us at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 9-24' and 'Take a few days off and cover and enjoy yourself. Our habit of GILLETTE TIRES in B. F. Avery and Son Building at Fair Grounds is open to you and your friends.'

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