

# Reagan County Ag/Nr

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## Home Horticulture

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- With persisting drought conditions in Big Lake and Reagan County, home owners should look at different means to water and care for their lawns. Drought conditions mean less water use to help conserve, but more is needed to help lawns continue good growth. Make sure to balance both conservation and regular watering by taking these simple steps. Check the amount of water your sprinkling system emits during normal watering times. If it seems to not produce enough water to keep the top 3 inches of soil moist, try to water longer during the evenings and early morning. Do not water during the heat of the day or during windy conditions as this speeds surface evaporation. Try to fertilize at low heat times to reduce burn stress on lawn surfaces. If fertilizing is necessary, make sure to purchase fertilizer that is in liquid form to ensure you lawn is both watered and fertilized at the same time. By following these simple rules you can enjoy a great lawn in a drought.

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## Livestock and Crops

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#### -Cotton

-With continuous dry conditions in West Texas and Reagan County, planting of cotton crops looks to take place around mid May. Irrigation of farm land seems to help some, but dry conditions are making the decision to plant early difficult.

#### -Small Grains

-Winter wheat that is set for harvest seems to be very weak due to dry winter conditions and the start of a dry spring. Many crops that were planted around late September have experienced dry winter conditions with the exception of some snow fall. Wheat that was planted later in the winter months seems to have held on long enough to produce some yields during the harvest, but late freezing has set these crops back as well.

#### -Livestock

Dry weather conditions continue to plague livestock herds of all species in Reagan County. Many producers have chosen to continue a heavy feeding regiment to assist livestock in low to poor grazing conditions. If you have any questions on feeding rations or regiments please contact me at the Reagan County Extension office.

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### **-Oil Field Reclamation**

**-The reclamation and remediation of oil producing locations is vital to finding a common ground between oil and gas production and agricultural production in Reagan County. Over the next several months the Reagan County Extension office will take an in-depth look into the many methods of recovering lost acreage by the reseeding and furrowing of pipeline and abandoned location sites throughout Reagan County. We will keep you posted on new developments through this newsletter throughout the remainder of the year. If you have an abandoned location or pipeline that you would like to test some of these methods on please do not hesitate to contact me at the Reagan County office at 325-884-2335 or by email at [tjfrey@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:tjfrey@ag.tamu.edu).**

## **What's Happening**



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