

## **General Conditions**

A good dry week of weather in Faulkner County allowed producers to make progress. Row crops are being planted and several acres of hay was put up this week ahead of anticipated rains next week. Water is still over some of the land that is on the river side of the levee. Areas where water has receded has excessive amounts of sand and dirt. This is going to be a slow process of recovery for flooded areas.

## **Row Crop**

**Corn:** Late planted corn is up and growing. Corn that is planted this late will grow very fast, so we have to really keep up with heights and growth stages for herbicide cut offs. Atrazine is 12 inches but glyphosate, Callisto and Dual are all 30 inches.

**Rice:** Rice has been sprayed for weed control, fertilized and the flood should be started soon. Like corn, late planted rice grows very quickly so we have to stay on top of growth stages. I feel like we hit the ideal pre-flood nitrogen timing.

**Soybeans:** A large acreage of soybeans have been planted this week. Tractors in the Lollie area rolled all week. As we reached the end of the week we began to run out of moisture and believe it or not, we could use a small shower. The first planted beans are up to V4 and the second application of Liberty is being applied. Scouting for pigweeds and applying herbicide at proper timings is our number one priority on soybeans right now.

**Wheat:** Wheat harvest is complete. The wheat that was harvested looked very good. It had a good cup weight and decent yield. There just wasn't a whole lot of acres of it. But for now, we are done with wheat in Faulkner County.

## **Beef & Forage**

**Beef:** Producers in flooded areas are evaluating fences and pastures for the return of their cattle. It may be another couple of weeks before pastures are in shape enough for the cattle to be placed back in them.

Arkansas Department of Agriculture Market Report Link:  
<https://www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/arkansas-market-reports>

**Forages:** Several acres of hay was harvested this week. Now is a good time to get out some fertilizer with rain predicted the upcoming week. I like using Urea as a nitrogen source in this situation because rain chances are pretty good. Urea has a larger percentage of nitrogen in it and is a cheaper source of actual nitrogen. I have seen a few fields where the flood water has receded and bermudagrass is turning green very quickly. I have a few projects out where we are monitoring how fast these fields come back. The fields I am worried about are the ones that will have a lot of sand on top of them. Fields that don't have any water on them now, could actually use a rain to wash them off and help that grass grow even more.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Training:** Postponed.

**Faulkner County Hay Day:** July 11, 2019 at Flying C Ranch. Agenda to come.

### **Signing up for Text Alerts**

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