

# Row Crop Farmers Needed For Hay Directory

**BLOOMFIELD, MO.**

This summer's weather has been disastrous for Missouri livestock producers. The hay and pasture crop is down, and several Missouri farmers have resorted to selling their herd. However, with irrigation, Southeast Missouri row crop farmers have been able to maintain a respectable yield, and hopefully a profit. The residue from these crops, can in many cases be used for livestock feed.

Missouri livestock producers are in search of hay. To assist in sourcing hay, the Missouri Cattlemen's Association has established a hay directory. This is for those farmers who have hay for sale, and also those who have forage including crop residue available for custom harvesting.

This is an opportunity for Southeast Missouri

row crop farmers, to have additional income, but also help out their fellow farmer. There have already been several farmers in Southeast Missouri harvesting corn stalks for livestock feed. Rice harvest is next. Rice straw has been used for livestock feed, especially, in drought years.

If you are rice or row crop farmer, and interested in either selling baled rice straw, or other baled crop residue; or allowing custom harvesting on your farm; please contact Sammie Jo Freeman, Missouri Cattlemen's Association; 573-499-9162. University of Missouri Extension and the Missouri Rice Producers are assisting with this effort.

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