

July 17, 2009

- **Japanese Beetle** – High numbers of Japanese beetles (not to be confused with Asian ladybeetles) have been captured across the state. Japanese beetle adults feed on the foliage of 300-400 different species, including corn and soybean. Japanese beetles are likely to be a problem in corn and soybean fields for the next several years. Contact the extension office for information on economic thresholds and control.
- **Farm Truck Regulations and Legislation** – A program on farm truck regulations will be held on Tuesday, August 18th at 6pm in the Johnson County Community Health Services Building in Warrensburg. Representatives from Missouri State Highway Patrol and Missouri Farm Bureau will be speaking. This meeting is similar to the one held in Clinton last year. Call the Johnson County Extension Center at (660)747-3193 to register.
- **Hay Moisture Testing** – Many people come into the office this time of year wanting to test the moisture content of hay. Moisture content can be measured quickly and accurately at home using a microwave. Detailed instructions are available at the extension office.
- **Soybean Rust** – Low levels of soybean rust have been found in all Gulf states. However, hot and dry weather in that region has slowed the spread of the disease. The current threat to Missouri is low.

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