

General Conditions

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. I know mine was great. The weather has been very cooperative lately. A system came through last night that put out about 0.25 inches of rain. The warmer temperatures are allowing winter annuals and wheat to get some more size on it going into winter.

Row Crop

Crop Budgets: 2020 crop enterprise budgets with interactive spreadsheets for Arkansas field crops are now available on our website.

These budgets are designed to assist Arkansas producers and other agricultural stakeholders in evaluating expected costs and returns for the upcoming crop production year and other related production economics information, data, and analysis.

<https://www.uaex.edu/farm-ranch/economics-marketing/farm-planning/budgets/crop-budgets.aspx>

Wheat: I checked on the wheat variety demonstration this week and after 10 days the wheat is still not up. The cooler temperatures we experienced right after planting made for slow emergence. Hopefully we will get a stand soon.

I established a ryegrass control demonstration in the variety plot on Monday. I have 12 different treatments that include pre-emerge and spring treatments. I applied different rates of Zidua, Prowl and Axiom earlier this week. The rain this morning should have activated those pre's.

Rice: There will be a **River Valley Rice Production Meeting on January 28, 2020 at Yesterday's Restaurant in Morrilton starting at 10:30 am.**

The link to Rice Information Sheet No. 179 Arkansas Rice Cultivar Testing, 2017-2019 is provided below. This contains the final results of the Arkansas Rice Performance Trials (ARPT), Producer Rice Evaluation Program (PREP) on-farm trials, and DD50 Planting Date studies.

<https://www.uaex.edu/farm-ranch/crops-commercial-horticulture/rice/RIS%20179%20AR%20Rice%20Cultivar%20Testing%202019.pdf>

Beef & Forage

Selection and Management of Beef Replacement Heifers

Acquiring or raising high quality replacement heifers is an essential and major investment for the cow-calf producer. The replacement heifer becomes the genetic building block for the cow herd. The producer hopes that a replacement heifer will become a fertile cow that produces a calf, annually, for a long time.

Many management steps and decisions must be made in the process of selecting and growing replacement heifers. Consequently, replacement heifers must pass a number of “production tests” to remain in the herd and, hopefully, become a member of the cow herd. Selection at weaning, development from weaning to first breeding, evaluation after first breeding and calving season and establishment of successful rebreeding are the “production tests” a heifer must pass. Heifers not meeting production targets should be culled at any point in the process.

Read more on our fact sheet: <https://www.uaex.edu/publications/pdf/FSA-3076.pdf>

2020 River Valley Beef Cattle Conference: The 2020 River Valley Beef Cattle Conference will be held on February 18, 2020 at the I-40 Livestock Auction in Ozark, AR. The barn is located at 3050 Temple Road, Ozark. There will be a \$20 registration fee due at the door and there will be a steak lunch prepared by Farm Credit Services of Western Arkansas. The agenda is below.

8:00 – Registration

9:05 – Welcome

Andrea Leding - Farm Credit Services of Western Arkansas

9:10 – Benefits of Value added marketing / GoGreen program

Dr. Shane Gadberry – University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension

9:40 – Success in young calf health

Dr. Cy Shurteff D.V.M. – Morrilton Veterinary Clinic

10:25 – Break

10:40 – Cattle Market Forecast

Katelyn McCulloch – Livestock Marketing Information Center

11:30 – Determining the market value of your calves – Live cattle demonstration

Kent Reading – I-40 Livestock Auction

12:15– Lunch and adjourn

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.

Thursday, December 12, 2019

1:00 p.m. at Greenbrier City Events Center (5 Lois Lane, Greenbrier)

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)

Natural State Preconditioning Calf Program Meeting: December 10, 2019 at the Clinton Stockyards starting at 5:30.

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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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Natural State Preconditioning Calf Program



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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
Cooperative Extension Service*

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