

# '81 Soviet harvest fails; beef supplies to shrink

United Press International  
MOSCOW — The Soviet grain harvest in 1981 probably totaled less than 160 million metric tons compared to a planned target of 235 million, a senior Western diplomat said Tuesday.

Official Soviet figures have not been released for last year's harvest but if the total is that low, the Soviets may not be able to meet their needs through imports.

The port and distribution system is believed to have a maximum capacity of 42 million tons, which would add up to a shortage of more than 30 million tons.

This could lead to distress slaughtering and an eventual shrinking of the country's livestock herds, with a long-term effect on meat supplies, economic experts said.

The current U.S. Department of Agriculture estimate for the 1981 Soviet harvest is 175 million metric tons but in recent weeks Soviet spokesmen reportedly have told lecture audiences that the total was between 150 and 160 million.

Last year's harvest was the third in a row to fall significantly below target, but a total of 150-160 million would rival the disastrous harvest of 140 million in 1975.

The routine disclosure of year-end production totals early this year omitted any mention of a grain figure, indicating the seriousness of the failure.

The 1981 shortages were blamed on bad weather conditions, including a drought during key growing months and rain at harvest time.

But the Soviet press says mechanical and planning problems are also to blame.

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## What's Up at Texas A&M

### Wednesday

**MSC VARIETY SHOW:** Tickets for the MSC Variety Show on April 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium are now in the box office. Tickets cost is \$2.50 and \$3.50 for non-students.

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT, OPA, APO:** The Aggie Blood Drive will be from April 5-8 in the Commons and Sbsa from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and in 212-224 MSC from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**METHODIST STUDENT MOVEMENT:** The Quest for Truth - Dr. Charles Rodenberger, Aerospace Engineering will speak on "God, History and the Space Program" at 8:30 p.m. in 502 Rudder.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION:** Testimonial meeting will be at 7 p.m. in the meditation room of the All Faith's Chapel.

**TEXAS A&M SPORTS CAR CLUB:** All people working at Aggiecross please attend this meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 302 Rudder.

**ACM-IEEE/CS:** Business meeting to elect new officers and to plan spring picnic with UPE members at 7 p.m. in 103 Zachry.

**NURSING SOCIETY:** Beverly Hayes will speak on "Pediatric Nursing" at 7 p.m. in 140 MSC.

**INTRAMURAL TRACK PRELIMS:** Running events for corps and fish will be at 7 p.m. in Kyle Field.

**UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL:** Candlelight Communion Service of Meditation will be at 10 p.m. in the Chapel.

**TAMU HANG-GLIDING CLUB:** Practice sessions, kite maintenance and club trip will be discussed at 8:30 p.m. in 510 Rudder.

**MSC CAMERA COMMITTEE:** Reception honoring Salon '82 Photography Contest winners will be from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the MSC Art Gallery. Reception is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

**FORMER STUDENTS AND STUDENT GOVERNMENT:** Buck Weirus Spirit Award applications are available until April 12 in the Deans' offices, the SPO and Forsyth Alumni Center (131 MSC).

**DEPT. OF GEOGRAPHY, ENGLISH, COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND MEDICAL SCIENCES:** Wayland D. Hand, Ph.D., will have a graduate lecture on "Comparative Folk Medicine: The New Agendum" at 2:30 p.m. in 501 Rudder library.

**TEXAS A&M SPORTS CAR CLUB:** Anyone interested in being a corner worker at Aggiecross this weekend please attend this meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 302 Rudder.

**FINANCE ASSOCIATION:** Field trip sign-up in the Finance Dept. April 7 and April 8.

**UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY:** The Aggie supper will be at 6:15 p.m. in the A&M Presbyterian Church, 601 Church St.

**CATHOLIC STUDENTS ASSOCIATION:** The Newman Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the student center.

**AGGIE SCOUTS:** There will be a meeting to evaluate canoe trip and make plans for skating party and more at 9 p.m. in 504 Rudder.

