**SPECIAL EDITION**

Breeding Bull Soundness Clinic with Trich Test Option

A Breeding Bull Soundness Evaluation Clinic will be conducted in Garland County on Saturday, January 10, 2015 at the new Lake Hamilton High School Agricultural Science Building. Directions: Go to the High School and look for the signs.

The deadline to register is Monday, January 5, 2015. Please call your registration in to the Extension Office at 623-6841 on or before that deadline. When you call, we will take your name, address, and telephone number as well as how many bulls you plan to bring. The cost will be $30 per bull for semen exam. A Trichonomiasis test (good for 30 days) will be available for $30 extra but you must specify when you call to register that you want the "Trich Test". Shortly after the registration deadline passes, you will receive a letter from our office providing the schedule of when you will need to bring your bull(s). The bull(s) will be weighed, and scrotal circumference and hip heights will be measured. The clinic will be conducted by Dr. Claire Kelly of Kelly Veterinary Clinic.

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Pesticide Applicator Training (PAT)

We will be conducting the second (2nd) and final Garland County training session for Pesticide Applicator Training (PAT) on Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2015 at 6 pm. The training will be held here in the Cooperative Extension Office at 236 Woodbine, Hot Springs, AR. Pre-registration is not necessary. The cost for the training is $10 payable by check (no cash please) made out to Garland County Extension Service (CES) at the time you attend the training. REMINDER—if you cannot attend this training due to scheduling conflicts, there are other PAT sessions that are taking place in nearby counties in 2015. A complete list of the other dates and times can be found on the web by visiting http://calendar.uaex.edu/cal/search/showResult.rdo. Once you’ve done that, type into the advanced calendar search bar PAT Training. There you can find the dates for PAT training sessions being held in any of the other counties.

Keeping a Pesticide Record - REMEMBER—records must be kept on Restricted Use Pesticides for 2 years. State Plant Board Representatives can and do conduct random checks on records to ensure that pesticide users are in strict compliance with the regulations.

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All meetings and activities announced in this newsletter are open to all eligible persons without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability, marital or veteran status or any other legally protected status. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (large print, audiotapes, etc.) should notify the County Extension Office as soon as possible prior to the activity. The Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.
The staff at the Cooperative Extension Office wishes you and yours a joyous holiday season!

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