July 18, 2014

To Saline County Producers:

Well, what can you say about the weather. We have essentially missed one hay cutting and when we finally get to cut some hay the plants are going to be more mature which means less energy or TDN. Yes, we have tremendous volume but lower quality. For some producers in low ground the ground never dried up enough to lay the hay down. Some of you who were fortunate enough to get everything cut over and apply fertilizer; you are in the catbird seat.

I am enclosing information from the Farm Service Agency on the Livestock Forage Disaster Program. The amounts make it worth looking into if you owned cows on April 27, 2012 and had them through June 26, 2012.

Sincerely,

Ron Matlock
County Extension Agent - Staff Chair