



These farmers were harvesting some of the last fields to be cut in Norton county last week northeast of Norton. Local elevators reported decent to disappointing yields. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Harvest '06 finished

By CAROLYN PLOTTS
Harvest is essentially over. Area elevators report 90 to 99.9 percent completed.

Norcatur Grain's manager, Cody Richards, is the lone hold-out, saying Norcatur is 85 percent completed. He estimates another week to wrap it up. He said harvest was kind of surprising with some decent yields reported. He said the wheat was really dry with some good test weights coming in at 60 pounds.

Marvin Slabaugh, an employee of Ag-Valley Coop of Norton said there are one or two farmers left to finish up. He said harvest is about done with an estimated 90-95 percent completion. He said, "There are still some terrace channeled to do, but they're still too muddy."

Mr. Slabaugh said there were some surprises with some good yields coming in. As far as moisture content was concerned, he

reported some really dry tests at 7.2 per cent.

Almena Agri-Service said that area is 99 per cent wrapped up. Manager Rod Johnson said there were still some channels to cut. He said yields were very disappointing ranging from 5 to 40 bushels per acre — but, very few 40. Test weights hung in there at 57 to 58 pounds and the wheat was "bone dry".

Dan Mannel is the branch manager in Lenora for Hi-Plains Co-op Association. He said, "Harvest is basically as good as over. We did a little better than half of last year. We had some 40-bushel wheat, but there were more disappointments than good surprises." Mr. Mannel said hail got a lot of the Lenora area's wheat — some as recent as a week and a half ago. He also said there had been some freeze damage. The wheat, however, was dry coming in at 8 to 11 percent with

test weights averaging 57 pounds.

"We finished last Saturday," said Vernnie Morris, manager of Logan Grain. "There might be some guys cleaning up, but we are 99.9 percent done." Mr Morris said most yields were running between 25 to 39 bushels per acre and some lower. "It was nothing to brag about," he added.

The early weights were good but it dropped at the tail end of harvest. The range was 52 to 60 pounds.

Secretary and bookkeeper, Cheryl Meyers at Long Island Grain said that area is just about to finish up with one or two still cutting. She said, "Overall, it was a lot better than everyone had anticipated. We had some yields of 30 bushels on up, but some of it was a lot lower." She said the moisture content was average, running from 10 to 12 percent. She attributed the poor harvest to a lack of rain and some freeze damage.

Rep. Moran, others meet with leader

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) and other Members of the House Agriculture Committee met with Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan when he visited the U.S. last week. The committee members requested the meeting to discuss the reopening of the Japanese border to U.S. beef.

"American producers want to see Japan's border reopen for U.S. beef," Rep. Moran said. "A face-to-face meeting with the Japanese Prime Minister will allow us to convey how the closure of the border affects our farmers and ranchers and find out when American

beef will be back in Japanese households."

After a brief reopening of its market, Japan again closed the

door to U.S. beef products when ineligible veal was discovered in a January shipment from New York.

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Car show takes over

Classic cars, speedsters and hot rods will start rolling into Norton Friday for the third Annual Norton Car Show, Cruise Night, Show and Shine, Drags and Road Rally.

Organizers will be registering cars from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at Station 15, located at Water Tower Park, West Highway 36. There are already 77 cars pre-registered. That is three times more than were pre-registered last year.

Nostalgic photos by photographer Stacy Breiner, will be taken in front of the Norton Theatre at dusk. Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon, Mrs. Breiner will be taking nostalgic photos at Underwood's

Service Station on First Street.

Mark Griffin, president of Norton Classic Cruisers car club, said there are cars coming from Colorado, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Missouri as well as Kansas. He said the club is expecting between 150 and 200 cars at this year's show.

Saturday will be a jam-packed day starting at 8 a.m. with registration on the west side of the courthouse square in downtown Norton.

The Show and Shine will be held from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The Road Rally, a timed and skill event, starts at noon and the drag races

will run from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Norton City/County Airport on North Highway 283.

There will be a \$2 charge for spectators at the drag races. Participants must be at least 21 years old.

Trophies will be awarded to the top 20 show cars; to motorcycles and to two classes of Road Rally winners. Dash Plaques will be given to the first 100 entrants.

Something new this year will be the People's Choice Award. Spectators may vote for their favorite car in the show.

To vote, pick up a ballot at the registration table.



Car enthusiasts at Saturday's car show will see dozens of cars just like these that were lined up for last year's car show. Registration begins at 7 p.m. Friday evening at the Water tower Park. — Telegram photo by Charlotte Stephenson

Man linked to Oberlin incident jailed

OBERLIN — A 21-year-old man who left town with a 16-year-old Oberlin girl last month has been arrested in Tennessee.

Sean Fife was taken into custody at a family home in Walland by Blount County sheriff's officers Friday afternoon. Family members had told deputies the man was ready to surrender.

Mr. Fife and Chantelle Beneda were last seen on Friday, May 26, in her 2004 Dodge Neon heading south on U.S. 83. On Thursday, June 22, Miss Beneda was found

in Sevierville, Tenn., by authorities. Her family left that day to pick her up and bring her home.

Mrs. Vontz said police found her daughter on a tip, but she didn't say who from. At that time, Miss Beneda's mother said, Mr. Fife had run from officers.

Miss Beneda had sent text messages on her cell phone to her mom and a friend here on Friday, June 9, and Tuesday, June 13, but other than that they hadn't heard from her. Sheriff Ken Badsky said Mr. Fife will be facing a charge here of

enticement of a minor for indecent purposes.

A newspaper article from Tennessee said that he will also be extradited on charges for the "theft of several pistols and a shotgun in an Oberlin burglary." Sheriff Badsky said there aren't any charges yet on the burglary, however.

Sheriff Badsky said it will be his responsibility to bring Mr. Fife back, but that won't happen until authorities there are done with him.

Weaning times are just around the corner...
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