

Stretch your feed supplies



Ammoniation of Forage Demonstration

Thursday, December 20, 2018 - 3 p.m.

University of Missouri Extension Specialists will provide a **FREE** demonstration at the Craig Bennett farm on Thursday, December 20 at 3:00 pm.

Steps and precautions for ammoniation will be discussed. As well as examples of forages before and after the ammoniation process. This demonstration is **free** to any one interested in improving low-quality forage to stretch short feed supply for live-stock.

Directions to the Bennett Farm:

From Pomona: Turn left onto P Highway. (at Conoco Station). Travel 3.75 miles to Z Highway. Turn right on Z Highway and travel about 4.5 miles to AA Highway. Turn right on AA Highway. The farm is the first place on the left.

From Willow Springs: Take Z Highway. Go 3.5 miles to AA Highway.

Look for the signs that will be out near the farm.

Contact Howell County Extension Center for more information: 417-256-2391

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***Ammoniated hay is low-quality hay treated with a maximum of 60 pounds of anhydrous ammonia per ton of hay. After three weeks, the ammonia treatment is complete, and the hay is acceptable quality. Ammonia treatment has been shown to improve the digestibility of low-quality hays, even straw. Recent work conducted at MU showed that aftermath from tall fescue seed fields could be treated with ammonia to provide a good maintenance feed for overwintering beef cows. Also, work at MU showed that ammoniated tall fescue is about five times less toxic than the pasture, even if hay is infected. The toxins partly break down during the curing and ammoniation process. Always make sure hay is low quality before ammoniation. If the hay is high quality, it can become toxic after ammonia treatment and cause crazy cow syndrome when fed.**