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April showers bring May flowers! Since we last spoke it seems the outlook has changed on our moisture situation. The past few weeks has seen us hit hard with high winds and hot temps. I feel we may be looking at some scary conditions if we do not see some moisture soon. As I am writing this, a cool front has set in and it feels pretty darn good outside currently. As we move into summer its important to keep in mind that historically this is when we enter a dry period without much moisture. This is when we should start planning ahead and keep things in mind like heat stress on cattle, contracting hay for the winter, mineral supplementation, and stay ever vigilant against predators. On our sheep and goat side it's a good time to think about our stomach worm issues, shearing, and marketing offspring for sale. With that being said, I continue to pray for rain and strong markets for us all.

I received an email the other day that contained a link to an article stating that Scimetrics Ltd. has withdrawn its registration for KAPUT the feral hog bait. I will have the link listed below this paragraph for each of you to follow and read at your convenience. I remain optimistic that we will see some additional control measures in the future for feral hogs and I think its important to remember to stay focused on what we do have currently to combat the problem. Snaring, trapping, flying, and becoming active in our local predator board is the best we thing we can do currently. Call our office anytime if you wish to become involved or have any questions.

Here is the link to the article as promised:

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/scimetrics-ltd-corp-withdraws-texas-registration-of-kaput-feral-hog-bait-300444616.html>

In closing, I am working with Sam Jetton, Texas Tech Junction, The Upper Llanos Prescribed Burn Association, and the Upper Llanos Soil and Water Conservation District on a Prescribed Burn Certification Course to be held here in Junction August 2nd through 5th. If this is something you might be interested in please stay tuned for further details as they become available. We will also be hosting some Lonestar Healthy Streams Workshops at TTJ this summer for those of you needing CEU'S.

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