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To: Lawrence County Producers

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RE: Fall Newsletter

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 annual Beef & Forage Field Day on September 23rd from 8am - 3pm CST. This field day will provide a way to educate producers on some of the newest technologies in precision livestock as well as provide updates on current production practices. It will also be an opportunity for producers to see resources firsthand that support the beef and forage industry.

The Field Day Schedule is below:

8am	Registration/Visit Vendor Tents
9am-11am Corral	Stockman in Practice: Safe & Effective Cattle Handling in a Portable Corral Wesley Gilliam, Beef Research Specialist Claire Hunkler, PLF Coordinator Kevin Thompson, Research Center Director Dr. Lew Strickland, UT Extension Veterinarian Dr. Saulo Zoca, UT Extension Beef Cattle Specialist
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From Slump to Bump: Boosting Summer Forage with Warm-Season Grasses

Dr. Bruno C. Pedreira, UT Extension Forage Specialist

Forage Plantain Gains and Pains in New Zealand Dairy Systems

Dr. Mike Dodd, Senior Scientist New Zealand

To register for the field day go to the following link: [Beef and Forage Field Day 2025](#)

This event will also be a part of the Fall Giles/Lawrence/Maury Counties Master Beef Producer 2-day Class. Registration for the MBP Class will also include your registration for the field day. Location address: 1000 Main Entrance Dr., Spring Hill, TN 37174

In addition to the Annual Beef & Forage Field Day Event on Tuesday, September 23 there will also be another Field Day the next day on Wednesday, September 24, primarily looking at the Precision Livestock Technologies that are going on at MTREC. There is no registration fee for this day. The agenda is below:

8am-8:45am	Welcome and Breakfast
8:45am-9am	UT AgResearch and UT Extension Introduction
9am-9:30am	UTIA PLF Team Introductions and Brief Overview
9:30am-11am	Panel Discussion with a Moderator
11am-12:30pm	Load Wagon and Travel to PLF Pastures

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Master Beef Producer Classes

For the upcoming 2025 TAEP, anyone who has completed the Master Beef Producer Program or one of the other qualified master's programs in 2022 or after are current in their certification. **BQA is no longer required to apply for TAEP** and will become part of the Master Beef Producer Class. An approved master's certification will now be required at the time of re-imbursement and all TAEP grants will be paid at the 50% level. If you are not current in your certification or have never taken the class before we have a 2-day class option:

2 Day Version---Monday evening Sept. 22 and Tuesday all day Sept. 23. The location will be at the Middle Tennessee Research & Education Center in Spring Hill. On Tuesday we will use the Beef & Forage Field Day as part of our class.

The cost for the Face-to-Face Classes will be \$125.

To register stop by the Extension Office and complete the registration application that is attached or go to this website ---<https://tiny.utk.edu/TNMasterBeefProducerFall2025>

Other Masters Options for Producers

Master Farm Manager ---- Most likely there will be a face-to-face class offered in January and typically the state offers a virtual/hybrid class every year.

Master Farm Family Health & Wellness ---- Most Likely the state will offer a virtual/hybrid class in 2026.

Master Forage Producer ---- This is the newest master's program. Certification can be achieved in a variety of ways from attending planned Forage Field Days to virtual and hybrid options. For more information on the Master Forage Producer Program go to the following website --- [Tennessee Master Forage Program | UT Beef & Forage Center](#)

Master Horse Owner --- Most likely the state will offer a virtual/hybrid class in 2026.

Master Row Crop Producer --- On-line virtual option available.

Master Commercial Poultry Producer --- On-line virtual option available.

Farming Fundamentals --- for those that would qualify for the "Beginning Farmer" -- there is an on-line virtual option and our SCET will most likely plan a face-to-face class in February.

2025-2026 TAEP Highlights

The 2025/26 TAEP Applications are now available to review online --- at the TAEP homepage

www.tn.gov/taep. Just like last year, applications can only be submitted online. There will be no paper booklet applications available, and producers will not be able to submit applications through regular mail. Applicants must have a valid email address, internet access and an electronic device to apply online. If you do not currently have an email address you can establish one or use a family member's address. **The TAEP application period is October 1-7.** For those who may need assistance in applying online you can contact the Extension Office at 762-5506 and schedule a time to come by for assistance.

Some notable changes to this year's program:

1. Equids (horses, donkeys & mules) have been added as an eligible livestock for Hay Storage, Livestock Equipment & Livestock Solutions. Applicants must operate a commercial equine business involved in breeding, training, and/or boarding and the minimum number of head required is 20.
2. The Livestock Solutions program has reduced the minimum number of head required for beef cattle from 100 to 30 and small ruminant from 150 to 50.
3. Livestock trailers and rotary cutter/pasture clippers have been moved from the equipment program to the livestock solutions program. The length of livestock trailers has also been reduced to a minimum of 10 feet to better accommodate small ruminants and equine.
4. In the genetics program all bulls must now have eligible GE-EPD's between October 1, 2025 and date of purchase.

5. 5. Hay Equipment minimum requirement is now based on 100 acres of hay production (1st cutting only).
6. 6. There are some other minor changes so be sure to thoroughly read application A to make sure you fully understand what is available.

Private Applicator Pesticide Certification

Pesticide continuing education

For those of you with a Class 1 Private Applicator pesticide license, you likely have received a letter from the TN Department of Agriculture, informing you of continuing education credits now required from the state to keep your license current. For most license holders, you will need 3 points by June 30, 2026. After the first of the year, I will be offering multiple opportunities for certified applicators to earn their needed points prior to the deadline of June 30, 2026.

Calendar of Events

September

9/19	Lawrenceburg Bridle & Saddle Club "Ride Day"	
9/18-9/27	Middle Tennessee District Fair	
9/21	MTDF Jr. Horse Show	1pm
9/22	MTDF Sheep Show	5pm
9/23	MTDF Dairy and Dairy Goat Show	5pm
9/24	MTDF Jr. Meat Goat Show	5pm
9/25	MTDF Open Beef Show 1	5pm
9/26	MTDF Open Beef Show 2	5pm
9/27	MTDF Jr. Beef Show	3pm
9/27	MTDF 4-H Ham Sale	6pm
9/22-9/23	Master Beef Producer Class	
9/23	Beef & Forage Field Day	MTREC
9/24	Precision Livestock Technologies Field Day	MTREC
9/18-9/27	Middle Tennessee District Fair	
9/26	Alabama Grazing Academy	Lexington, AL

October

10/1-10/7	TAEP Application	
10/1 Office	Tennessee Valley Ag. Club Luncheon	State Farm Bureau
10/25	4-H Poultry Show & Sale	

TN Master Beef Producer Two Day Fall Class - September 22-23

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2025 Master Beef Producer Class

9/22 5-8pm

9/23 8:30am-4pm

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Master Beef Producer _____
September 22 & 23

Registration Fees: _____ \$125 individual --- Certification Included
\$25 extra for guest of individual --- Certification Not
Included **\$25 late fee--registrations after Sept. 18**

Please make checks payable to: University of Tennessee

Extension Office use only:

PAID Cash _____ Ck# _____

Date: _____

Initials: _____



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TN Master Beef Producer

2 Day Fall Class

September 22-23, 2025



Register and pay online:

Visit lawrence.tennessee.edu

Or scan the QR code below to get started!

Cost is \$125.00 per participant

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