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Soybean, Corn Crops Headed For Record Year

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. corn and soybean farmers are on track to produce the largest crops in history, according to a government report released Thursday.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture forecast corn production of 13.4 billion bushels in 2010, with soybean production of 3.43 billion bushels.

Corn yields are expected to average 165 bushels per acre, also a record high. Soybean yields are projected to match last year's record of 44 bushels per acre.

Texas soybean producers are expected to see the biggest gain in crop yields, while favorable soil conditions and temperatures should help corn growers in the upper Mississippi Valley and upper Great Lakes regions.

December corn futures rose slightly Thursday while soybeans for November delivery dipped.

Cotton production is forecast to rise 52 percent from 2009, reaching a level of 18.5 million 480-pound bales. Texas producers are expected to have a record high production.

In Texas, South Plains cotton farmer Doug Hlavaty says his fields in Lubbock and Lamb counties could rival what he harvested in the state's top-two years — 2005 and 2007.

"It's a good plant out there," the South Plains grower said. "It's close to '05 and '07, but I don't think it's quite as good."

Texas produced 8.1 million bales in 2007; in 2005 growers harvested 8.5 million bales.

Heavy rains across the South Plains region — the world's largest contiguous growing patch — in early July came on the heels of ideal planting conditions. After the deluges passed, temperatures heated up and 66 percent of the crop across the state was reported in good to excellent condition on August 1, according to the USDA.

OFF THE WAGON



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

This sign at the entrance of Nebraska's Weigand campground in the Lewis and Clark Recreation Area west of Yankton spells out the state law that prohibits alcohol in the park. However, a new law will lift the drinking ban on Nebraska state parks as of Jan. 1, 2011.

Alcohol To Return In Neb. Parks, But Not All Toasting Decision

BY EMILY NOHR emily.nohr@yankton.net

Adequate enforcement appears to be at the core of the discussion to lift the 15-year-old state alcohol ban in Nebraska state parks.

"I worked in the parks back in the years when we did have alcohol, and to me, we had a lot of troubles — especially in water recreational areas," said Daryl Holmberg, superintendent of the Lewis and Clark State Recreation Area in northeast Nebraska.

"Right now, we've got a good family atmosphere, and I'm afraid of losing that."

The recreational area falls under Knox County jurisdiction, yet as Holmberg noted, the county is so large that authorities are very limited near the lake area.

Knox County Sheriff Don Henery

said a deputy is at the lake area about three times on a normal weekend during the summer. But, because the sheriff's department has the whole county to cover and only three deputies on staff, it cannot always make it to the lake area if a major call or crime comes up elsewhere.

Also, nearly every summer weekend is filled with holidays or community celebrations that require law enforcement, Henery said.

Henery added that the lake area's conservation officer, Ross Eastman, retired April 15. The Game and Parks Commission has yet to hire a new officer to patrol the lake area in northeast Nebraska.

Instead, the commission is pulling officers from the other parts of the state to fill in on weekends.

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Governor Candidates Tackle SD Education

Heidepriem Wants Smaller State Gov't To Boost Education Funding In South Dakota

BY WAYNE ORTMAN Associated Press Writer

SIOUX FALLS — South Dakota governor candidates Scott Heidepriem and Dennis Daugaard disagreed Thursday on the wisdom of taking \$26 million available in a federal jobs bill and offered different plans to increase state funding for education.

Heidepriem, a Democrat, said state government has grown too large under the eight-year administration of Republican Gov. Mike Rounds and Daugaard, his lieutenant governor. Heidepriem said he'd cut government to free up money that could go to K-12 education.

Daugaard said budget demands for Medicare have stifled efforts to increase education's share of the state budget. He said his plan for economic development and jobs growth would re-fire the state's economy and provide more revenue for education.

They appeared together in a one-hour debate at the state convention of the Associated School Boards of South Dakota and School Administrators of South Dakota.

Some of their sharpest exchanges involved the \$26 billion jobs bill awaiting President Barack Obama's signature. It would provide about \$26 million for teacher jobs in South Dakota.

Rounds has said he's not sure if the state

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Heidepriem



Daugaard



NATHAN JOHNSON/P&D

Tyler Schrant (above) recently purchased this rare tuxedo black 2010 F-150 SVT Raptor that was built specifically for off-roading. Demand has been high for the 6.2-liter V8 engine model.

Yankton Man Gets Hands On Rare Ford Truck

BY NATHAN JOHNSON nathan.johnson@yankton.net

Tyler Schrant has a new baby, and it's a big one.

In fact, his tuxedo black 2010 F-150 SVT Raptor weighs thousands of pounds.

Although the ferocious truck was built for off-roading, Schrant said that, so far, it hasn't done much damage.

"The first week I've owned it, I kind of treated it like my baby," he said recently. "I don't really take it out and do that

much stuff."

However, plans were under way to "take it out and do a little damage."

But not too much. According to Kelly Schrant, general manager of Lewis and Clark Ford and Tyler's father, less than 1,000 of the 6.2-liter V8 engine model of the truck have been manufactured.

When the Raptor arrived on the lot of Yankton's Lewis & Clark Ford Lincoln Mercury dealership several weeks ago,

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Motocross Track To Open Near Viborg

BY JUSTIN RUST justin.rust@yankton.net

VIBORG — For years, Jericho Jacobson has wanted a motocross track in his backyard.

His wish finally came true after his dad, Paul, transformed part of his mother's farmland into a dirt bike track.

Unfortunately, the timing wasn't right for 16-year old Jericho to participate in the inaugural race at Gramma's MX Park, which is located four miles north of Viborg.

"Jericho would be racing, but he has a broken leg," Paul Jacobson said. "He is excited to get back. He is not liking having a track and not riding."

The elder Jacobson looked into building a track at his mother Ethel's for a while since both of his sons — 6-year old Hunter also races — ride in races throughout the area.

"There's always been interest because my boys race, and we built a little track behind the barn, but it was too small," Jacobson said. "There's been a lot of talk for three years to build it, and we started a year ago really moving forward. Jericho has had a lot of impact and always pushed for it."

Jacobson turned his attention to a corner of his mother's property and knew it would be a perfect place to put the track, even though it would eliminate some of his best farmland.

"We wanted it that way, because we want to have good dirt to work with for the track," Jacobson said. "It's soft dirt, and not only will it reduce injuries, but also reduce the number of ruts."

Jacobson said his mother had no problem with the lost farmland, especially after he named the track after her.

"It fits because everyone would always ask, 'Are



JUSTIN RUST/P&D

Joe Hummel (left), Jerry Kessler (middle) and Paul Jacobson (right) sit on top of the flag stand at Gramma's MX Park. The track is scheduled to open this Saturday.

you going to Gramma's to work," he said. "She loves to go to the races and watch, so she was pretty excited that we named the track after her."

Jacobson knew he would need financing for the project and found a couple of partners in Steve Peterson and Joe Hummel to help fund the \$30,000 dream.

Jacobson said his partners' interest in the sport and building a track grew after they saw his boys

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