

## Lawrence County Extension Program Update

### Lawrence/Wayne County Cattlemen's Association Annual Meeting

The Lawrence/Wayne County Cattlemen's Association Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, **February 1st -- 5:30pm at the Lawrence County High School Cafeteria**. Farm Animal Care Coalition of Tennessee Executive Director, Kevin Ferguson will be the featured speaker. The business part of the meeting will consist of the announcement of the 2025 scholarship winner(s) and the presentation of the 2024 scholarships. The highlight of the evening will be the announcement of the 2025 Cattlemen of the Year. Reservations need to be made before Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> by calling either the Lawrence County Extension Office at 762-5506 or the Wayne County Extension Office at 722-3229. You can also email in your reservation to [ibryant1@utk.edu](mailto:ibryant1@utk.edu) **It is extremely important to call in your reservation to insure we have enough food for everyone in attendance.**

### Virtual Self-Paced Master Beef Producer Class

We have been given the approval to offer a Virtual Master Beef Producer Class for those who maybe interested.

Below is a link to **register, pay and complete** the on-line master beef class. The cost is \$100. Once you click on the link below *read and follow all instructions very carefully* to move through registration process.

This is a work at your own pace type of program. There are approximately 60 videos (See the list attached for your convenience or find the video playlist in the link below) from which you can choose. You have to watch 7 to become certified. *Please choose each video from a different category (which are listed in Title in parentheses)*. Once you have watched 7 videos, complete the survey found in the link. Be sure to check which 7 videos you watched when completing the survey. There is an option to save/print your registration so that you can reference it for the completion survey.

Once you have registered, paid, watched the 7 videos, and completed the survey, we will send you your master beef certificate to the email provided during registration.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Lawrence County Extension Office at 762-5506.

Here is the link:

[tiny.utk.edu/LawCoTNMasterBeefOnline](https://tiny.utk.edu/LawCoTNMasterBeefOnline)

Once your registration has been received! Please go to the following links for payment of \$100 registration fees and to view the training videos. Do not forget about the completion survey and email. Thank you for your participation! Please proceed to the following links to complete

1. **Payment** \*be sure to select correct class \$100  
<https://tiny.utk.edu/LawCoAgPaylink>
2. **Video Playlist:** <https://tiny.utk.edu/mbp60>
3. **Completion Survey:** <https://tiny.utk.edu/MBPonline>
4. **Email** Tina Gean at [tgean@utk.edu](mailto:tgean@utk.edu)

*Subject: TNMBP-online Program Complete - "Your First/Last Name".*

## Virtual Master Small Ruminant Producer Class

A virtual Master Small Ruminant Producer Class is scheduled to begin next month on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> and continuing each Thursday for 10 weeks, ending on Thursday, April 10. The classes will be Zoomed live each Thursday evening from 5:30pm-8pm.

The registration fee is \$100. Register at the Lawrence County Extension Office. Attached is a flyer with more information.

## Farming Fundamentals Class Scheduled

A Farming Fundamentals Class will be offered this February for Lawrence County Producers. The class will be held on 4 consecutive Thursday evenings beginning on February, 6 and ending on February 27. These classes will be from 5-8pm each day and the locations of the classes will rotate between Lawrenceburg, Lewisburg, Spring Hill & Pulaski. 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 is the registration form. We hope to have the entire schedule complete the first part of January.

A direct link to register and pay on-line –

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2RNYUX1x3UWeypqhnAnW-S2ivf97EoRHm0btJuwXe6JUNFM5RVhBS0VPTFg50EtHSTBTVVZaT1ZINC4u>

## Row Crop Update

The South Central Extension Team has scheduled a Row Crop Update for Monday, January 27 at the Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center beginning at 9am. UT Extension Field Crop Weed Specialist, Dr. Larry Steckel will kick the meeting off with a herbicide update. Other UT Extension Crop and Marketing Specialists will also provide timely updates and a sponsored lunch will conclude the meeting. Certification points will be available for private applicators, commercial applicators and for **Master Row Producer**. A schedule is attached with more specific information and a link to register for the class or you can go to this link to register. --- <https://tiny.utk.edu/RowCropUpdate>

The 2024 Corn and Soybean Standardized Test are now available on the UT Row Crop web-site. Go to --- [UT Variety Trials](#)

The 2025 Weed Control has just been uploaded on the UT Crops Website ---- [PB1580 2025 Weed Control Manual for Tennessee](#) Hard Copies are being mailed and we should have them in the Extension Office soon.

A reminder that producers who applied for the 2024 TAEP will now be required to have a “Master’s Certification” in order to be qualified for the TAEP reimbursement. There is no longer a 35% cost-share level. For those who need a “Master’s Certification”, there are multiple options available. I recently went through the list of Lawrence County Producers who were approved for the 2024 Row Crop Solutions TAEP and emailed those of you who will need to complete a Masters Class in order to be eligible to receive your approved Row Crop Solutions TAEP 50% cost share. Below are the options you have for Masters Certification.

1. Master Row Crop Producer --- Virtual Option --- 12 credit hours --- Register at the Extension Office for the links to the virtual library of topics. Once registered participants can watch the required pre-recorded videos at your own pace --- Cost --\$100