## Cooke County Crop and Cattle Report for Monday, February 11, 2019

Well we received from 1 to 2 inches of rain this past week depending on your location, and some cold temperatures the last several days. It’s been wet here for the past 120 plus days when all this moisture started back in early fall. The weather predictors were right on target with this El Nino pattern we have been in and continue to be under. There were very few windows of opportunity to get the wheat, oats and winter pasture in the ground but I think most folks got the biggest majority of fields planted or overseeded. It still doesn't look very good but hopefully it will come out of it when the weather starts warming and spring starts springing. A lot of folks have been topdressing winter pastures lately, or have it on their mind. I suspect the wheat and oat harvest will not be as good as last year’s good crop as it has just sat there saturated in water. We should have some good soil moisture for the corn and milo crops as we grow closer to planting time. What stocker cattle we have on early planted winter pastures look decent considering the wet weather pattern we have been under, although some producers have been feeding hay to help out. In the cow calf sector, some are calving now and others will continue to calve until spring depending on their calving season. A lot of hay has been fed this year and it’s been a little pricey if you had to purchase some. Some hay has been good quality and some lacking both protein and energy and used as a filler to keep their ribs from rubbing together. With that said a lot of supplements have been fed to get the protein and energy levels up to meet livestock nutrient requirements. The cows calving will need higher levels of nutrients so keep an eye on that and increase the rate of feed to keep up with nutritional demand. If you have questions about Crop, Pasture or Cattle Management please contact me, we are here to help you and have a lot of good information.

 **In the markets as of Feb 9-** Slaughter cattle trade is at $125. Current feed yard closeouts were $26 in the black. The live cattle futures for Feb are at $127, while Mar Feeder futures were $144. The cash prices here in Texas for 750 lb feeder steers were at $1.40 and 550 lb. stocker steers were at $1.62. Average dress slaughter cows & bulls were $2-4 higher, cows at $53-60, while bulls were $76-89

**Bred Cows**: 1-4 yr old 850-1050 lbs 3-7 months bred 700.00-975.00; 3-6 yr old 1150-1225 lbs 5-7 months bred 1135.00-1300.00; 3-5 yr old 800-900 lbs thin 4-7 months bred 600.00-625.00; 5-6 yr old 825-1225 lbs 2-7 months bred 700.00-1050.00 **Pairs:** 5-6 yr old 1025-1200 lb black cow w/50-125 lb calf 1150.00-1260.00 per pair.

**Hay report:** Coastal Bermuda: Small Squares: FOB: Good to Premium 297.00-330.00, 9.00-10.00 per bale. Small Squares: Delivered: Premium 400.00, 12.00 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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