



NEWS RELEASE

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A KIOWA COUNTY COTTON patch picture accompanies this column. People in the know are talkin' excellent yields for both dryland and irrigated cotton this year. We will have a picture of a field each week through the harvest season and keep you informed about crop conditions and yields.



DR. J. C. BANKS will continue to have progress reports on the cotton season. Now that the crop has matured, his reports will be less frequent. The information in his reports will still be of importance to producers.

HURRICANE DAMAGE is still being assessed in the Gulf States. While it is impossible to get an accurate account of the damage caused by Katrina and Rita throughout the U.S., people are still able to find some humor in their pain and suffering. An example of this humor was found on the internet last week. For what it is worth, we pass it on for your reading:

YOU KNOW YOU LIVE in the Gulf Coast if:

You have FEMA's number on your speed dialer,

You have more than 300 'C' and 'D' batteries in your kitchen drawer,

Your pantry contains more than 20 cans of Spaghetti O's,

You are thinking of repainting your house to match the plywood covering your windows,

Your SSN isn't a secret, it's written in Sharpie on your arms,

You are on a first-name basis with the cashier at Home Depot,

You are delighted to pay \$3 for a gallon of regular unleaded,

The road leading to your house has been declared a 'No Wake' Zone,

You decide that your patio furniture looks better on the bottom of the pool,

You can wish that other people get hit by a hurricane and not feel the least bit guilty,

You have two liter coke bottles and milk jugs filled with water in your freezer,
You catch a 13 pound catfish, in your driveway,
You can recite from memory whole portions of your homeowner's insurance policy,
At cocktail parties, women are attracted to the guy with the biggest chair saw,
You have had tuna fish more than five days in a row,
Someone comes to your door to tell you they found your roof,
Your 'drive-thru' meal consists of MRE's and bottled water,
Relocating to South Dakota does not seem like such a crazy idea,
You spend more time on your roof than in your living room,
You've been laughed at over the phone by a roofer, fence builder and tree remover,
You don't worry about relatives wanting to visit during the summer,
Your child's first words are 'hunker down' and you didn't go to Ol' Miss,
Having a tree in your living room does not necessarily mean it is Christmas,
Your kids start school in August and finish in July,
You get phone calls from family members saying they've found bread at a store six miles away---and you hurry to get there,
A battery powered TV is considered a home entertainment center.
(Courtesy papercut.biz/emailStripper.htm)

22.7 MILLION BALES are projected to be harvested this year in the U. S., according to the USDA October, 2005, crop report.

This figure is up 440,000 bales from the September report. US mill use was raised 200,000 bales to six million and exports increased 700,000 bales to 16 million bales, resulting in total off take for '05-06 of 22 million bales. Ending stocks for '05-06 are projected to be 6.4 million bales for an ending stocks-to-use ratio of 29.1 percent.

The report sees '05-06 upland production at 22 million bales and ELS (extra long staple) production at 704,000 bales. Harvested area was estimated at 13.7 million acres, implying non-harvested area of 511,000 acres based on USDA's acreage number. The national average yield per harvested acre was estimated to be 797 pounds, 79 pounds above the five year average.

For the '04-05 crop year, the report projects cotton production at 23.25 million bales. Projected mill use was raised 220,000 bales to 6.48 million, based on the latest estimate from the Census Bureau, while exports were increased 110,000 bales to 14.41 million. As result, projected total off take increased 320,000 bales to 20.88 million. This generates an ending stocks value of 5.65 million bales. The estimated stocks-to-use ratio is 27.1 percent.

In Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, there are 6,215,000 acres of planted cotton and 5,790,000 will be harvested with an estimated yield of 665 pounds per harvested acre. This estimate is higher than the five year average yield of 533 pounds per acre. This amount is equal to 8,021,000 480 pound bales.

Broken down into the three states: Kansas has 75,000 acres of cotton with 70,000 acres that is harvestable. They have an expected yield of 555 pounds per harvested acre. This is in comparison with a five year average of 461 pounds. This amount is equal to 81,000 480 pound bales.

Oklahoma has 240.000 acres of cotton with 220.000 acres expected to be harvested. The expected yield is 742 pounds per harvested acre, in comparison to a five year average of 589 pounds per acre. This yield will be equal to 340,000 480 pound bales.

