

General Conditions

Flooding continues to be the number one topic in Faulkner County. Right this moment we are watching the levee at Lollie and praying that it doesn't breach. If this happens the damage will be even more widespread and could cause flooding in the Conway area. Luckily this week we missed those big rains that were predicted in Oklahoma and western Arkansas that could have potentially led to another influx of water into the river. The river itself has started falling, and up river it has been falling fairly fast. The Arkansas will go down first which will then allow the Cadron and Palarm to fall out. Once the water goes down we can finally start making some management decisions and try and move forward with 2019.

Row Crop

Corn: There has been some questions about planting corn after the water goes down. We can plant corn that late, but there will be a lot more risk to it. If planting corn that late, make sure we start out with proper hybrids. Plant the same hybrids we would in the spring. Stay with the 112 – 120 day hybrids and make sure they are Bt. I would advise to pick a shorter (height) hybrid. When planting corn this late it gets much taller than normal, and if it is already a tall hybrid, that could be a problem later on. Be prepared to spray a fungicide.

Rice: Rice is up to four leaf and starting too tillar. It is really growing fast. Weed control went out this week and pre-flood nitrogen. Our goal is to get levees pulled and go ahead and apply the flood.

Soybeans: Soybeans that are planted continue to move along really well. Soybeans are at V3 and look really good. Some pigweeds are starting to come back up and a last application of Liberty will go out next week. More fields were planted last week and should be up soon.

Wheat: Wheat harvest should begin next week.

Beef & Forage

Beef: In a USDA, APHIS and Veterinary Services survey, 54.5 percent of the beef cattle producers did not have a set calving season. With the profitability of a cow-calf operation getting more and more difficult to obtain, reducing the breeding and calving season can be the first step toward improved production efficiency. The following link is to a fact sheet that has some excellent tips on moving to a controlled breeding season.

<https://www.uaex.edu/publications/PDF/FSA-3011.pdf>

Arkansas Department of Agriculture Market Report Link:

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

Forages: Now is the time to start thinking about a summer application of a herbicide. I've seen a few pastures that have some horsenettle showing up. Grazon P+D (3 to 4 pt/A) or GrazonNext HL (2 pt/A) are good choices for horsenettle control. Time herbicide applications to occur between bloom and fruit set. Complete horsenettle control will not be achieved with a single herbicide application. Spray for three consecutive years to reach the 90 to 100% control range.

Upcoming Events

Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Training: Postponed.

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

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