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Ben Hill County

BEN HILL COUNTY AGRICULTURE NEWS (Livestock)

Tue 08	93°/75°		PM Thunderstorms	46%	→ W 4 mph
Wed 09	93°/74°		Mostly Cloudy	24%	→ WSW 5 mph
Thu 10	93°/74°		PM Thunderstorms	40%	↗ SW 6 mph
Fri 11	92°/74°		Showers	41%	→ WSW 7 mph
Sat 12	92°/74°		PM Thunderstorms	53%	→ W 6 mph
Sun 13	94°/75°		Partly Cloudy	24%	→ WNW 5 mph
Mon 14	95°/74°		PM Thunderstorms	51%	↘ NW 5 mph
Tue 15	94°/73°		PM Thunderstorms	50%	↓ N 4 mph
Wed 16	92°/73°		PM Thunderstorms	47%	↑ S 6 mph
Thu 17	92°/73°		Scattered Thunderstorms	57%	↗ SSW 6 mph
Fri 18	91°/74°		Scattered Thunderstorms	51%	↗ SSW 6 mph
Sat 19	92°/74°		Scattered Thunderstorms	52%	→ WSW 6 mph
Sun 20	92°/73°		Scattered Thunderstorms	55%	↗ SW 6 mph
Mon 21	93°/74°		Scattered Thunderstorms	40%	↗ SSW 6 mph

(Forecast from The Weather Channel for Ben Hill County)

Link to Georgia Livestock Review

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/lswgeorgia.pdf>

Link to Feeder Cattle Futures Quotes

<https://www.cmegroup.com/markets/agriculture/livestock/feeder-cattle.html>

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FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

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This collaborative series focuses on practical strategies for enhancing the resilience of forage and livestock systems under extreme weather conditions. Experts will cover topics on livestock health and management, forage production, and share information on resources available through the USDA Southeast Climate Hub and Natural Resources Conservation Service. We will also engage on roundtable discussion where producers and experts will share real-world insights



All online sessions are free and from noon to 1 pm ET. Pre-registration is required.

Session 1 (07/29/25): Livestock health and management

Session 2 (07/31/25): Enhancing forage resilience

Session 3 (08/05/25): USDA and NRCS resources

Session 4 (08/07/25): Building Resilient Forage-Livestock Operations Roundtable

**Register
Here**



Southeast Climate Hub
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



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Georgia Forage and Grassland Council

June 27 at 5:45 AM · 🌐

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Join us on July 29th in Crawford, GA for another pasture walk! 🌱

This event will focus on silvopastures and soil health. The event is FREE but registration is required in advance of the program. Click the link below for more details!

<https://gfgc.regfox.com/gfgc-summer-forage-tour-2025...>

[Georgia Forages UGA Extension](#)



GEORGIA

Forage and Grassland Council

Pasture Walk 2025

July 29, 2025
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Grove Creek Farm
Crawford, GA

 **Register by July 25**

 **Free registration**



To register: scan QR code or
call Jeff Tumlin at 678-614-9484

Topics

- Silvopasture establishment and management
- Measuring soil health
- Sustainable grazing practices

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Seed limitations in 2025

Following high heat and less available water/irrigation this past summer, many of the commercially available seeded bermudagrass varieties will be extremely limited this year. Similar limitations are expected for Mojo crabgrass and pearl millet varieties.

Although seed production was not necessarily limited, there is an increased demand for bahiagrass seed this year. The high input/low sale value of many row crops has pushed producers to consider forage or cover crop options for the acres normally planted in traditional row crops.

There isn't a quick solution to these problems, therefore the only option is to adjust our planting or renovation plans this year. If you have a producer planning to purchase seed this year, especially for a renovation, they need to purchase it early or get on a wait list!

If you need additional resources on drought, please visit:

<https://beef.caes.uga.edu/programs/educational/drought/>

Southeastern Hay Contest – entries open to 2025 contest: We had a record number of entries in 2024 and interest is already growing for 2025. Entries are now open! For more information, please visit: sehaycontest.com



**DO YOU SPRIG
BERMUDAGRASS
PASTURES & HAYFIELDS
IN GEORGIA?**

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ADD YOURSELF TO UGA EXTENSION'S
SPRIGGER LIST BY SCANNING THE QR
CODE OR USING THE LINK:
bit.ly/GASprigger

It is expected for the newest Georgia Bermudagrass Sprigger List to go live late summer. For questions, changes to your entry, or recommendations, please contact Savannah Tanner at satanner@uga.edu or (478) 237-1226 or any member of the UGA Extension Forage Team.

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Extension Value added services:

There are several resources your county agent has access to for assisting the public:

- **SpotOn Digital Sprayer Calibrator & nozzle cleaner tool** - Accurate flow rate checking of individual sprayer nozzles.
 - **Fertilizer Spinner-Disc Spreader Calibration** - spread pattern testing of fertilizer spreaders.
 - **Hay Moisture Tester** – Evaluation and assessment of hay to bale at optimum moisture content - decrease mold growth and increase feed value. Test baled or unbaled (in field)
 - **Forced Motor Planter Calibration** – at-plant insecticide hopper box calibrations. Potential benefits: increase insecticide application efficacy with the appropriate and effective application of product label and recommended control rate. Decrease
 - **Mobile Irrigation Lab** – Pivot efficiency evaluation/Irrigation audits to support water conservation and decrease irrigation costs.
 - **Harvest Moisture Testing** – Corn and soybean moisture testing to decrease drying time and fuel costs.
 - **Enviroscape Watershed Model** - Environmental education programming tool. Interactive demonstration of the sources and effects of water pollution. Present and illustrate watershed/stormwater concept.
 - **Rainfall Simulator Tabletop Educational Program tool** -
 - **Digital wind meter educational tool** – Anemometer measures wind speed to support safe pesticide applications and reduce drift.
 - **Pivot Calibrations**
 - **Drone imagery/scouting**

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