Beef & Forage Field Day at MTREC

The Middle TN AgResearch Center in Spring Hill along with the South Central Extension Team invites you to our Beef & Forage Field Day on September 23rd from 8:30am - 3:30pm CST. This field day will provide a way to educate producers on some of the newest technologies as well as provide updates on current production practices. It will also be an opportunity for producers to see resources first hand that support the beef and forage industry. I have attached a copy of the program and poster.

Topics include:

- Transforming Grazing Management with Temporary Fence (Dr. Katie Mason)
- Forage Management Recommendation Practices in Tennessee (Dr. Renata Nave Oakes)
- Improving Forage Production: A Discussion on Summer Annuals, Fertility, and Weed Control (Brett Jones, Agronomy Specialist w/GreenPoint Ag)
- Leveraging Precision Livestock Farming Technologies for Genetic Improvement (Dr. Troy Rowan)
- Immune Health, Disease Incidence, and Performance in Preconditioned vs. Naive Stocker Calves (Claire Hunker)
- Elevated Body Temperature: Friend Turned Foe Depending on Time of the Year (Dr. Lanette Edwards & Megan Mills)
- Genetics and Economics of Cow Re-breeding Phenotypes (Cassidy Catrett)

Cost for public attendees will be $10/person to cover lunch. Click here to register!

This event will also be in conjunction with our 2022-2023 Bull Development & Evaluation Program Open House.

This event will also be a part of the Fall Giles/Lawrence/Maury Counties Master Beef Producer Class.

A big thank you to our major sponsors: H&R Agri-Power, TriGreen Equipment, Corteva Agriscience, Columbia Kubota, GreenPoint Ag, and United Farm & Home Co-op

Location address: 1000 Main Entrance Dr., Spring Hill, TN 37174

For more information, please visit the MTREC website. We hope to see you there!

Master Beef Producer Classes

For the upcoming 2022 TAEP, anyone who has completed the Master Beef Producer Program in 2019 or after are current in their certification and eligible at the Masters Level of 50% cost-
share. If you are not current in your certification or have never taken the class there are several Master Beef Producer Classes that are scheduled.

There will be 2 face-to-face opportunities this fall for producers to complete the Tennessee Master Beef Producer Class.

1. **Weekend Version**—Thursday evening Sept. 22 and Friday all day Sept. 23. The location will be at the Middle Tennessee Research & Education Center in Spring Hill. On Friday we will use the Beef & Forage Field Day as part of our class.


There will also be a daytime class held in January on three consecutive Wednesdays—Jan. 18, 25 and Feb. 1. These classes will start at 8am and conclude each day at 2pm. The classes will rotate between Pulaski—Lawrenceburg—Columbia.

A fall virtual class will be offered as well by the UT Extension Beef Specialists beginning on October 4. The 2022 Master Beef Fall Webinar Series will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 PM Eastern/5:30 PM Central, starting October 4th and ending November 3rd, for a total of 10 webinars.

The cost for the Face-to-Face Classes will be $100 with current BQA Certification. The cost for the virtual class will be $50 with current BQA Certification. To remain at the Master’s Level of TAEP (50% cost-share) producers must be current in their Master Beef Producer Certification at the time of the TAEP project cost share reimbursement request. The BQA certification must be current at the time of application (Oct.1-7th). Please make sure your BQA Certification is current before applying for TAEP.

**2022-2023 TAEP Highlights**

The 2022-2023 TAEP Applications are currently available. **The application period is October 1-7.** Some notable changes to this year’s program:

1. Hay Storage is back and Hay Equipment will return in 2023-2024.
2. The rate for reimbursement for Hay Storage and Permanent Working Structure has been increased to $4 per square foot at the Master’s Level.
3. The Herd Health Program has increased in maximum to $6,000
4. Livestock Trailers & Wick Applicators have been added to the equipment list of eligible items.
5. Beginning Farmer minimum requirements have been adjusted to 5-29 head of cattle/10-49 head of small ruminants & 25-99 acres of hay.
Please don’t hesitate to reach out with any questions or to check on your Master Beef and BQA Certification status.

ANNUAL RYEGRASS AND SMALL GRAINS PROVIDE EXTENDED GRAZING AND FORAGE OPPORTUNITIES - Planting date are now

Small grain crops are widely used in Tennessee for pasture, silage and hay. These crops produce high-quality forage during the fall, winter, and spring. Including ryegrass will result in growth longer into the spring, while adding crimson or arrowleaf clover will decrease the amount of nitrogen that needs to be applied. All these crops are cool season annual plants, meaning they germinate in the fall, grow during the fall, winter and spring and then die in the late spring or early summer. Even though these crops live for only one year, they have potential for use in several ways. Click here for additional information and planting guide.

Extension Fall Festival

The Lawrence County Extension Staff have planned a Fall Festival to be held at the Extension Office on Tuesday, October 25 beginning at 5:30pm. We are inviting all of the folks that partner and/or participate in Extension programing to come and enjoy a fun filled evening with food, games and the opportunity to watch an outdoor Halloween themed (PG Rated) movie.

Thanks,

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