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# *Chewing the Cud*

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## **Cool Season Pastures**

**If you have not already taken a soil sample for your winter pastures, do that now.**

**Fertilize cost are at record highs and you do not want to guess and over apply or under apply nutrients.**

### **Cool-season Pasture and Forage Crop Varieties for 2008**

| <b>Crop</b>            | <b>Varieties</b>  |
|------------------------|---|
| <b>Grasses</b>         |   |
| <b>Tall Fescue</b>     | <b>AU Triumph, Forager, Georgia 5, Penngrazer, Jessup, Kentucky-31</b>  |
| <b>Oats</b>            | <b>LA99016 and Horizon 201</b>  |
| <b>Cereal Rye</b>      | <b>Maton, Maton II, Oklon, and Wintergrazer 70. Bates RS4 is considered promising.</b>  |
| <b>Annual Ryegrass</b> | <b>Diamond T, Dyna Gain, Big Boss, Jumbo, Ed, Gulf, Jackson, Marshall, Maximus, 4X, Passerel Plus, Prine, Rio, TAM 90, Verdure, Attain and Flying A</b> |
| <b>Wheat</b>           | <b>(No commercial varieties have been tested in recent years).</b>  |

**Legumes**

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Alfalfa</b>             | <b>Cimarron VR, AmeriGraze 702</b>   |
| <b>Arrowleaf Clover</b>    | <b>Amclo, Meechi, Yuchi, Apache</b>  |
| <b>Berseem Clover</b>      | <b>Bigbee</b>  |
| <b>Crimson Clover</b>      | <b>Chief, Dixie, Tibbee, AU Robin</b>  |
| <b>Red Clover</b>          | <b>Kenland, Kenstar, Renegade, Cherokee,<br/>Concorde, Acclaim, Cinnamon, Southern Belle</b> |
| <b>Subterranean Clover</b> | <b>Mt. Barker, Nangeela, Tallarook,<br/>Woogenellup</b>                                      |
| <b>White Clover</b>        | <b>LA S-1, Osceola, Regal, Canopy, California,<br/>Durana</b>                                |

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**Mean dry forage production from annual ryegrass entries at three locations  
in  
Louisiana during three growing seasons, 2005-2006 through 2007-2008.**

| <b>Brand/Variety</b>    | <b>Trial Locations</b>                   |               |                  | <b>3-Year</b> |
|-------------------------|--|---------------|------------------|---------------|
|                         | <b>Franklinton</b>                       | <b>Iberia</b> | <b>Winnsboro</b> | <b>Mean</b>   |
|                         | <b>----- Dry forage, lbs./acre -----</b> |               |                  |               |
| <b>ME4</b>              | <b>12850</b>                             | <b>7549</b>   | <b>7603</b>      | <b>9155</b>   |
| <b>Big Boss</b>         | <b>13005</b>                             | <b>7526</b>   | <b>7345</b>      | <b>9116</b>   |
| <b>Marshall</b>         | <b>13122</b>                             | <b>7112</b>   | <b>7453</b>      | <b>9017</b>   |
| <b>Prine</b>            | <b>12331</b>                             | <b>7516</b>   | <b>7411</b>      | <b>8929</b>   |
| <b>FLX2002(LA3)LRCT</b> | <b>12727</b>                             | <b>7109</b>   | <b>7354</b>      | <b>8868</b>   |
| <b>Maximus</b>          | <b>12373</b>                             | <b>7277</b>   | <b>7182</b>      | <b>8777</b>   |
| <b>Passerel Plus</b>    | <b>11944</b>                             | <b>7315</b>   | <b>7544</b>      | <b>8772</b>   |
| <b>Rio</b>              | <b>12240</b>                             | <b>7315</b>   | <b>7236</b>      | <b>8769</b>   |
| <b>ME94</b>             | <b>12265</b>                             | <b>7161</b>   | <b>7270</b>      | <b>8725</b>   |
| <b>Attain</b>           | <b>12147</b>                             | <b>7369</b>   | <b>7051</b>      | <b>8707</b>   |
| <b>Gulf</b>             | <b>11960</b>                             | <b>7569</b>   | <b>6874</b>      | <b>8678</b>   |
| <b>Jackson</b>          | <b>11614</b>                             | <b>7519</b>   | <b>7217</b>      | <b>8657</b>   |
| <b>Dyna Gain</b>        | <b>11841</b>                             | <b>7318</b>   | <b>7241</b>      | <b>8651</b>   |

