

## **General Conditions**

We got a blast of cold air this morning. Another soaking rain came through this week putting a stop to a lot of field work for a few days.

## **Row Crop**

**Wheat:** Wheat planting continues in between the rains. Wheat that has come up looks great and is growing really well.

## **Beef & Forage**

**Beef and Forages Meeting:** I still have the doodle poll up for another week to vote on the best day of the week to have a production meeting. You can vote for as many of the times you want. I will keep this poll open until November 12.

Link to the poll: <https://doodle.com/poll/pka4cs3sk474kw6m>

**Beef Sire Selection:** Selecting a herd sire is one of the most important decisions a cow calf producer makes. A herd bull contributes half the genetic makeup of his calves and plays an essential role in herd genetic improvement. The herd bull is the most important individual in a breeding herd. A cow or heifer typically produces one calf per year, while a mature herd bull may sire 25 or more calves per year. Thus, a herd sire may contribute more to the genetic makeup of the herd in one breeding season than a cow contributes in her lifetime. Selecting genetically superior bulls is the quickest path to herd genetic improvement. The value of a bull above slaughter value is his ability to sire live calves and transmit superior genetics to the herd.

To learn more click the link to this fact sheet: <https://www.uaex.edu/publications/pdf/FSA-3075.pdf>

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

## **Upcoming Events**

**Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Training:** December 3, 2019 at the Faulkner County Extension Office starting at 5:30 pm. Please contact Mindy Beard at [rbeard@uaex.edu](mailto:rbeard@uaex.edu) or call 501-329-8344 to sign up. Deadline to signup is November 25.

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

Thursday, November 14, 2019

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

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)

**Small Ruminant Workshop:** November 14, 2019 at the White County Extension Office (2400 Old Searcy Landing Road, Searcy) starting at 6:00 pm. The agenda is attached.

## **Signing up for Text Alerts**

If you would like to sign up for ag text alerts from the Extension Office go to [www.uaex.edu/faulkner](http://www.uaex.edu/faulkner) and click the sign up for text link or text the message **uaex FaulkCrop** or **uaex FaulkBeef** to **313131**



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Small Ruminant Workshop  
Thursday, November 14, 2019  
White County Extension Office  
2400 Old Searcy Landing Road, Searcy

- 6:00 pm Welcome & Extension Resources  
Amy Heck – White County Extension Agent  
Sara Beth Johnson – Lonoke County Extension Agent
- 6:15 pm Breeding and Reproduction  
Brittany Carwell – B & D Genetics
- 6:45 pm Parasite Control  
Eva Wray – PhD Candidate, University of Arkansas
- 7:15 pm Sheep and Goat Nutrition  
Dr. Clay Elliot – Senior Technical Support Specialist – Purina Mills



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