

February 25, 2009

- **Forage and Weed Management Conference** – The West-Central Missouri Forage and Weed Management Conference will be held in Clinton on March 10th. Topics covered will include fertilizer management, forage quality, advanced grazing techniques, and weed control in pasture and CRP. Call the extension office by March 6th to register.
- **Corn Planting Date** – Corn may begin to be planted when the soil temperature reaches 50 degrees at a 6-inch depth or 55 degrees at a 2-inch depth. However, corn plants can be damaged by freezing temperatures if they are planted well before the frost-free date of April 15th. Corn planted as late as early May still has 100 percent yield potential.
- **Real-time Weather Stations** – University of Missouri Extension has real-time weather stations that give information such as air temperature, wind speed, soil temperature, and soil moisture content. The conditions nearest to your location can be found at this website: <http://agebb.missouri.edu/weather/realtime/greenRidge.asp>
- **Nitrogen in Wheat**– Wheat responds best to nitrogen that is applied just before jointing, typically in March or early April. However, any time it is dry enough in March to get into the field is an ideal time to apply nitrogen.
- **Aphids and Diseases in Wheat** – Early spring storms will soon bring aphids into wheat fields and will also increase the likelihood of foliage diseases in wheat. March is the time to begin scouting for these pests.

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