|                  |              |             |             |             |
|------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Jumbo</b>     | <b>11730</b> | <b>7477</b> | <b>7048</b> | <b>8624</b> |
| <b>Ed</b>        | <b>11889</b> | <b>7522</b> | <b>6735</b> | <b>8596</b> |
| <b>Diamond T</b> | <b>11866</b> | <b>7124</b> | <b>7212</b> | <b>8573</b> |
| <b>4X</b>        | <b>11758</b> | <b>6970</b> | <b>7459</b> | <b>8553</b> |
| <b>Verdure</b>   | <b>11589</b> | <b>7220</b> | <b>7241</b> | <b>8537</b> |
| <b>TAM 90</b>    | <b>11531</b> | <b>7252</b> | <b>7165</b> | <b>8510</b> |
| <b>Flying A</b>  | <b>11679</b> | <b>7125</b> | <b>7182</b> | <b>8508</b> |
| <b>WMN97</b>     | <b>11302</b> | <b>6866</b> | <b>7301</b> | <b>8327</b> |
| <b>Mean</b>      | <b>12084</b> | <b>7296</b> | <b>7244</b> | <b>8717</b> |
| <b>LSD (.05)</b> | <b>NS</b>    | <b>404</b>  | <b>NS</b>   | <b>NS</b>   |
| <b>CV %</b>      | <b>13</b>    | <b>7</b>    | <b>8</b>    | <b>11</b>   |

### **Seeding Rates for Cool-season Pasture and Forage Crops**

| <b>Crop</b>                | <b>Seeding Rate (lb/A)</b> |                           |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
|                            | <b>Planted Alone</b>       | <b>Planted in Mixture</b> |
| <b>Grasses</b>             |                            |                           |
| <b>Tall Fescue</b>         | <b>30</b>                  | <b>20</b>                 |
| <b>Oats</b>                | <b>100</b>                 | <b>60</b>                 |
| <b>Cereal Rye</b>          | <b>90</b>                  | <b>50</b>                 |
| <b>Annual Ryegrass</b>     | <b>30</b>                  | <b>20</b>                 |
| <b>Wheat</b>               | <b>90</b>                  | <b>60</b>                 |
| <b>Legumes</b>             |                            |                           |
| <b>Alfalfa</b>             | <b>20-30</b>               | <b>---</b>                |
| <b>Arrowleaf Clover</b>    | <b>8</b>                   | <b>5</b>                  |
| <b>Berseem Clover</b>      | <b>20</b>                  | <b>15</b>                 |
| <b>Crimson Clover</b>      | <b>15</b>                  | <b>12</b>                 |
| <b>Red Clover</b>          | <b>12</b>                  | <b>8</b>                  |
| <b>Subterranean Clover</b> | <b>15</b>                  | <b>12</b>                 |
| <b>White Clover</b>        | <b>5</b>                   | <b>3</b>                  |

## **Planting Dates for Cool-season Pasture and Forage Crops**

### **Planting Dates for**

| <b>Crop</b>         | <b>Prepared Seedbeds</b> | <b>Sod Planting</b> |
|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Grasses</b>      |                          |                     |
| Tall Fescue         | Sept. 20-Oct. 15         | ---                 |
| Oats                | Sept. 1-Oct. 15 (N LA)   | Approx. Oct. 15     |
|                     | Sept. 15-Oct. 15 (S LA)  | Approx. Oct. 15     |
| Cereal Rye          | Sept. 20-Oct. 15         | Approx. Oct. 15     |
| Annual Ryegrass     | Sept. 20-Oct. 15         | Approx. Oct. 15     |
| Wheat               | Sept. 20-Oct. 15         | Approx. Oct. 15     |
| <b>Legumes</b>      |                          |                     |
| Alfalfa             | Oct. 5-Oct. 20           | ---                 |
| Arrowleaf Clover    | Oct. 1-Nov. 15           | Oct. 15-Nov. 15     |
| Berseem Clover      | Oct. 1-Nov. 15           | Oct. 15-Nov. 15     |
| Crimson Clover      | Oct. 1-Nov. 15           | Oct. 15-Nov. 15     |
| Red Clover          | Oct. 1-Nov. 15           | Oct. 15-Nov. 15     |
| Subterranean Clover | Oct. 1-Nov. 15           | Oct. 15-Nov. 15     |
| White Clover        | Oct. 1-Nov. 15           | Oct. 15-Nov. 15     |

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### **Louisiana Calf To Carcass Program**

**The Louisiana Calf to Carcass Project is entering into its 2008-2009 feed-out year. There were over 500 calves consigned to the 2007-2008 program. The feed out and carcass information provided to producers through this program is very useful in making management decisions on breeding, genetics, nutrition, and herd health. In addition, valuable marketing information is obtained about a producer's product. The exposure to preconditioning and retaining ownership of one's calves, plus the educational tour in the spring, makes the Louisiana Calf to Carcass Program an outstanding educational program for Louisiana's cow/calf producers. Since implementing preconditioning of all cattle going to the feedlot, we have clearly seen its benefits with a reduction in death loss.**

