

Master Farm Manager Class Scheduled

A Master Farm Manager Class will be offered this January for Lawrence County Producers. It will be the first opportunity for local producers to take the class in a face-to-face format. The class will be held on 3 consecutive Wednesdays beginning January 17 and ending January 31. These classes will be from 9am-- 2pm each day and the locations of the classes will rotate between Spring Hill, Pulaski and Lawrenceburg. The Master Farm Manager Program focuses on utilizing solid business principles and resources on the farm. Unlike commodity specific Masters programs like Beef, Crop, Poultry, Small Ruminant and Dairy, the Master Farm Manager Program delves into the business part of operating a farm. We will cover topics ranging from Developing a Business Plan to Farm Transition Planning to Tax Planning to Record Keeping to Regulatory Issues to Timber Taxes and Basis. We have secured a host of excellent speakers that include UT Extension Specialist, Industry Experts and Legal Experts. One of the added benefits of attending the Master Farm Manager Class and gaining the Master Farm Manager Certification is the TAEP 50% benefit for all commodities. In other words, a producer that has both beef cattle and poultry houses can use the MFM Certification to apply for either of the TAEP beef grants or the poultry grants. Masters certifications issued in 2020 or after are good for the present 2023-2024 TAEP and certifications issues in 2021 or after will be good for next year's 2024-2025 TAEP. The cost of the Master Farm Manager Class is \$125. Attached is the registration form. We hope to have the entire schedule complete the first week of January.

Farming Fundamentals Class Scheduled

A Farming Fundamentals Class will be offered this February for Lawrence County Producers. Like the Master Farm Manager Class this will be the first opportunity for local producers to take this class in a face-to-face format. The class will be held on 4 consecutive Thursday evenings beginning on February, 8 and ending on February 29. These classes will be from 5-8pm each day and the locations of the classes will rotate between Spring Hill, Pulaski, Lewisburg and Lawrenceburg. The Farming Fundamentals Class is geared toward the new farmers that are beginning a new venture into agriculture. Some of the topics that will be covered include; Understanding the Greenbelt Law and Agriculture Sales Tax Exemptions, Value Added and Marketing, Specialty Crops, Federal Agricultural Programs, Basics of Vegetable and Fruit Production, Livestock Production Considerations, Poultry, Fence Laws and Forage Production. For those interested, this class will allow for participants to earn the UT Farming Fundamentals Certification which is one of the classes required for the "Beginning Farmer Option" for TAEP. The cost of the Farming Fundamentals Class is \$125. Attached registration form. We hope to have the entire schedule complete the first part of January.

Lawrence County Producers Eligible for Drought Assistance

*****Don't Forget to contact the Lawrence County Farm Service Agency to sign-up before January 31!!!
Call 762-6913-ext. 2 ASAP to make an appointment!!!**

Lawrence County Reaches Drought Standards for Farm Service Agency Assistance — U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) - FSA in Lawrence County has announced that ranchers and livestock producers can apply for assistance from [the Livestock Forage Disaster Program \(LFP\)](#) for grazing losses incurred in 2023.

Drought conditions in Lawrence County have triggered availability of the Livestock Forage Disaster Program. LFP provides compensation to livestock producers who have suffered grazing losses due to drought. Producers are encouraged to contact the FSA Office for an appointment and to learn what records they need to have on hand to apply for assistance.

The program covers full season improved pasture, warm season improved pasture, cool season improved pasture, native pasture, forage sorghum, short season small grains, long season small grains, annual crabgrass and annual ryegrass. For losses due to drought, an eligible livestock producer must own or lease grazing land or pastureland physically located in a county meeting drought intensity criteria rated by the U.S. Drought Monitor. A list of eligible counties for LFP drought may be found on the [FSA website](#).

Eligible livestock include alpacas, beef cattle, buffalo/bison, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, reindeer or sheep that have been or would have been grazing the eligible grazing land or pastureland during the normal grazing period.

Producers must provide a completed application and supporting documents to their FSA office within 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the grazing loss occurred. Applicants should collect records documenting their losses and evidence that the grazing land or pastureland is owned or leased. Additional supporting documents include federal grazing permits and contract grower agreements.

For more information, or to make an appointment, contact the Lawrence County FSA office at 931-762-6913 Ext 2. Additional USDA disaster assistance information can be found on farmers.gov, including USDA resources specifically for producer impacted by [drought](#) and [wildfire](#) and the [Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool](#), [Disaster-at-a-Glance fact sheet](#), and [Farm Loan Discovery Tool](#). For FSA and Natural Resources Conservation Service programs, producers should contact their local [USDA Service Center](#). For assistance with a crop insurance claim, producers and landowners should contact their [crop insurance agent](#). Attached is the fact Sheet describing the “LFP” – Livestock Disaster Program.

Virtual Tennessee Master Horse Program

A virtual Tennessee Master Horse Program will be offered this winter on 8 consecutive Thursday evenings beginning on January 11 and ending on March 7. The class will be each evening from 6-7:30pm. Registration link here--- [Registration Link Here](#)
Early bird registration before 12/31/2023 -- \$165



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Upcoming Events and Programs:

UT Performance Tested Bull Sale Spring Hill	Thurs. Jan. 11	Noon	MTREC in
Master Farm Manager Class Rotate	Wed. Jan. 17/18/31	9am-2pm	Classes
SCET Row Crop Meeting Spring Hill	Mon. Jan. 22	9am	MTREC
Lawrence/Wayne County Cattleman's Assoc. Annual Meeting	TBA		
Farming Fundamentals Class Rotate	Thurs. Feb. 8/15/22/29	5pm-8pm	Classes
Tennessee Cattlemen's Assoc. Co Ag Expo Convention TN	Sat. Feb. 10	All Day	Williamson Franklin,

***** The Lawrence County Extension Office will be closed from Friday, December 22 until Tuesday, January 2.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!!

2024 Farming Fundamentals Class

February 8/15/22/29

5-8pm each evening

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Farming Fundamentals _____
February 8/15/22/29

Registration Fees: _____ \$125 individual --- Certification Included
\$50 extra for guest of individual --- Certification Not Included
\$25 late fee--registrations after February 7

Please make checks payable to: University of Tennessee

Extension Office use only:

PAID Cash _____ Ck# _____

Date: _____

Initials: _____



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2024 Master Farm Manager Class

January 17-24-31

9am-2pm each day

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Master Farm Manager _____
January 17/24/31

Registration Fees: _____ \$125 individual --- Certification Included
\$25 extra for guest of individual --- Certification Not Included
\$25 late fee--registrations after January 16

Please make checks payable to: University of Tennessee

Extension Office use only:

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Date: _____

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