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Greetings Producer/Landowner,

This newsletter contains a few of items that may be of interest to you. As always, please don't hesitate to call with questions at (870)222-3972 or (870)382-4785.

Agritourism Workshop

The University of Arkansas, Louisiana State University, and Mississippi State University are hosting an Outdoor Business for Landowners Workshop at the Thomas Jason Lingo Community Center in Oak Grove, LA, on Thursday, October 16, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The presenters will provide information on ways to earn additional income from farm land, recreational property, or timber land. Lunch will be provided. The enclosed brochure provides more details regarding the workshop and contact information should you have any questions.

Opportunity to help Support our 4H Program

Since 2010 Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, has partnered with farmers to invest more than \$1.6 million in 4-H clubs across rural America. The 2015 Grow Communities program enrollment is now under way, and we are asking our members to help spread the word. By telling your farmer friends and neighbors about this amazing opportunity, you could help Desha County 4-H receive one of these \$2,500 donations. Farmer enrollment is easy, visit www.GrowCommunities.com or call 877-267-3332.

In the past Desha County 4-H has used their farmer-directed donations for leadership development

opportunities, to send youth to camps, and to help defray the costs of special community and youth education programs.

The purpose of America's Farmers Grow Communities is to make a positive impact in farm communities across the country by partnering with farmers to support the causes that are most important to them. In 2015 Grow Communities will be giving away \$3.3 million to nonprofit organizations nationwide. Now through November 30, farmers can enter for a chance to win a \$2,500 donation for Desha County 4-H.

One winner will be selected at random from each of the eligible 1,324 counties across 40 states. Winning farmers and recipient nonprofits will be announced in January 2015.

In order to enter for this donation, the farmer must be actively farming a minimum of 250 acres of corn, soybeans, and/or cotton; or 40 acres of open field vegetables, or at least 10 acres of tomatoes, peppers and/or cucumbers grown in protected culture (e.g. Glasshouse/nethouse/plastic).

Please consider helping Desha County 4-H procure funds to provide our youth with a quality program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Hope Bragg at the county office. We can help complete any paperwork and aid in registering your farm for this program.

2014 Wheat Update

The 2014 Wheat Update is now available. Wheat acres are likely to be limited this year, but for those of you planning to raise some wheat, the Update can be found on-line at www.uaex.edu. I also have some printed copies available for anyone who wants one. Just let me know and I can get it to you.



Corn Hybrid Trial Results

We recently harvested our Standardized Corn Hybrid Trial and the results are included with this newsletter. There was a pretty wide range in the yields, ranging from a low of about 180 bu/ac to a high near 270 bu/ac.

Crop Insurance Meeting

The Southern Risk Management Education Center and the University of Arkansas will be hosting a meeting concerning crop insurance as it pertains to row crops and the new Farm Bill. The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Dumas Community Center. Lunch will be provided. The enclosed agenda provides more information on topics that will be presented at the meeting. For more information, contact me or Dr. H.L. Goodwin at (479)575-2283.

Again, if you have any questions regarding any of the information in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to call.

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Sincerely,

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