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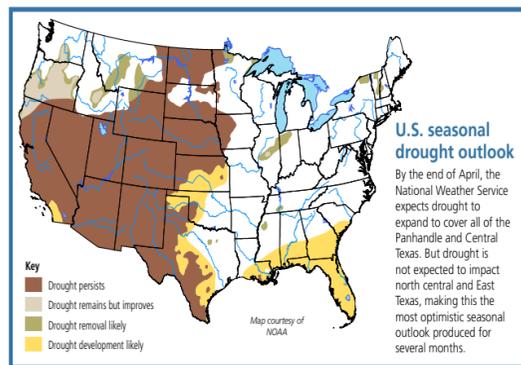
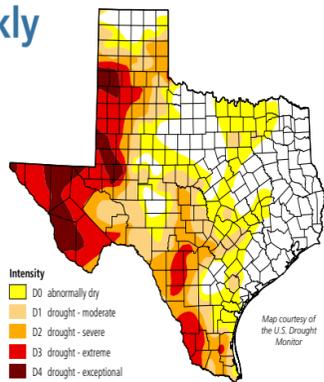
For the week of 01/25/21

Water conditions

After two weeks of significant improvement, the latest drought map for conditions as of January 19 shows little change from the previous week. Because of additional rainfall across the Panhandle and Central Texas since January 19, next week's drought map should further reduce the area of the state in drought.

Drought conditions

- 49% now
- 48% a week ago
- 40% three months ago
- 35% a year ago



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Cotton Market weekly

Futures trading was shortened by Monday's federal holiday, but that did not stop the market from reaching new highs. March futures traded a low of 80.60 cents per pound last Friday and touched that low again on Wednesday, but rallied straight up from there.

March futures rallied to a high of 83.06 cents by Thursday morning and settled at 82.57 to gain 142 points for the week. Daily average trading volumes continued at last week's strong pace, and open interest added another 3,002 contracts to finish the week at 249,672, which is the highest level since last February.

Outside Markets

Financial markets had sold off slightly ahead of the inauguration as some investors were fearful that more violence could erupt on Inauguration Day, but the market rallied as ceremonies proceeded

uninterrupted. Stocks ended the week with new record highs as markets anticipate quick passage of large additional stimulus measures since the Democratic party is now in control of the legislature and presidency. Fears of higher taxes and greater regulation have been put on hold. The U.S. Dollar Index came back under pressure as well since the Federal Reserve is likely to support the large additional stimulus spending by continuing its accommodative money supply far into the future.

Crop Prospects and Weather

With grain prices sky high and many growers in the Southeast discouraged by back-to-back poor crops, many traders and analysts have begun to cut back their forecasts of cotton planted acreage for next year. Of course, harvested acres are what really counts, and it is possible that we could see a larger crop on fewer planted acres given this year's abandonment. But to see abandonment shrink, we'll need to see precipitation start to break

up the Southwest drought. There is plenty of rain in the next week's forecast stretching from South Texas through the Mid-South, but it is uncertain how much if any will fall here in West Texas. Unfortunately, the recent dry pattern is expected to persist for the next several weeks.

Export Sales

Despite higher prices, demand for U.S. cotton has remained exceptionally strong. For the week ending Jan. 14, U.S. exporters were able to arrange net new sales of 292,400 bales of Upland cotton and 23,800 bales of Pima despite net cancellations of 22,300 bales to China. Shipments also continued at record-setting pace. Accumulated exports

for the marketing year have reached 6.48 million running bales, which is once again the highest level ever recorded for the 24th week of the marketing year. U.S. export commitments remain far ahead of the usual pace expected to meet the USDA's current export forecast.

The Week Ahead

With the vast majority of the crop harvested and classed, demand is taking a more exclusive position in traders' attention. Crop competition for next year's acreage will be monitored in the background, but weekly Export Sales Reports will be key focal points until the early production estimates for the 2021-22 season start to flow.

New Home Co-op Gin

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February Special

Feb. 27 will be a drive through rabies clinic at Buffalo Springs Lake

Dr. Louis Farr, D.V.M. • Dr. Courtney J. Pace, D.V.M.
 806.828.5895 1914 N. Hwy 84

Wilson office:
806-628-6504

Union office:
806-828-3083

36TH ANNUAL DEWITT COUNTY ALL BREEDS BULL & FEMALE SALE

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 Featuring Bred, Pairs, and Opens
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Public Notices

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS—COUNTY OF LUBBOCK
IN THE MATTER OF:
MELISSA ANN HEMPEL, Deceased
CAUSE NO. 2020-767,583

NOTICE TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF MELISSA ANN HEMPEL, Deceased

GREETINGS:
 Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section §202.052 of the Texas Estates Code, that **SOUTHWEST BANK WEALTH MANAGEMENT AND TRUST SERVICES, AS TRUSTEE OF THE LEILA WEBB TRUST-TRUST "C"** filed an **APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP** in the Estate of **MELISSA ANN HEMPEL, Deceased**, pursuant to Section §202.052 of the Texas Estates Code in **Cause No. 2020-767,583**, in the **COUNTY COURT** of Lubbock County, Texas. The said Application being filed on the **3RD DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020**.

