

Drought Survival Tour In Barry County August 14



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The drought this summer has caused many headaches for farmers who are preparing to feed cattle this winter with little forage and hay on hand. The Barry County Extension Center is offering a tour on Tuesday, August 14 near Pleasant

Ridge, Missouri for farmers who want to discuss this issue and gain tips for surviving the drought. The Forest Family Farms will be the location of this tour.

The program will focus on how to deal with high nitrate levels in feeds, precautions for nitrates and prussic acid, how to stretch hay supplies, renovation of pastures, fall forage alternatives, supplementing pasture and hay and ammoniation of low quality hay. Renovation of pastures with annual ryegrass will be a focus of this tour since it has been successfully used on this farm.

“The drought has taken a major toll on beef and dairy farms in the area. High nitrates and short hay supplies will continue to plague these farms as we go into winter. Farmers need to know the precautions to take and take extra steps to stretch their feed supplies.” said Tim Schnakenberg, an agronomy specialist with University of Missouri Extension based in Galena.

Tim Schnakenberg, Tony Rickard, dairy specialist and Eldon Cole, livestock specialist, will be on hand for the discussion. This tour will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 14, at the Forest Family Farms located ½ mile north of Pleasant Ridge Missouri on the east side of Farm Road 1150. Pleasant Ridge is located 7 miles east of Monett on state highway Z and 4 miles west of state highway 39 in northern Barry County. Water and pop will be provided by the Aurora Agri-Center. Please bring your own lawn chairs.

Contact the Barry County Extension Center at 417-847-3161 for more information. Δ

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