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A University of Missouri Extension livestock specialist, Shawn Deering, is recommending hay baled this summer during the drought be tested for feed quality.



Deering says damaged hay may be overmature and short on nutrients. He said hay may appear to be good---but not have the feed quality for cows to have a strong calf and rebreed for the next calf crop.

Deering said the good news is supplemental feed should cost less this winter as distillers byproduct feeds will be more plentiful, and many sources of supplements are available. Deering was among the speakers last week at the Field Day at the University of Missouri Thompson Farm west of Spickard.

In a ceremony at the Field Day, a portrait of George Gates of Bethany was unveiled. Gates is a former chairman of the Thompson Farm advisory board.

Farm manager, Jon Schreffler, received a plaque for 35 years at the farm. He went from a worker at the farm to its manager. He replaced David McAtee who retired.