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Welcome to the latest issue of the Goat and Sheep E-News Letter. With this news letter, we strive to bring you the most current sheep and goat information. Feel free to forward this information to fellow professionals.

Sampling Stored Forages

Steven M. Jones, Associate Professor - Livestock

Testing the nutrient value of forage is a valuable tool that can be utilized to balance livestock rations. Guessing the nutrient content of a major feed ingredient such as hay can be costly to livestock producers. To realize the value in hay or other stored forage, we need an analysis. Most livestock producers will need to supplement with some kind of stored forage this winter.

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High Feed Costs - Again

Steven M. Jones, Associate Professor - Animal Science

I wrote this article for the newsletter one year ago. Feed prices are higher in 2012 than in 2011. Plus, due to a longer drought, we are experiencing hay shortages this year as well as higher prices for the

hay.

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Drought Recovery for Forages

Steven M. Jones, Associate Professor - Animal Science

It may be cooler and we have had some rain over the past couple of months, but we are below annual rainfall for the year in most of the grazing lands of Arkansas. The subsoil moisture is nonexistent in most of the pastures I have walked in recent weeks. The bottom line - we are not out of a drought, yet.

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Steven M. Jones, Associate Professor

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