

## **General Conditions**

Rains finally let up enough that some field work got done this week. If we can miss the rain tomorrow (Saturday) or at least keep the amounts low we should be able to really get on a roll in Faulkner County.

## **Row Crop**

**Corn:** Corn is finally getting some much needed love in the county. Sunshine is helping more than anything because corn doesn't like cloudy days. Cloudy weather is just as bad as too much rain. Sunshine will make a huge difference. Sidedress fertilizer and weed control also went out this week which will give our small corn a big boost. I still like the idea of planting corn up until June 1<sup>st</sup> if you have irrigation. If planting late, still use standard 113-118 day hybrids and try to plant Bt hybrids. Planting 100 day or less hybrids usually don't do well in Arkansas.

**Rice:** I was hoping some rice would go in this week, but everyone seems to still be a little too wet in the fields where rice was planned. Hopefully we can get some planted the next few days. Make sure to get your Command applied as soon as you can after planting to help with grass control. You can add glyphosate or paraquat with that command if you have a few emerged weeds that need to be taken care of.

**Soybeans:** I talked to a producer this morning that has planted a few acres of soybeans and was planning on planting more today. A good preemerge residual herbicide is the key to weed free soybeans. I am starting to see more and more problems with Dual. I feel like pigweeds are slowly becoming resistant. I would move to something else if possible. Metribuzin is a good option, but just make sure your soybeans have a tolerance. Trivence (metribuzin, Valor and Classic) is a good preemerge option. If you aren't sure if your soybeans are tolerant to metribuzin then you might look at Zidua as an option also. It is in the same class as Dual, but seems to work better than Dual.

**Wheat:** I haven't seen any armyworms in the wheat. I have noticed some glume blotch starting up. Wheat looks pretty decent considering all the rain we received this spring. Harvest isn't far away.

## **Beef & Forage**

**Beef:** Most of the cattle in the county are in pretty good shape. Producers continue to work cattle when the weather allows.

**Forages:** Bermudagrass is enjoying the sun and the hot weather is finally making it grow. A few producers continue to get out their first application of fertilizer and a few have started with the first harvest. If anyone is interested in weighing their bales, let me know. I have some portable scales and I would like to do a survey in the county on average weights of bales. I would like to also grab a quality sample along with the weights. A quality sample costs \$21. I have seen several summer weeds start to pop up including horsenettle. Grazon P+D is a good summer weed herbicide and should be applied at 2 to 4 pints per acre (1 to 2 quarts). On horsenettle you really want to wait until it flowers then spray. It is one of those weeds you are going to have to spray several times to kill.

## **Upcoming Events**

**Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Training:** Thursday May 30, 6:00 pm, Faulkner County Extension Office. Please contact the office by May 24 to register for the class. Call (501) 329-8344 or email Mindy Beard at [rbeard@uaex.edu](mailto:rbeard@uaex.edu)

## **Signing up for Text Alerts**

If you would like to sign up for text alerts from the Extension Office, text the message **uaex FaulkCrop** or **uaex FaulkBeef** to **313131**.



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