Episode 109 – Texas Spinach

1. What is the location for this segment of America’s Heartland, (city or town), (state).

2. What cartoon character did Crystal City adopt more than 50 years ago as their icon and why?

3. Crystal City named itself the ________________________________.

4. Jimmy Crawford’s farming operation has ________________ acres both owned and leased. Of that ________________ acres are dedicated to growing spinach. Why is this a good location to grow spinach? ________________________________

5. Southwest of San Antonio is an area of Texas known as the winter garden. It grows a total of _____ million pounds of spinach making Texas the fourth largest producer of spinach in the nation.

6. Harvesters actually clip leaves off of the ________________ of the plant, allowing farmers to harvest the same field up to ________________ times in one season.

7. Much of this spinach goes to ________________________________ for processing. The plant here can turn out ________________ cans of spinach in a day.

8. Processing spinach involves __________________________ and __________________________ with large wheels doing the work. A high-pressure, hot water trough further cleans the spinach and __________________________ the leaves.

9. It takes about ________________ acres of spinach to manufacture a million cans of spinach. ________________ nearby farmers provide the spinach that is sold as canned spinach across the