

WEIGH TRAILER AVAILABLE

A weigh trailer is available to Eastern Region agents for use in programming to assist beef and dairy producers in attaining information with regard to hay production and purchases. Guessing weights can be misleading; this will make forage purchases and sales more accurate for both buyers and sellers. Recently, bales were weighed on a Blount County farm and weights were guessed and missed by 200 pounds. Much information and education is needed in the area of forage production given the input costs and value of hay.

This trailer was purchased for the Biofuels Initiative and will be utilized extensively during switchgrass harvest. This can be a useful tool throughout the year.

The trailer is kept at and will need to be returned to Jon Walton's farm at:

2002 Leeper Ferry Road
Friendsville, TN 37737

Please make certain the electronics accompany the trailer. These can be left at the Blount County Extension office if no one is available when the trailer is dropped off.



Rules and Guidelines for Use of Weigh Trailer

- Use 2 5/16 inch hitch ball
- Use 1/2 ton or larger truck to tow
- Check operation of brake lights and turn signals before towing
- Secure load cell cables before transport
- Replace cable caps when finished weighing
- Keep scale user interface unit stored in its' case and out of the elements when not in use
- Load cells and weigh table can be removed from trailer and placed on smooth level surface for use with 3-point bale spear
- Operating manual located in unit case
- Insure user interface battery is adequately charged prior to use if no other source of power is available
- Trailer may be picked up on day prior to use and should be returned within one day after use
- Contact Ken Goddard (865-441-1123) or Jon Walton (865-386-6702) to schedule use