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Texas-style beef heads to Poland

Globe-trotting Buffalo Gap, Texas, restaurant operator Tom Perini continues to be a major goodwill ambassador for the nation's beef industry. He recently helped a Polish beef processor win the "Best New Product" award with a Texas-style brisket at a prestigious food show in Poland.

Perini consulted with the Polish beef processing company called Sokolov at the request of the U.S. Meat Export Federation and the beef checkoff program. He showed the company how to properly season, smoke and package U.S. brisket as Texans do.

Perini obviously did a great job of teaching while in Poland. The brisket later won its category at Eurogastro in Warsaw.

"Texas Cowboy Cooking" —



Renowned chuck wagon cook, top chef and restaurateur Tom Perini

Perini's perennially popular cookbook with foreword by Robert Duvall — has fans ranging from President George W. Bush to Queen Elizabeth II. The Perini chuck wagon has fed multitudes from the Texas Governor's Mansion to the White House, and even overseas in Japan.

For more information about Perini's steakhouse operation, click on: www.periniranch.com.

MOUSE CLICK STATISTICS

To compare your yields with updated county averages you need go no further than your computer and mouse.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service has that data on its Web site by state. For those who've been on the mailing list in the past, the paper version is going to disappear unless you specifically ask for a copy.

So, Oklahomans can click on www.nass.usda.gov/ok/ and Texans can see their data at www.nass.usda.gov/tx/.

Once you've arrived at the Web site, click on "County Estimates (by commodity)" on the left side of the screen, then select and print the estimates of interest to you.

Historic county estimates for any state in the nation also are available on the site by using the "online data base" button.

If you want to remain on the mailing list for paper copies, call the following numbers and make your request by county and commodity: Oklahoma, (888) 525-9226; Texas, (800) 626-3142.

Visit our new Web address!

We haven't moved but we have a new address — on the web, that is. As the *Oklahoma* and *Texas Farmer-Stockman* magazines were merged this month, their Web sites also became one: www.TheFarmerStockman.com.

The Web addresses you've been using will still get you to the new site for a while, but we hope you'll bookmark the new site and use it for your first look at agriculture markets, news and weather each day. Editors J.T. Smith and Dan Crummett will be filing up-to-the-minute information, as well as bringing you stories and news from Farm Progress Cos. national and international contacts. Also, if you'd like to comment on the "new" magazine and its coverage, let us know. E-mail us at: dcrummett@farmprogress.com or jtsmith@farmprogress.com. We'd like to hear from you.