## Cooke County Crop and Cattle Report for Monday, January 28, 2019

Well this is the first report of the 2019 year and they will continue weekly until the end of November. As I have stated many times before, the information I use in this report is based on county averages, local USDA offices, producer feedback and my own visual appraisal each week out in the county. The rainfall reported is based on Texas weather stations & agencies and word of mouth from county citizens and is a generalized average of all contacts. I do the very best I can to report accurate, timely and reliable information for all our citizens. If you have an issue or concern that folks need to know about please contact me so that I can look into it and get the word out to everyone. We all have to work together to get the best job done on reporting the facts so I welcome your input and useful information each week. With a New Year come new challenges and rewards and we hope the latter outweighs the former. We started 2019 off with muddy fields and pastures and 2018 was the second wettest year on record thanks mainly to all the rain in the fall and early winter. Winter pastures have looked horrible for the most part with limited grazing available due to constantly saturated soils. There are some who still need to get their wheat or oats planted once it dries up, but it’s getting to the critical point of being too late to plant and have any decent results at harvest. Spring Wheat and Oats are an option if harvesting for seed but not for grazing. Spring calving season is right around the corner and ranchers are working to keep their cows in good shape. A lot of hay is being fed, some have hay, some need hay, and hay prices are extremely high this winter. There is some hay out there for sale if you can afford it. I have a list of hay for sale so let me know if you are looking for some. I look forward to a great 2019 in Cooke County!!

**In the markets as of Jan 26-** Slaughter cattle trade steady at $123. Current feed yard closeouts were $2 in the black. The live cattle futures for Feb are at $126, while Jan & Mar Feeder futures were $1.43. The cash prices here in Texas for 750 lb feeder steers were at $1.38 and 550 lb. stocker steers were at $1.59. Average dress slaughter cows & bulls were higher, cows at $45-53, while bulls were $73-76

**Replacement Cows**: 4 yr old 1250 lb 6-7 months bred 1025.00; pkg 5 yr old 1075 lbs 6 months bred 1000.00; 5-6 yr old 900-1550 lbs 4-7 months bred 700.00-925.00 **Pairs:** not well tested but some 9 yr old 1025-1050 lb cow w/50-150 lb calf 775.00-835.00.

**Hay report:** Coastal Bermuda: Small Squares: FOB: Good to Premium 297.00-330.00, 9.00-10.00 per bale. Large Rounds: FOB: Good to Premium 140.00-200.00, 70.00-100.00 per roll; Fair to Good 120.00-140.00, 60.00-70.00 per bale.

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