

September 30, 2015

Beef Producers

Cattle rustling, cattle plant poisonings and veterinarian prescriptions what next? Cattle rustling took place in the Springdale, AR area last week resulting in sixty head being sold at the Springdale livestock market. Make sure your cattle are checked and counted daily and gates are locked. The only legal method of identification is a registered brand which has been recorded with the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission. Feel free to drop by my office and view the current brand book before you submit a brand for registration. This will prevent you submitting a brand which already has been registered.

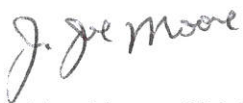
Perilla mint poisonings are occurring statewide. To date, in Sharp County, five cow deaths to this plant. This occurred two weeks ago. Unsure what perilla mint is, I can help you on identification, and how to get rid of it. Generally, one quart per acre of Grazon P+D with surfactant in early June will work. Bush hog large plants that have already formed flowers and seeds.

The new Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) goes into effect October 1, 2015. This means all antibiotics labeled as a VFD drug must have a prescription from a veterinarian. Examples of these are CTC mineral (chlortetracycline) and many others.

I'm enclosing information on the 2015 Arkansas Forage and Grassland Council Fall Forage Conference. Also enclosed is a post card on the Fall Bangs cards. Please return by October 16, 2015 with the number of 4-12 month old heifers you have.

Lastly, mark your calendar if your pesticide license has expired. Training will be December 8, 2015 at Ozarka College in Ash Flat. Cost is \$10.00 for the training class only. We will provide paper work to complete for your license during the training.

Sincerely



J. Joe Moore, CEA-SC

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2015 Arkansas Forage & Grassland Council Fall Forage Conference

Thursday, November 5 – Woodland Heights Baptist Church
Education Building, Conway, AR

Theme: Making your farm work harder so you don't have to

Topics:

- New forage research for producing better Grass-fed Beef
- Pasture management that works while I'm away at work
- Implications of grazing management on soil health and water quality
- What type of pasture captures more rain?
- Feral hogs are rooting toward your farm – new ways to battle them
- Sugar Cane Aphid – It's here, but will it affect forages?
- Promising alternatives to ammonium nitrate fertilizer
- Comparison of commercial fertilizer and nontraditional liquid fertilizer on forage

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and the welcome is at 9:00 a.m.

Registration can be paid at the door by cash, credit or debit card, or check. The registration fee is \$45 per person, \$60 per couple, and \$10 for students and includes lunch and conference materials. Commercial exhibits and booths will be set up for attendees to see the latest forage management products. Pre-registration is encouraged to help with conference planning, but is not required for attendance. Anyone wanting to improve their forage system should attend this conference.

Directions: Take I-40 to Conway; Take the Dave Ward Exit (Exit 129) and go west on Dave Ward Drive to Hogan Lane (about 4 miles). Turn right (north) onto Hogan and go to Prince Street. Woodland Heights Baptist Church is at that corner on the left.

For more information about the conference or to pre-register, call Linda McCargo at 501-671-2171.



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