**ALVIN HOMETOWN CLUB:** Meeting to elect officers will be at 7 p.m. in 501 Rudder.

**TEXAS AGGIE MOTORCYCLE CLUB:** Meet in the Rudder Tower at 6 a.m. for the road trip.

**MSC BLACK AWARENESS:** Meeting to discuss spring break at 7 p.m. in 510 Rudder.

### Thursday

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**MSC CEPHEID VARIABLE:** "Fantastic Voyage" will be at 7:30 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. in 601 Rudder.

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**ALPHA KAPPA DELTA:** "Sociology in a Conservative Environment" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. in 502 Rudder.

**INTRAMURAL TRACK PRELIMS:** Running events for men and women, dorm and independent, will be at 7 p.m. in Kyle Field.

**UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL:** Maundy Thursday observance of Passover with footwashing and holy communion will be at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel.

**SIERRA CLUB:** Endangered species and tropical rain forest will be the topic for this slide presentation and discussion by Jack Sites at 7:30 p.m. in the Eagle Community Room.

**UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY:** Women's bible study will be at 7:30 p.m. at 1002 Pershing.

**COLLEGE OF SCIENCE LECTURE:** "Big Bang - The Birth of the Universe" will be presented by Prof. David Schramm at 7:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder.

**TOYOTA OWNER'S ASSOCIATION:** There will be a clinic on the brake system at 7:30 p.m. in 321 Rudder.

**TEXAS A&M ICE HOCKEY TEAM:** Meeting to discuss planning, show a film and to organize will be at 8 p.m. in the Multi-media film room on the sixth floor of the library.

**TEXAS A&M WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL TEAM:** There will be a wheelchair basketball game against the Redcs at 8 p.m. in G. Rollie White.

**TRADITIONS COUNCIL:** There will be T-shirts on sale week in the MSC for Howdy Week (April 12-16).

**TAMU MICROCOMPUTER CLUB:** Dr. Johnson will continue "The Finite Element" at 7:30 p.m. in 104A Zachry.

**INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS:** John P. Abbott will speak on "Communication" at 7:30 p.m. in 121 C.E. Building.

**CIRCLE K:** New officers will preside for the first time and new committee chairmen will be announced at 7 p.m. in 301 Rudder. Also social and project plans will be discussed. All students welcome.

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## Texas millionaire asks Daily News union concessions

United Press International  
NEW YORK — Texas millionaire Joe Allbritton says he will not buy the New York Daily News unless unions agree to the elimination of 1,600 jobs or the equivalent, a wage freeze and other concessions.

Allbritton set an April 25 deadline for conclusion of negotiations, "one way or the other," and said Monday that drastic changes are necessary to keep the morning tabloid afloat.

Allbritton, who has an option to buy the News from the Chicago-based Tribune Co., set down the conditions in a statement issued to the leaders of 11 News unions at a meeting at Automation House. Another meeting was set for Tuesday.

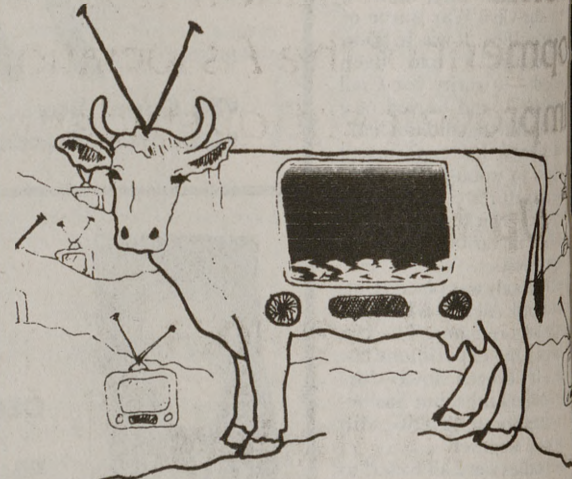
The News, the general interest newspaper with the nation's largest circulation of 3,800 full-time employees, is facing a critical juncture upon reaching a settlement with the unions within 10 days.

"I am the buyer of last resort," he told the unions.

Allbritton said annual savings of \$85 million would be necessary for him to take the risk of chasing the News.

Allbritton said the elimination of 1,600 full-time jobs, equivalent, a wage freeze, a year extension of existing contracts, an end to guaranteed overtime and what amounts to a no-strike pledge from the unions are among the concessions he was seeking.

"The News has, as you know, come upon hard times — critical ones," he said.



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