

USDA to measure crop production through growing season

Press Release
How will this year’s weather conditions affect crop production? The Monthly Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey U.S. farmers beginning July 30, 2020, regarding yields of the major row crops throughout the growing season.
“At the beginning of each month from August through November 2020, NASS will mail the Agricultural Yield Survey to farmers in all states except Alaska and Hawaii,” said Mississippi State Statistician, Esmerelda Dickson. “Which commodities the survey asks about varies

from state to state, but in all cases the initial survey asks farmers how many acres of particular crops they planted, how many acres they intend to harvest, and their expected yield per acre. In subsequent months, the same farms are asked to update their expected yield per acre.”
The Agricultural Yield Survey captures changes in yield that occur due to weather, pests, disease and other factors. NASS encourages producers to respond via the Internet but also welcomes mail or fax responses and offers the opportunity for a telephone interview to those producers who did not respond by the deadline.
NASS will compile and analyze the survey informa-

tion and publish the results monthly, August through November, in the Crop Production report and publishes final yield and production data the following January in the Annual Crop Production report.
As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential, as required by federal law. “NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes only state-and national-level data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified,” stated Dickson. These and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/index.php. For more information call the NASS Delta Regional Office at (800) 327-2970.

City projects progress for Lexington park, beautification



Pictured at top, a jungle gym and splash pad are recent additions to Milton Olive Park in Lexington along with the walking trail. Work is ongoing at the park through grants from the Mississippi State Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, and Mississippi Blue Cross Blue Shield Healthy Hometown Award, according Lexington Mayor Robin McCrory. (Photo by Matthew Breazeale)



Living With Children

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I recently received a paean to my generation – the so-called “boomers” – that has been circulating on the Internet for some time now. It recalls and celebrates the freedom we enjoyed as children and the personal responsibility our parents enforced

upon us – concerning the latter, much to our frequent chagrin.
Peanut butter was a dietary staple, we wore nothing more protective than baseball caps when we rode our bicycles, which we often rode miles from home, our social media consisted of face-to-face conversations, we learned respect for others via party lines (look it up), we climbed and almost to the kid fell out of trees, and so on. The point being that my and my parents’ generations “produced some of the best risk-takers, problem-solvers, and inventors ever.”

to cells where we awaited our bail-bondsmen, aka, our parents.
I watched from behind bars as one fellow rowdy after another was released into custody. When I finally got up the courage to ask the jailer when my parents were coming, he said, “They’re leaving you here.”
What???? Yes, they left me in jail for two of the longest days of my life.



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As I engaged in wistful thinking, it occurred to me that we saw no therapists, took no brain- and behavior-altering drugs, received no bogus psychological diagnoses, and weren’t sent off to rehab facilities (other than the occasional wayward kid who spent time in reform school), and yet our mental health was ten times better than that of today’s kids.
One of the reminiscences that carried great meaning for me was “The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of... They actually sided with the law!” I smiled from ear to ear.
I was seventeen when I was arrested for disturbing the public peace. Hey! I was simply celebrating my graduation from high school! Give a guy a break! Actually, I was one of seven fellow grads who were hauled off to the local police station where we were fingerprinted, mug shot, and perp walked back

Charges were eventually dropped but I never again saw my accomplices. I don’t have any idea what became of them, but my life is better because I experienced, up close and personal and before I could ramp up my rebellion any further, what generally happens to people who believe they are above the law.
I think, ruefully, of today’s parents, many of whom seem to think that good parenting consists largely of protecting one’s children from the vagaries of personal responsibility; and I ask myself if we will ever recover from their good intentions.



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Pictured above, the mural located on the south side of the Lexington Court Square was recently repainted as part of ongoing beautification efforts with grants through Mississippi State University Extension Service Aim for Change program. The program promotes walking and visual attractants for destination areas for walking, like the court square. Pictured at right, the sidewalk expansion and lamp-post additions are also part of beautification efforts around the court square. Other planned projects include raised flower beds and signage to direct traffic to Milton Olive Park.



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