All persons claiming to be an heir of **MELISSA ANN HEMPEL, Deceased**, who believe that they have an interest to the said estate, should contact the following person, prior to the hearing on the said application of the estate:

SEAN J. GREEN
 1661 BROADWAY
 LUBBOCK, TX 79401
 806-747-1931

Failure to notify the above person or fail to appear at the hearing on the said application to the estate, **WILL WAIVE ALL INTEREST YOU MAY HAVE WITH REGARD TO THE ESTATE OF MELISSA ANN HEMPEL.**

All named heirs are hereby cited and commanded to appear by filing a written answer before the County Court of Lubbock County, Texas, the courthouse of said county in the city of Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas, to be filed the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from the date of service, exclusive of the day of such service, which day and date of service shall be the date of publication that this newspaper bears, by filing a written answer should they or any of them desire to do so, in said proceeding. Said answer may be filed by mailing the same to the County Clerk's office, Lubbock County Clerk, 904 Broadway, Room 207, P.O. Box 10536, Lubbock, Texas 79408-3536, or by bringing it in personally.

This is a suit to determine the heirs of the deceased, and to distribute their assets to their lawful heirs.

Issued under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Lubbock, Texas this **21ST DAY OF JANUARY, 2021**.

Kelly Pinion, County Clerk
 Lubbock County, Texas
 By: /s/ NADIA MORGAN, Deputy

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LUBBOCK
IN THE MATTER OF:
PAULA SUE VAUGHN, Deceased
CAUSE NO. 2020-767,654

NOTICE TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF PAULA SUE VAUGHN, Deceased

GREETINGS:
 Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section §202.052 of the Texas Estates Code, that **ANTHONY N. VAUGHN** filed an **APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP** in the Estate of **PAULA SUE VAUGHN, Deceased**, pursuant to Section §202.052 of the Texas Estates Code in **Cause No. 2020-767,654**, in the **COUNTY COURT** of Lubbock County, Texas. The said Application being filed on the **15TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2021**.

All persons claiming to be an heir of **PAULA SUE VAUGHN, Deceased**, who believe that they have an interest to the said estate, should contact the following person, prior to the hearing on the said application of the estate:

JARROD BUSBY
 8008 SLIDE ROAD #33
 LUBBOCK, TX 79424
 806-783-0071

Failure to notify the above person or fail to appear at the hearing on the said application to the estate, **WILL WAIVE ALL INTEREST YOU MAY HAVE WITH REGARD TO THE ESTATE OF PAULA SUE VAUGHN.**

All named heirs are hereby cited and commanded to appear by filing a written answer before the County Court of Lubbock County, Texas, the courthouse of said county in the city of Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas, to be filed the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from the date of service, exclusive of the day of such service, which day and date of service shall be the date of publication that this newspaper bears, by filing a written answer should they or any of them desire to do so, in said proceeding. Said answer may be filed by mailing the same to the County Clerk's office, Lubbock County Clerk, 904 Broadway, Room 207, P.O. Box 10536, Lubbock, Texas 79408-3536, or by bringing it in personally.

This is a suit to determine the heirs of the deceased, and to distribute their assets to their lawful heirs.

Issued under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Lubbock, Texas this **19TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2021**.

Kelly Pinion, County Clerk
 Lubbock County, Texas
 By: /s/ JENNIFER WILDEY, Deputy

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LUBBOCK
IN THE MATTER OF:
JOE MANUEL AGUILAR, Deceased
CAUSE NO. 2020-767,625

NOTICE TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF JOE MANUEL AGUILAR, Deceased

GREETINGS:
 Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section §202.052 of the Texas Estates Code, that **YOLANDA LARA AGUILAR** filed an **APPLICATION FOR INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION AND DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP** in the Estate of **JOE MANUEL AGUILAR, Deceased**, pursuant to Section §202.052 of the Texas Estates Code in **Cause No. 2020-767,625**, in the **COUNTY COURT** of Lubbock County, Texas. The said Application being filed on the **16TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020**.

All persons claiming to be an heir of **JOE MANUEL AGUILAR, Deceased**, who believe that they have an interest to the said estate, should contact the following person, prior to the hearing on the said application of the estate:

ROBERT NEBB
 1102 MAIN STREET
 LUBBOCK, TX 79401
 806-747-3016

Failure to notify the above person or fail to appear at the hearing on the said application to the estate, **WILL WAIVE ALL INTEREST YOU MAY HAVE WITH REGARD TO THE ESTATE OF JOE MANUEL AGUILAR.**

All named heirs are hereby cited and commanded to appear by filing a written answer before the County Court of Lubbock County, Texas, the courthouse of said county in the city of Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas, to be filed the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from the date of service, exclusive of the day of such service, which day and date of service shall be the date of publication that this newspaper bears, by filing a written answer should they or any of them desire to do so, in said proceeding. Said answer may be filed by mailing the same to the County Clerk's office, Lubbock County Clerk, 904 Broadway, Room 207, P.O. Box 10536, Lubbock, Texas 79408-3536, or by bringing it in personally.

This is a suit to determine the heirs of the deceased, and to distribute their assets to their lawful heirs.

Issued under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Lubbock, Texas this **20TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2021**.

Kelly Pinion, County Clerk
 Lubbock County, Texas
 By: /s/ JENNIFER WILDEY, Deputy