

General Conditions

This was another hot and dry week and now the county is under a burn ban. There is hope that a system will give us some much needed rain this weekend. Right now rain would be nice to finish out some soybeans and give some pastures a boost to get us through a little more grazing.

Row Crop

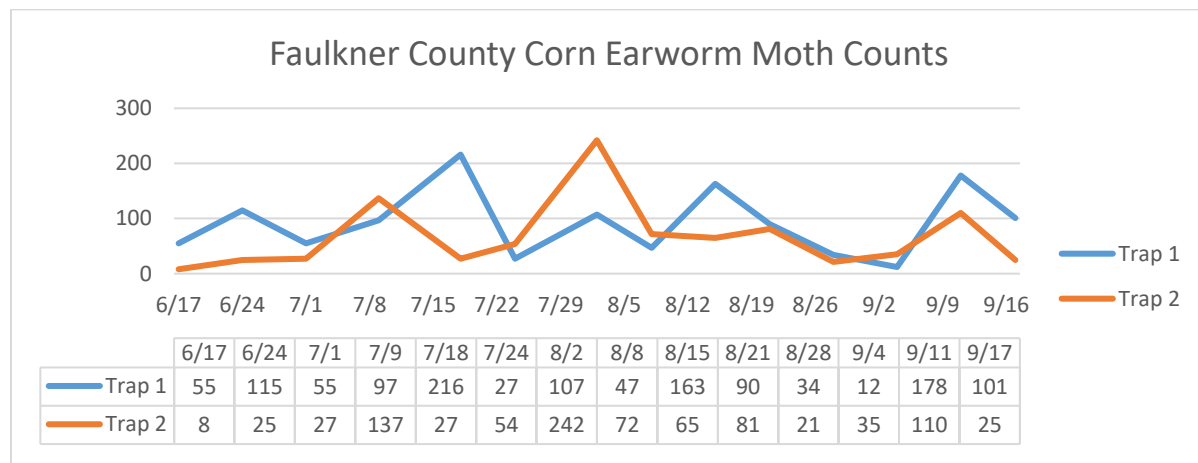
Rice & Soybeans: Rice is turning a golden color and harvest isn't far off. Soybeans are getting closer to being finished. The earliest planted beans are shedding leaves and getting close to maturity. The majority of the crop I would estimate to be at growth stage R5.5. That means we are close to being done, but not quite there yet. We still need water to finish out with a good seed size, and we are still in the window for insect damage. We sprayed a field this week for green stinkbugs, and I have seen increased activity in a few fields. But hopefully that will be the only field that will have to be sprayed. Keep scouting to R6.5.

Corn Earworm Moth Traps:

This is the last week for corn earworm moth trap counts.

Trap 1: 101

Trap 2: 25



Beef & Forage

Beef and Forages: It is getting time to start thinking about planting winter annuals. Winter annuals are an important part of Faulkner County forage production. They decrease dependence on stored forages such as hay and silage and decrease purchased feed expense by providing green grass for grazing in winter months. When interseeded into dormant warm-season grass pastures, cool-season annuals produce forage on acreage that would be nonproductive in the winter months.

Winter annuals are best if drilled. Before you plant, it is a good idea to calibrate your drill so you know how much seed you are putting in the ground. If anyone needs help with calibration, just give me a call and I would be glad to come out and help.

I have attached a couple of fact sheets. One is about planting winter annuals, and the other is how to calibrate a drill.

Using Cool-Season Annual Grasses for Grazing Livestock

<https://www.uaex.edu/publications/PDF/FSA-3064.pdf>

Calibrating Drills and Broadcast Planters for Small-Seeded Forages

<https://www.uaex.edu/publications/PDF/FSA-3111.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 or call 501-329-8344 to sign up.

Natural State Calf Precon Program: October 10, 2019 at the Conway County Fairgrounds Multipurpose Building in Morrilton starting at 5:30.

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 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

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Conway, Arkansas

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