

### **General Conditions**

A few storms came into the county Monday night, but unfortunately we got more wind than rain out of the system. There were a few reports of areas getting one inch plus, but most of the county got 0.25 to 0.5 inches. We are officially dry! We need a good general rain and some cooler temperatures soon.

### **Row Crop**

**Rice:** Rice continues to dry down for harvest. If this weather is good for anything, it is harvest.

**Soybeans:** Soybean irrigation continued this week. Pivots are running at full force in Lollie Bottoms and I have even seen a little bit of row watering going on. I have talked to several producers though that have decided to wait it out and hopefully get a rain. I can understand not wanting to roll out polypipe for one irrigation. I just hope this doesn't lead to yield decreases.

Insect pressure continues to be low. I caught very low numbers of corn earworms, green stinkbugs, and velvetbean caterpillars when scouting. I did see a few minor cases of frogeye leaf spot starting in a couple of fields. I will keep an eye on this.

**Grain Sorghum and Corn:** Grain sorghum continues to dry down to harvest, and forage sorghum is currently being harvested for silage.

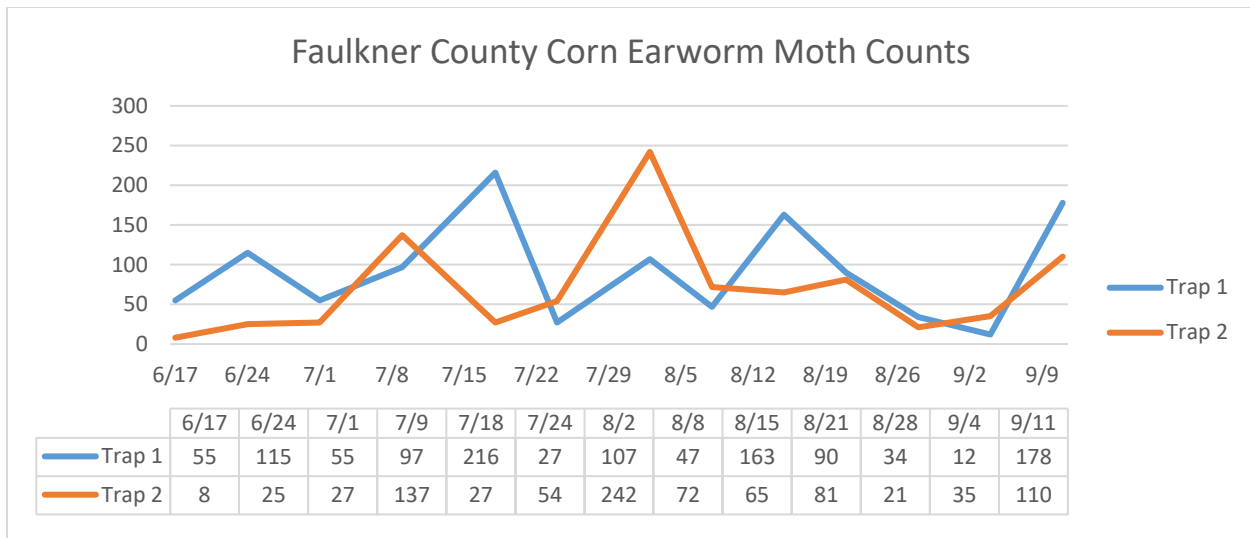
### **Corn Earworm Moth Traps:**

I have reported this week's moth trap count, and will do one more next week. Next week I will pull the traps and be done for the 2019 growing season.

**Trap 1:** 178

**Trap 2:** 110

Caught several moths this week, but no worm pressure in the fields.



## **Beef & Forage**

**Beef and Forages:** Since feed is the major cost of producing livestock, most successful producers strive to meet the nutrient needs of their animals for an optimum level of performance at the lowest cost. Overfeeding or underfeeding leads to inefficient production and reduced profit potential, so making the most efficient use of feeds is of prime importance in securing profits. Rations must be properly balanced so that feeds are used most efficiently and animals remain healthy. Ration balancing is an important management tool the producer can use to maximize profits.

To read more about the **Composition of Selected Livestock Feeds** click the link:

<https://www.uaex.edu/publications/pdf/FSA-3043.pdf>

Arkansas Department of Agriculture Market Report Link:

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

## **Upcoming Events**

**Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Training:** October 3, 2019 at the Faulkner County Extension Office starting at 6:00. Please contact Mindy Beard at [rbeard@uaex.edu](mailto:rbeard@uaex.edu) or call 501-329-8344 to sign up.

## **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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# BEEF QUALITY ASSURANCE (BQA) TRAINING



## What is BQA?

Beef Quality Assurance is a nationally coordinated, state implemented program that provides systematic information to U.S. beef producers and beef consumers of how common sense husbandry techniques can be coupled with accepted scientific knowledge to raise cattle under optimum management and environmental conditions.

- Required for the Natural State Preconditioned Calf Program (GoGreen)
- Demonstrates commitment to food safety and quality.
- Upholds consumer confidence in valuable beef products
- Enhances herd profitability through better management

**October 3, 2019 6:00 pm**

Faulkner County Extension Office  
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Conway, Arkansas

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