

## **General Conditions**

Here we are bringing 2019 to a close. It's time to put this year behind us and start thinking about 2020. This will be the last weekly update for 2019. The Extension Office will be closed from December 23 through January 1. We will open back up January 2 and be ready for the New Year. I hope everyone has a great holidays!

## **Row Crop**

**Wheat:** The wheat variety demonstration is finally starting to emerge. I didn't have enough plants for stand counts this week, but maybe by next week. The glyphosate I applied on the ryegrass control demonstration is just now starting to turn the ryegrass yellow. It has been two weeks since that application and you can tell it is taking it's time. It will be interesting to see if it kills some of that bigger ryegrass out.

## **Beef & Forage**

**Natural State Preconditioning Calf Program Meeting:** We held the first of two Go Green meetings at Clinton on Tuesday night. We cooked some burgers and heard from several experts on the Go Green program. It was a great meeting and I really want to encourage anyone interested in preconditioning their cattle to come to the next meeting which will be February 25 in Damascus.

This year we signed up 9 producers and 125 calves were sold with Go Green Tags. I also trained 47 Faulkner County Producers to become Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) certified. I hope as more producers look into preconditioning and we get more comfortable with the program that we can sign up more producers and get more tags out into the county.

Arkansas Department of Agriculture Market Report Link:

<https://www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/arkansas-market-reports>

## **Upcoming Events**

**Pesticide Applicator Training:** Cost is \$20 for the training.

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

6:00 p.m. at Workforce Training Center (Timberwolf Drive UACCM Campus, Morrilton, AR)

Thursday, March 5, 2020

6:00 p.m. at First Electric Building (801 S Fourche AVE, Perryville, AR)

Thursday, April 2, 2020

6:00 p.m. at Faulkner County Extension Office (844 Faulkner St, Conway)

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

6:00 p.m. at Workforce Training Center (Timberwolf Drive UACCM Campus, Morrilton, AR)

**River Valley Rice Production Meeting:** January 28, 2020 at Yesterday's Restaurant in Morrilton starting at 10:30.

**River Valley Beef Cattle Conference:** February 18, 2020 at I-40 Livestock Auction in Ozark starting at 8:00. Registration is \$20.

**River Valley Row Crop Production Meeting:** February 21, 2020 at Conway County Fairgrounds in Morrilton. Time to be announced.

**Natural State Preconditioning Calf Program Meeting:** February 25, 2020 at Pruitt's Mid-state Stockyards starting at 5:30.



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**\* Clinton Stockyards  
December 10, 2019**

**\* Pruitt's Mid-state  
Stockyards Damascus  
February 25, 2020**

Meal, 5:30

Program, 6:30

Welcome – Danny Griffin and Livestock Market  
Owner

Procedures and Protocols- Mike McClintock  
–Boone County Extension Agent

Proper & Effective Vaccination Practices –  
Dr. Alvin Williams DVM

Preconditioning Value and the GoGreen  
Program- *Dr Shane Gadberry, U of A  
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