

# Livestock and Forage Production News

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### LIVESTOCK GENERAL INFORMATION

Wet conditions in September and October hindered final hay cutting for lots of producers. Some are expressing that hay on their farm is in short supply. Others have told me they have an abundance of hay.

In talking to some cattle people, there currently is a concern about getting hay into fields for winter feeding. As wet and rotten as the ground is, it will be difficult for a while to get equipment into fields without deep rutting ... and we haven't even gotten to the winter rainy season.

Some alfalfa in the county was killed out by excessive rainfall, wet soils and possibly some disease associated with the wetter than normal soils/fields.

### BRUCELLOSIS (BANGS) VACCINATION PLANNED

Producers having cattle may be interested in having heifer calves 4–12 months of age vaccinated against Brucellosis (Bang's) disease. The Jefferson County CES is cooperating with the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission to conduct a Bang's vaccination in the month of November. Vaccination is planned for **Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**.

Enclosed is an enrollment card to complete and **return before November 12**. Also, to expedite enrollment, you may contact the county extension office at 870-534-1033 on or before November 12<sup>th</sup>.

### PRIVATE APPLICATOR TRAINING (PAT)

A **November 24<sup>th</sup>** date has been chosen for the fall PAT. Session starts with registration and refreshments at 8:15 a.m. with training starting about 8:30 a.m. The training will last until approximately 11:00 a.m. The Arkansas State Plant Board is notifying county extension staff of the people in certain counties that need a re-certification to enable them to purchase a new Private Applicator (pesticide) license. Farmers who have never had a private applicator license may also participate in the session and be certified.

A second PAT session will be planned along with the 2010 Area Agri Conference currently being planned. There is a **\$10 registration fee for the PAT session**. The state plant board also charges for a yearly or a 5-year license but extension does not collect for this.

Farmers who need to re-certify this fall will receive a letter from the state plant board letting them know they should attend a session. A quick review of the list sent to the county extension office indicates some license holders let their license expire and should have attended training last fall or spring. If you no longer farm and don't need a pesticide license, please disregard the notice or phone call advising you of the training. Please call 870-534-1033 for more information on attending a PAT session.