

General Conditions

Rain continues to dominate all of the agriculture in Faulkner County. I am fearing the worse with the recent rain and the rain in the forecast for our rivers. I don't want to see any flooding but it is a possibility that scares me to death. Everyone that lives in a flood plain needs to be on constant alert to remove livestock and equipment. Hopefully we won't get what is predicted.

Row Crop

Corn: Just a limited number of corn acres have been planted in the County. Corn in the county ranges from just planted to V2. Grass is taking advantage of these wet conditions and needs to be dealt with. Hopefully we can dry up soon and look at a shot of glyphosate or go ahead and apply atrazine and Halex GT. Corn planted after May 15 will start to see a decline in yield, so really think hard about planting after that date.

Rice & Soybeans: To my knowledge, no rice or beans have been planted in the county yet. It is important to get out Command behind planted rice. Be careful to not get planting too far ahead of what you can spray. With the way grass has been emerging, you will need that residual. Don't get caught planting a lot of acres and then rain starts and you didn't get your Command out.

Wheat: We have very limited number of wheat acres in the county, but the wheat that is out there is blooming. I always worry about blooming wheat and rain. That is a good setup for scab. Maybe with some luck we will avoid that this year.

Beef & Forage

Beef: Producers have been trying to work cattle when conditions will allow. Beef cattle look good around the county as grass is starting to green up.

Forages: For some reason, cool season annuals still don't look the best. I am not sure what happened this year, but it just wasn't the best year for them. I have heard several producers complain about their Jerry oats just not growing. As far as bermudagrass goes, it is really starting to come on. If you didn't get fertilizer out ahead of this rain, be prepared to get it out as soon as it dries up. I have had a couple of questions about killing buttercups now. After those things flower, it is pretty much a revenge kill. If it's in a pasture, just knock the tops off with a bushhog and allow your warm season grasses some light and room to grow. Johnsongrass continues to come on quickly. Outrider is a great product for johnsongrass but it is expensive. On hay ground, try and wait until the middle of May to make sure you get all the johnsongrass that is out there. Just remember, don't harvest for two weeks after your Outrider application.

Upcoming Events


Pesticide Applicator Training: Tuesday May 7, 6:00 pm, Workforce Training Center at UACCM Campus in Morrilton

Spring Brucellosis Schedule: Thursday May 23 & Friday May 24. Please contact the office by May 13 if you have heifers you want to add to the schedule. Call (501) 329-8344 or email Mindy Beard at rbeard@uaex.edu

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

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**.



Kevin Lawson
County Extension Agent – Interim Staff Chair
Faulkner County
Mobile – (501) 889-4575
Email – klawson@uaex.edu