**The Louisiana Calf to Carcass Program will accept nominations for steers. There are some major changes this year. Each site will handle the cattle differently. With the increase in grain and cost of gains, we have had to revamp our program to better suit the changing beef cattle industry. It is up to the individual producer to decide which option best fits their cattle. When completing the attached Nomination Form, please indicate the number of steers as well as which preconditioning site you will be sending your cattle to.**

**Electronic identification of cattle leaving the premises is going to be mandatory so we will continue to use electronic identification tags on the cattle. It also helps us in collecting carcass data accurately.**

**The method of selling the cattle, cash sale or value based grid sale, will be determined this year when the cattle are sold. The decision will be made by Taylor Cox, Tim Page and Hitch Feed Yard personnel. The historical data from the program and the marketing conditions at the time of the first sale will be used to obtain what is believed to be the best price for the cattle consigned to the program this year.**

**The following is a brief overview of the program.**

- 1.) Nomination fee is \$35.00 per head and payment must be made at the time of nomination (We have to have this money to pay for the trucking). This is an increase from last year because of the increased cost of fuel and trucking.**
- 2.) Nomination deadline with fee: postmarked by August 17, 2008.**
- 3.) A minimum of three (3) steers. If you have heifers you want to put in the project, you may call Dr. Tim Page at (225)578-7906 or Darrin Goodwin at (337)475-8004 or (337)302-5759. We will try to accommodate you and place your heifers with other producers that want to nominate heifers. DO NOT send nominations in for heifers unless you have cleared that with Dr. Page or Mr. Goodwin.**
- 4.) It is recommended that you have a Premise ID number. You may get one by contacting the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry at:  
[www.ldaf.state.la.us/programs/premises.asp](http://www.ldaf.state.la.us/programs/premises.asp).**

**The preconditioning site will assist you in getting a Premise ID number.**

- 5.) You must provide either individual birthdates on your calves or provide the calving season (EX: first calf born – December 12, 2007; last calf born – March 5, 2008).**
- 6.) Preconditioning as outlined in the attached document is required. If you opt to precondition your cattle at home, you must follow the guidelines we have established for preconditioning. Tim Page will work with you on preconditioning at home.**
- 7.) Loading points will be at the preconditioning sites.**
- 8.) Length of the preconditioning period will be approximately 45 days.**
- 9.) Preconditioning fee will be due in full at the end of the preconditioning period. We must have this money at that time in order to reimburse the preconditioning sites their costs as well as pay for the feed.**
- 10.) All calves must have producer identification (i.e.: ear tag, legible brand) upon arrival.  
All cattle **MUST** be dehorned and healed before arrival at the preconditioning site.**

**Sites:**

- 11.) McNeese State University Site: A. Receiving dates are 9/2/08 through 9/5/08 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. each day. MSU requests producers to call ahead of time if they have a definite time they would like to come. B. Ship out dates: Week of 10/20/08. C. MSU Farm will accept steers weighing 575 lbs. or heavier.**
- 12.) Nicholls State University: A. The first 68 head nominated will be selected. B. At least 3 steers per producer. C. Must weigh at least 650 lbs. D. Must be weaned at least 5 days before delivery. E. Must be delivered to Nicholls State University Farm on October 6, 2008. They will be shipped on November 20, 2008.**
- 13.) University of Louisiana at Monroe: A. Cattle must be delivered on October 15, 2008 between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. B. Cattle must weigh at least 500 lbs. C. Cattle must be weaned at least 5 days prior to delivery.**

**For additional information, contact Dr. Tim Page at 225-578-7906.**

### **Master Cattle Producer**

**There will be a new class of Master Cattle Producer beginning this fall. The class will be held at the Southeast Research Station in Franklinton, LA, in Washington Parish.**

**The curriculum is designed for cattle producers to become more efficient and knowledgeable about all aspects of the cattle production system. The classes are taught in 10 three hour blocks and include:**

**Animal Handling  
Nutrition  
Reproduction  
Breeding and Selection  
Animal Health  
Pasture Management I & II  
Financial Management I & II  
End Product**

**The class starts September 9<sup>th</sup> and meets every other Tuesday through January 20<sup>th</sup>. Class will begin at 5:30 p.m.**

**For more information and registration forms contact Lacey Urick at the Washington Extension Office. She can be reached by phone at 985-839-7855 or by email at LUrick @agcenter.lsu.edu.**

**Sincerely,**

**Kenneth W. Sharpe  
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