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## Farmer controls spending to avoid harvesting red ink

EDROY (AP) — Down on Bobby Nedbalek's farm, the grain sorghum crop is in. Cotton harvesting comes next. But the one crop that Nedbalek hopes never to harvest is red ink.

To keep that from happening, this 45-year-old farmer has his own approach to agriculture. You could call it the Nedbalek Farm Policy.

The centerpiece of the Nedbalek Farm Policy involves spending. He doesn't. Not if he doesn't have the money. Not if he has to borrow from the bank.

In this era of bigger farms barely making it on water-thin profits, Nedbalek is a small farmer who manages to get by. He is a survivor of 19 years of the inevitable boom-bust cycles that have plagued farmers since farming began.

Unlike many farm families that have gone under in recent years, including some of Nedbalek's neighbors, he has survived, he believes, because he is frugal and cautious.

"I have never made a payment on an appliance or a car," Nedbalek said last week.

If he buys, he pays cash. But in many cases, he doesn't buy at all. When he needed an eight-row planter, for example, he welded two old four-row planters together. It worked.

If one word describes Nedbalek, it is careful. His buzzwords are "preventive maintenance."

He waxes his farm machinery twice a year. He bought his first tractor the same year he had his first son — 19 years ago. Both still work on the farm.

Nedbalek's caution does not reveal itself as success by some standards. There is no Cadillac in his

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driveway. The family home is an abandoned house that was renovated.

His natural disinclination against spending money, Nedbalek believes, has given his family a good life in farming.

"We've gotten where we are by being as careful as we knew how," he said.

Nedbalek said he doesn't plan doing anything differently, even though he expects his farm income to drop by at least 20 percent next year.

Farm economists are predicting that a new government farm program promises an upheaval for the family farm in the next few years that may leave casualties even in South Texas, one of the last areas to feel the nationwide farm crisis.

Commodity prices are the lowest they have been in 10 years, according to Darwin Anderson, San Patricio County agriculture extension agent.

The 1985 farm bill is supposed to put U.S. crops on the world market by forcing American prices to a level competitive with foreign commodities. This in turn should reduce the

amount of surplus crops in the United States.

In the meantime, Anderson says there will be a shake-up in the farm industry — a realignment of producers and how they operate.

Anderson predicts farmers will plow less often and cutting back on the amount of fertilizers and herbicides they use.

"Most people are not buying new equipment — the little things — the drive a worn-out pickup for another year," he said.

Nedbalek measures his words in his dollars, before he spends them. "I'm trying to comply with the farm bill," Nedbalek said.

Referring to the nation's agriculture, he added, "I look at it as a renewable resource, and it has to be managed. Farmers are not in the position to manage a resource of a country, and the government, doing the best it can."

For Nedbalek's son, John, who began driving a tractor at age 12, entry into the business will likely be easier than it was for his father, who started farming some three years after college graduation.

Nedbalek said, "I wasn't bright enough to take that step, but I didn't know if I could handle getting a paycheck once a year. When I started farming, we had a car and a little money in the bank and a little desire."

After a stint selling farm implements, Nedbalek took out a Farm Home Administration loan, bought a tractor and took the leap.

"We made a lot of sacrifices, but what we did was what we had to do. I'm not sure it's possible to stay in the business," he said.

## Woman remembers plane's historic flight

POTTSBORO (AP) — It happened more than 75 years ago, but to a Grayson County native who witnessed the first airplane flight over the county, it still is a very real thing.

In fact Beulah Dickson has plans to be on hand at the Grayson Airport on the morning of Oct. 5 when the replica of the Vin Fiz sets down in Grayson County.

On the morning of Oct. 17, 1911, the original Vin Fiz plunked down in Jim Bryant's pasture about a mile southwest of Pottsville. Then Beulah Belle Bennett, 11, and her father, Pottsville Bank President J. Frank Bennett, picked up the pilot, Cal Rodgers, and drove him into Pottsville for fuel.

"Everyone who ran out into the field where the plane landed were given the chance to autograph one of the wings," Dickson said. "There were already so many names on the wings that I had a hard time finding a place to write my name."

The plane was similar to today's ultra light planes. This time it will be an ultra light plane, dubbed Vin Fiz II, that Jim Lloyd will pilot in attempting to retrace the actual flight.

While he would like to park the plane at the same spot in the pasture, Lloyd says he will be looking for more stable landing sites, which is why Grayson Airport may be his landing spot this time around.

The 1911 plane was supposed to have landed in Denison but Rodgers, who was following the railroad tracks, apparently couldn't find a landing spot any closer than Pottsville.

The Vin Fiz got its name from an orange drink that sponsored the trip. Rodgers was seeking to fly from coast to coast in 30 days or less for a \$50,000 prize offered by publisher William Randolph Hearst.

His 30 days elapsed while he was in North Texas, but the intrepid pilot continued until he completed the journey and drew bigger and bigger crowds after the time limit had lapsed.

On Sept. 17, 1911, Rodgers lifted off from Sheephead Bay, Long Island. On that same day in 1986, Lloyd will take to the air in his ultra light version.

Lloyd will seek out the same stops at nearly the same times his illustrious predecessor accomplished.

"It is something that I will never forget," Dickson called. "It still is the most exciting day of my life."

"My father had a red 1909 Buick Overland, climbed in and we drove out to where the plane had landed in the pasture. There already was a big crowd on hand."

"We picked him up and took him to town to get some gas. I remember he was in a hurry. He kept rushing us. We got two five-gallon cans and filled them with gas and hurried back to the plane."

She said Rodgers strained the gas as it was put in the plane.

"Then before he took off again, my father gave him a handful of cigars," she said. "He shoved one in his mouth and the rest in his pocket and climbed back in the plane."

Author E.P. Stein, who wrote a book about the flight of the Vin Fiz published by Arbor House in 1985, says the flight was greater than Lindbergh's flight across the Atlantic, since 3,000 miles in a plane then was like three million miles.

A Vin Fiz box car was on a special train that Rodgers followed across country, he said. The top of the car was marked so Rodgers could spot it from the air. Wire strips were supposed to mark the route he was to follow, but more often than not he missed the turns and had to retrace his flight.

Rodgers literally held the plane together with baling wire. He used gasoline, alcohol and any kind of fuel that he could find that would burn to keep the plane aloft. He did complete the first cross country flight. He was given a medal of honor by President Howard Taft.

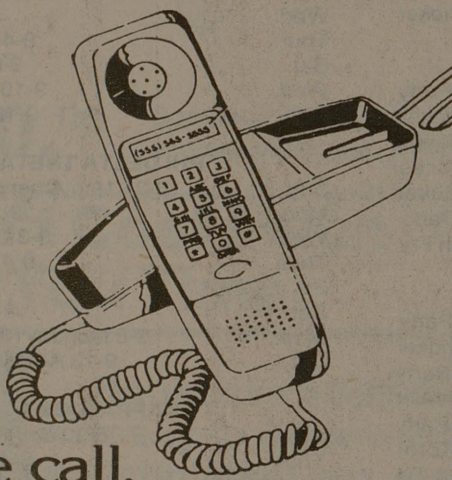
There is a story that after Rodgers landed in Fort Worth, he was handed a telegram telling of a man being shot by his wife in Pottsville in an argument over which direction Rodgers has departed. Dickson discounts the tale.

"Why I never heard anything like that in my life," she said. "If it had happened in Pottsville, everyone in town would have known about it."

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