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Trich Testing Regulations Change

Most of you are aware about the trich testing regulations that the Texas Animal Health Commission has put in place to manage the disease. However, there have been some recent changes come about that you might be unaware of. If you have any further questions about trich testing your bulls feel free to contact myself or your veterinarian.

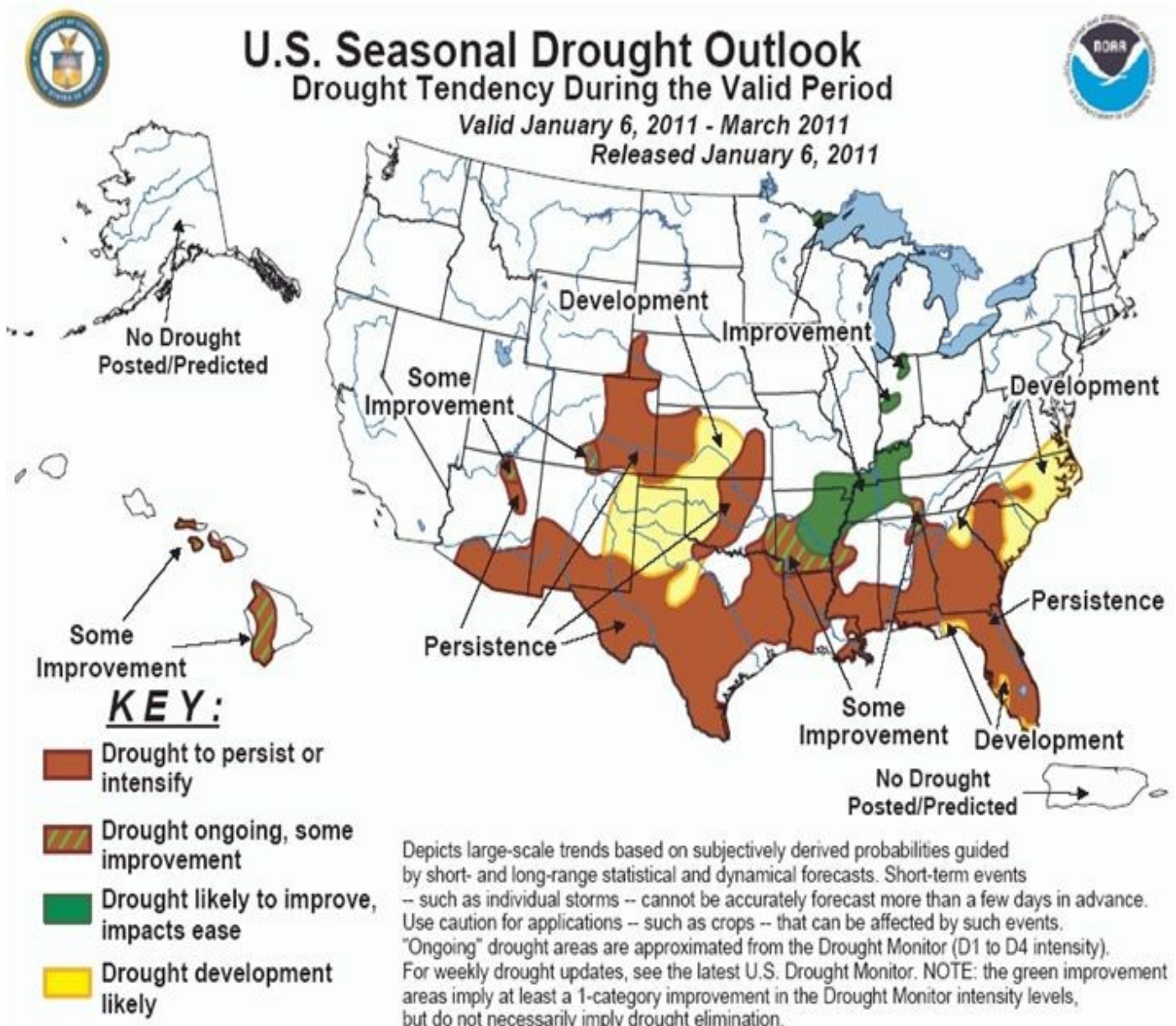


Revisions to the current regulations are:

- A negative cattle trichomoniasis test will now be valid for 60 days provided that the bull is kept separate from female cattle during that time. Additionally, the test may be transferred within that time frame with the original signature of the consignor.
- A virgin certificate is now valid for 60 days provided that the bull is kept separate from female cattle. A virgin certificate may now also be transferred within that timeframe with the original signature of the consignor.
- Revised entry requirements now exempt out-of-state breeding bulls from an entry trichomoniasis test, if they come from a Certified Semen Service (CSS) artificial insemination facility, where they are isolated from female cattle. The bulls must be accompanied by documents with an original signature by the veterinarian or manager of the facility.
- Revised regulations now allow untested, non-virgin Texas bulls to be sold and moved to a trichomoniasis certified feedlot prior to slaughter. Under previous regulations, untested, non-virgin bulls were allowed to be sold *only* for direct movement to slaughter. This change does not apply to non-Texas origin bulls. Producers may also still purchase untested bulls for movement under a TAHC-issued hold order /permit to a location away from female cattle, where the bull is to be tested for Trich.
- Commission veterinarians will now notify producers by letter when an infected bull is identified on an adjacent premise. Neighbors will not be required to test however, only informed of the situation.

Possible Drought Conditions for Early 2011

According to the latest long term forecast Calhoun County should be clear of any drought conditions. However, the surrounding areas will be affected. That being said there could be potential for drought for the early part of 2011. If this holds true it could mean that cattle will be fed hay for a little longer than normal due to forage conditions being behind schedule. I strongly encourage you to continue to watch how the scenario plays out so that you aren't caught in a bind with hungry cattle. If you have any other questions or want updates on these forecasts give me a call at the Extension Office.



Another Beef Myth Busted!

The following article was taken from the Extension Publication “Beef Cattle Browsing ” that is put out by Dr. Hammack. A common misconception of beef is that it causes girls to develop faster because of the hormones (which is not true) and that it causes prostate cancer in men. This study proves the latter statement to be false. To read the entire report go to the article at the end of the next paragraph.

EFFECT OF RED AND PROCESSED MEAT ON PROSTATE CANCER

A summary of 15 studies with red meat and 11 studies with processed meat examined relationship between those foods and prostate cancer. There was no association between high versus low red meat consumption and total prostate cancer or between red meat consumption and advanced prostate cancer. Across all studies, there was a weak association between processed meat consumption and total prostate cancer. However, considering only studies that adjusted for confounding factors, this association was attenuated. The authors concluded that “the results are not supportive of an independent positive association between red or processed meat intake and prostate cancer.” So, blanket claims that red and processed meat cause prostate cancer are not scientifically supported by the average of the studies examined in this study. (Nutrition Journal 9:50, www.nutritionj.com/content/9/1/50)



This newsletter is meant to be a tool that Calhoun County Cattlemen can utilize to increase the efficiency and profitability of their operations. If there is a topic that you want to be addressed in next month’s issue or sooner, contact Chance Crossland at the Extension Office.



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