Pesticide Applicator Training Schedule

Tuesday, February 21st – Charleston Courthouse 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 23rd – Johnson Co. Fairgrounds (Clarksville) 6:30 pm

Friday, February 24th – Ozark Extension Office 9:00 a.m.

You do not have to pre-register. Cost for the training is $10. You only have to attend one of the sessions.

This training is for first time certification or re-certification. The training makes you eligible to purchase a restricted use pesticide applicators license from the State Plant Board. This training is not for Commercial Applicators.

Brucellosis Vaccination Clinic: November 21st

Producers may schedule heifers, 4 to 12 months of age, for calf hood brucellosis vaccinations. The on farm vaccinations will be available County wide in cooperation with a State vaccinator from the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission.

To have calves vaccinated they must be penned and ready. Adequate corrals and working facilities are required, and producers should be present during vaccination procedures.

To enroll in the program, call the Extension office at (479) 667-3720 or 965-2272 by Friday, Nov 18th. Information on number of animals, location of farm and phone numbers are needed. There is no charge for the service or visit. Producers will be contacted about the stop schedule by phone.

River Valley Beef Cattle Conference
February 22, 2017
8:30 am- 1:00 pm
Ola Livestock Auction
Cattle Tips

Hay feeding often begins in November. It is very important to forage test each cutting of hay. Knowing the nutrient values (crude protein and TDN) of each cutting of hay will determine the proper supplemental feed and the amount to feed. In addition, knowing which cutting is the highest quality, it can be feed to the group of cows with the highest nutritional demand (i.e. first calf heifers or lactating cows).

Grazing Tips

Take soil samples
- Don’t wait until the spring when nutrients are needed, get the information in hand.
- It’s free

Invest in Lime
- It might be a good time to get lime out. Less chance for soil compaction
- Hard to reach areas may be more accessible now than in the spring
- Soil pH will be more acclimated to accommodate nutrient uptake

Consider winter forages
- Most are very easy to sprout
- Grain varieties: Rye, Oats, Wheat, Triticale
- Brassica varieties: Turnips, Turnip Hybrids, Rape, Radish
- Hay feeding could be reduced 50%
- Grazing days can be doubled

Manage stockpiles
- Strip Graze and or Limit Graze
- It's affordable: Possibly done with a single strand electric fence