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Upcoming Agricultural Events

- Sept. 12 Apache Risk Management Meeting / Apache Banking Center / **Apache, OK** / Noon
- Sept. 14 - State Fair of Oklahoma / Oklahoma County
Sept. 24 Fairgrounds / **Oklahoma City, OK** /
- Sept. 18 Caddo County Cattlemen's Assoc. Educational Meeting / Caddo-Kiowa Technology Center / **Fort Cobb, OK** / 7:00 PM
- Sept. 28 Fall 2006 Peanut Field Tour / Caddo County Peanut Research Station / **Fort Cobb, OK** / 5:30 PM.
- Sept. 28 - Carnegie Canna Festival & Fair / Carnegie
Sept. 30 Fairgrounds / **Carnegie, OK**
- Oct. 3 - Governor's Conference on Biofuels
Oct. 4 Memorial Union / University of Oklahoma / **Norman, OK** / \$20 / 800-203-5494

Caddo County Cattlemen's Association Meeting

Our first winter educational meeting of the Caddo County Cattlemen's Association will feature J.C. Hobbs, OSU Area Ag Economist. J.C. will be speaking about how selling cattle because of the drought will affect your taxes, and other drought related tax issues. Caddo County falls into the Federal Disaster Area, this and other rulings affect your cattle business.

If you cannot attend, feel free to send your accountant, tax advisor, or tax preparer to the meeting. We will meet on Monday night, September 18th at 7:00 PM at the Caddo-Kiowa Technology Center in Fort Cobb. We will eat at 7:00 PM and the meeting will begin at 7:30 PM.

Caddo County Peanut Research Station Tour

This year's tour will be held on Thursday, September 28th at the Caddo Co Peanut Research Station, south of the Fort Cobb Lake Reservoir at 5:30 PM. Attendees will have the opportunity to view variety test plots, the long-term tillage study, peanut disease studies, and the peanut rotation study. Dr. Chad Godsey, new OSU Special Crops State Specialist will be on hand to discuss some of the current peanut research projects.

"Hull blasting" will be available for growers who want to bring some samples of their peanut crop to estimate maturity and digging dates.

Peanut industry representatives will once again sponsor the meal. There is no cost to attend and anyone interested in peanut production is welcome to attend.

Nitrate Toxicity in Forage

Almost 200 forage samples were tested at the Caddo County OSU Extension Office this summer, of those 67 samples were submitted to the OSU Forage and Soil Testing Lab. in Stillwater, OK.

Now that we have received some moisture, forage producers need to give their fields 4 or 5 sunny days of growth to allow nitrate levels to drop. The plants need photosynthesis to occur

in order for the plants to move the nitrate through the plant. Even irrigated forage can build up high levels of nitrate during cloudy conditions. Be patient, give your field time to mature and grow out of nitrate problems before harvesting.

When you do harvest your forage sorghum, cut the forage in the afternoon or evening when nitrate levels are lowest. Also, producers can raise the cutting level 6 inches to avoid higher nitrate levels that occur near the bottom of the stalk.

For more information contact the Caddo County OSU Ext. Office to obtain a copy of the OSU Fact Sheet F-1903 Nitrate Toxicity in Livestock.



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September Planting of Tall Fescue in Lawns

If your spring planted fescue has not held up through the summer, try planting in September. Planting in September gives the plants time to root down in October and a head start in the spring, so that the plants can better handle those hot summer months.

Plant your fescue in shady areas only, because it does not like the full sun in the summer. Work the ground up lightly using a tiller or a rake, sprinkle the seed on the ground, and pack the ground. This will plant the seed shallow and give the seed contact with the soil for better germination. Water the area lightly each day so the seed will germinate and begin to send down roots. There are several tall fescue varieties that will work, some of these are; Crossfire II, Hound-dog V, Millenium, Rembrandt, and Plantation.

A little nitrogen fertilizer will help get the plants going, either fertilize before you work the seed bed, or after the plants come up. Don't put the fertilizer in with the seed. This should get your fescue up and going this fall so that it can handle the hot summer weather next year.

Some OSU Fact Sheets that may be helpful are F-6418 which covers turf grass selection, F-6419 which discusses the planting methods .

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