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## Commissioner's Court Report – May 2026

May was a busy month as 4-H members participated in district and state qualifying events, prepared for Texas 4-H Roundup, and engaged in leadership and educational opportunities. In Agriculture and Natural Resources, producers continued monitoring field conditions and preparing for the growing season while Extension personnel provided educational resources and technical assistance.

### **\*Program Highlights\***

**4-H & Youth Development** - During the month of May, Yoakum County 4-H members remained actively engaged in educational and leadership opportunities. On May 1, members participated in the Livestock Judging Contest, where they developed critical thinking, decision-making, and oral communication skills through the evaluation of livestock classes. Members also competed in the Entomology Contest on May 2, expanding their knowledge of insects and their impact on agriculture and the environment. Registration for Texas 4-H Roundup opened on May 5, allowing qualifying members to prepare for participation in the premier statewide 4-H leadership and educational event. On May 13, the Yoakum County Extension Office partnered with Plains ISD to host Farm Animals in the Classroom, providing students with a hands-on learning experience that promoted agricultural awareness and educated youth about the importance of agriculture and livestock production in our community.

**Agriculture & Natural Resources** - During the month of May, the Agriculture & Natural Resources program continued to provide support and educational resources to local producers as they monitored field conditions and prepared for the growing season. Planting activity remained limited throughout much of the county as producers awaited favorable moisture conditions. The Extension office continued sharing timely crop management information, weather updates, and

production recommendations from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension specialists. Farm and ranch visits, producer consultations, and agricultural outreach efforts focused on crop conditions, weed management, and preparation for upcoming educational programs. The office remains committed to providing research-based information and assistance to help producers make informed management decisions throughout the growing season.

**Educational Programs & Outreach** - During the month of May, the Yoakum County Extension Office continued its commitment to providing educational opportunities and outreach efforts for youth, producers, and community members. Educational resources, newsletters, social media updates, and direct consultations were utilized to share timely information on agriculture, natural resources, and 4-H programming. A highlight of the month was the Farm Animals in the Classroom program held at Plains ISD on May 13, where students gained hands-on experience learning about livestock, agriculture, and the importance of agriculture in their daily lives. These outreach efforts help strengthen community awareness while promoting the educational mission of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

### **\*Upcoming Events\*** -

**June 1-5:** Texas 4-H Roundup

**June 19-21:** Howard College Lamb Camp

In summary, the month of May was marked by continued engagement in youth development, agricultural education, and community outreach efforts throughout Yoakum County. 4-H members participated in livestock judging and entomology contests, prepared for Texas 4-H Roundup, and helped promote agricultural awareness through the Farm Animals in the Classroom program at Plains ISD. Agricultural programming focused on providing producers with timely information and support as they monitored field conditions and prepared for the growing season. The Yoakum County Extension Office remains dedicated to delivering educational opportunities and resources that strengthen agriculture, develop youth leaders, and serve the citizens of Yoakum County.