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Farm income has also been in
a slump for several years,
leaving farmers and ranchers
feeling financial pressure.

"It is critical that we provide adequate price protection for our farmers," John Ross said. "If substantial cuts are made to the farm bill, it'll be a rough outlook for agriculture and the Texas economy."

John Ross also noted the farm bill and returning cotton to Title I is key to reducing volatility in agriculture.

"All Americans benefit from strong farm policy. It not only helps us have an affordable food supply, but it also creates jobs and boosts our economy," John Ross said.

## Midessa Boat, RV, Sport, & Gun Show slated for Feb. 9-11

The 36th annual Midessa Boat, RV, Sport & Gun Show will be held at the Ector County Coliseum Complex, Odessa, Texas, February 9 - 11, 2018. Those attending can see the new 2018 model RV's and Boats and receive the best buys of the season. Visit the new expanded gun show, and a variety of booths including resort areas, jewelry, ladies apparel, motorcycles, ATV's, veterans services, home décor, specialty foods, kayaks, African Safari Guides and used boats and RVs.

Let the kids fish in the Army Bass Anglers Kids Fishing Tank sponsored by All American Chevrolet of Odessa.

Register for a \$500 vacation cash giveaway and a \$500 shopping spree.

A free tram will be provided to transport people from building to building.

## What does a growing Texas population mean for agriculture?

By Julie Tomascik
Texas is changing and
growing. The Lone Star State is
home to more than 28.3 million
people, according to data
released late last year.

That's a lot of folks. And a lot of homes, shopping centers, restaurants, stores and more.

What does that surging population mean for Texas farmers and ranchers?

It's a loss of land.

Population growth means an increased demand for homes and services. That kicks up the price for land, meaning farmers can't afford to buy it. But sometimes farmers can't afford not to sell their land.

It depends what side of the fence you're on when it comes to skyrocketing land values.

But farmers and ranchers can stay on the land and keep it in production for future generations. Land trusts and conservation easements with financial incentives offer farmers and ranchers a way to do so.

Texas is still a rural state, but it's growing more urban every year. That's both an opportunity and a challenge for rural Texas. It's a chance for farmers to connect with consumers like you and me, but it also means a loss of our state's working lands and natural resources.

We need private land and our farmers and ranchers to pursue modern agriculture. That land and the people who work it grow our food, conserve water and preserve wildlife habitat.

We need to keep private property in agriculture. We need to keep farmers and ranchers on the land. Because it's good for the land and good for Texas. And that's also good for you and me.

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**Turkeys!** Visitors to Robert Lee traveling Highway 158 are often treated to the sight of this huge flock of wild turkeys at Mountain Creek Golf Course.

# NOTICE OF DEADLINE TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR PLACE ON THE BALLOT (AVISO DE FECHA LIMITE PARA PRESENTAR SOLICITUDES PARA

Notice is hereby given that applications for a place on the City of Robert Lee General and

UN LUGAR EN LA BOLETA)

Special Elections ballot may be filed during the following time.

Se da aviso por la presente que las solicitudes para un lugar en la boleta de la Eleccion General y Especial de City of Robert Lee se pueden presenter durante el siguiente horario:

#### Filing Dates and Times:

(Fechas y Horario para Entregar Solicitudes)

Start Date **January 17, 2018** 

End Date February 16, 2018

(Fecha Limite)

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00-12:00; 1:00-5:00

(Horario de la Oficina)

(Fecha Inicio)

Physical address for filing applications in person for place on the ballot: (Direccion a fisica para presentar las solicitudes en persona para un lugar en la boleta)

City of Robert Lee 6 West 7th Street Robert Lee, Texas 76945

Address to mail applications for place on the ballot (<u>if filing by mail</u>): (Direccion a donde enviar las solicitudes para un lugar en la boleta (<u>en caso de presentar por correo</u>))

City of Robert Lee PO Box 26 Robert Lee, Texas 76945

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