

County Rainfall Totals				
	January	February	March	Total for Year
Dee & Dessie Kendall • Edith Area				
2012	3.3	2.40	0.80	6.50
2013	2.55	0.0	0.0	2.55
Bobby and Jeffie Roberts • Valley View Area				
2012	3.40	2.80	1.00	7.20
2013	1.52	0.05	0.0	1.57
Paul Sheffler • 7 Mile Hill				
2012	3.50	2.75	0.75	7.00
2013	1.90	0.10	0.0	2.00
Fran Sonnenberg • 3 miles E. of Bronte				
2012	2.80	2.24	0.89	5.93
2013	1.55	0.29	0.0	1.84
Charles & Dorris Sonnenberg • Bronte Area				
2012	3.38	2.20	0.78	6.36
2013	1.49	0.22	0.0	1.71
Wayne & Melinda McCutchen • 3 miles N. of Bronte				
2012	3.11	2.11	0.83	6.05
2013	1.08	0.19	0.0	1.27
Jerry & Susan Wellborn • 12 miles West of Robert Lee				
2012	2.85	2.05	0.60	5.50
2013	1.65	0.05	0.0	1.70



### How to Choose a Watermelon

LIKE relationships, watermelons offer no guarantees. But a little wisdom from the experts can help you choose a good one at the store.

First, find a melon that's dull, not shiny, and uniform in shape. Odd bumps and curves can mean it was grown with irregular runs of water or sun.

Then look for a creamy patch. It's called the field spot — the place where the watermelon rested on the ground. The deeper in color, the longer the fully grown melon was on the vine getting sweet. Yellow is better than white, but white is better than no patch at all.

Pick it up. Your watermelon should feel heavy for its size. Compare its weight with one of similar size.

Then there is the controversial thump. Some watermelon farmers swear by it. Other say it's hoey, with too many subtle variables to make it useful.

But believers say to hold the melon away from your body and give it a few good raps with your knuckles. (There are slappers, but that's an even tougher sound to decipher.)

Listen for a melon that sounds full and more like a tenor than a bass. A deeper sound can mean it's not ripe and full of water. It can mean the center of the fruit is separated into chunks, a condi-



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tion caused either by pol- and water. Whatever the lination problems or by cause, the condition is farmers trying to hurry called hollow heart, and it's things along with too a sad one indeed. much nitrogen fertilizer

County Rainfall Totals				
	April	May	June	Total for Year
Dee & Dessie Kendall • Edith Area				
2012	1.90	3.40	1.20	13.00
2013	1.50	3.50	3.05	10.60
Bobby and Jeffie Roberts • Valley View Area				
2012	1.21	4.08	0.34	12.83
2013	1.15	6.51	4.10	13.33
Fran Sonnenberg • 3 miles E. of Bronte				
2012	2.28	4.99	0.26	13.46
2013	1.90	2.44	1.58	7.76
Charles & Dorris Sonnenberg • Bronte Area				
2012	1.56	5.46	0.73	14.11
2013	1.88	2.57	2.84	9.00
Wayne & Melinda McCutchen • 3 miles N. of Bronte				
2012	1.14	3.69	0.40	11.28
2013	1.25	3.12	1.71	7.35
Paul Sheffler • 7 Mile Hill Ranch				
2012	1.39	4.99	0.49	13.87
2013	0.39	4.12	2.51	9.02
Jerry & Susan Wellborn • Pecan Creek Area West of Robert Lee				
2012	1.55	3.55	1.10	11.70
2013	0.90	4.20	3.70	10.50

Brian Briggeman, Kansas State University agricultural economist, will also be one of the featured speakers. He will provide an overview of the Southern Plains agricultural economy and outlook.

There is no cost for the conference, and registration is available at <https://agriferegister.tamu.edu/>.

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