

# OZARK COUNTY EXTENSION NEWS & EVENTS AUGUST 2019

## News & Info

### Hay Moisture/Temperature Fire Hazard Warning

Recently, there has been at least one incident of hay bales catching on fire as well as multiple farmer questions regarding high temperature hay.

During hay making, the hay bales will heat up for a period of time before cooling again. When hay is baled at recommended moisture percentages the risk of fire is nil; however, hay with high moisture percentages is at high risk for spontaneous combustion.

MU Guide 4575 does a very good job explaining the relationship between high moisture hay and temperature.

>>><https://extension2.missouri.edu/g4575>

County Extension Offices have hay thermometers to loan please urge farmers to check hay temperatures before storing in barns. If hay temperature is found to be at risk of fire, they should be stored away from structures, spaced to allow air flow on all sides of the bale, and monitored daily (for fire) until the temperature decreases.

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### Field Specialists Press Releases & Alerts

>>>[Stockpile tall fescue for your winter cattle feeding program](#) Patrick Davis 7/22/19

Blister Beetles Have Been Found in the Area Dr. Sarah Kenyon 7/11/19

> [Blister Beetles](#) - K-State Research and Extension Publication

> [Insect Management](#) - K-State Research and Extension Publication

>>> [Japanese Beetles Have Arrived in the Ozarks, Time to Mount a Defense](#) Kelly McGowan 7/5/19

>>> [True Armyworms Have Been Found in the Region](#) Dr. Sarah Kenyon 6/20/18

Guide Sheet> [Controlling Armyworms in Tall Fescue](#) Dr. Sarah Kenyon 5/9/18

Video> [How to Scout for Army Worms](#) Jill Scheidt 6/5/19

>>> [Tall Fescue Toxin Concentrations in Hay and Silage](#) Dr. Sarah Kenyon 5/8/18

## Events & Programs

[Certified Synthetic Auxin Applicator Training 2019](#) - online

[Ozark Empire Fair](#)- July 25th- August 3rd in Springfield

[Alfalfa 101 School](#) - Thursday, August 1st from 4pm - 8:30pm at Dadeville High School

[Pasture and Forage Management Workshop](#)- Friday, August 2nd at 2pm in Nevada

[Health Fair](#) - Saturday, August 3rd from 10:30am-2pm in Ava

[Lewis County 4-H Invitational Shoot](#) - Saturday, August 3rd begins at 8am in Lewistown

[4H Film Fest](#) - August 4th-7th in Columbia

[Building Better Child Care](#) - Four Sessions beginning Thursday, August 8th from 6pm-9pm in Branson

[West Plains 5th Annual Back to School and Health Fair](#) - Saturday, August 10th from 9am to noon in West Plains

[2019 Master Gardener Training](#) - Orientation begins Tuesday, August 13th followed by 10 sessions from August 15th - September 26th choice of two locations: afternoon sessions held in Branson OR evening sessions held in Ozark

[Pasture Plant Identification Class](#) - Tuesday, August 20th and Tuesday, August 27th from 6:30 to 9:30 in Marshall

[Advanced Quickbooks - Desktop Training](#) - Tuesday, August 20th from 9am to 4pm in West Plains

[“Brown Bag Lunch” Gardening Series 2019](#) – Tuesdays at noon in Forsyth

Tuesday, August 20th - Preserving Your Garden Abundance

Tuesday, September 17th - Bring Your Garden in for the Fall

Tuesday, October 15th - Saving Seeds

[Growing and Marketing Pawpaw](#) - Friday, August 23rd from 2pm-5pm in New Franklin

[Native Grass Pasture Walk](#) - Friday, August 23rd at 6pm at JD Mckee's Farm in Pottersville

[Farm, Family & ME Summit for Women](#) - September 5th & 6th in Jefferson City

[Southwest Research Center Field Day](#) - Saturday, September 9th from 9am - 1pm in Mt. Vernon

South Central Regional Grazing Schools:

**Greenfield, MO**

September 9,10,11, 2019 (daytime)

Contact: Cedar County SWCD

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**Marshfield, MO**

September 17,18,19, 2019 (daytime)

Contact: Webster County SWCD

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**West Plains, MO**

October 8,9,10

Contact: Howell County Extension 417-256-2391

**Springfield, MO**

October 15,16,17, 2019 (daytime)

Contact: Greene County SWCD/NRCS

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**Ellington, MO**

October 28,29,30

Contact: Reynolds County Extension 573-648-1035

[Ag Day in the Ozarks](#) - Saturday, September 14th at the Gainesville Sale Barn

[Opportunities with Chinese Chestnuts - a Farm Field Day for Missouri Producers](#) -Wednesday, September 18th from 2pm to 5pm in New Franklin

[Missouri Cattlemen's Association 2019-2020 Performance Challenge Contest](#)- Beginning this fall Missouri's cattle producers will have the ability to compete for the title of "Overall Profitability Champion" and join the "Top 100"