

Summer 2020

Agriculture & Natural Resources Newsletter

Master Beef Program

The upcoming Master Beef Program will be held as an online Zoom series this year to help qualify producers for **TN Agricultural Enhancement Program** and provide opportunities to improve their unique cattle operation. Sessions will be held in October/November and registration will be provided at a later date. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.



Master Small Ruminant Program

The Master Small Ruminant program will be held as an online Zoom series beginning in August to help sheep and goat producers increase knowledge of management practices towards profitability and sustainability. You can register and learn more here: [UT Extension Small Ruminant](#).

Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP)

CFAP is accepting applications through August 28th, 2020. All producers of agricultural commodities are eligible and more information is located here: farmers.gov/cfap



Tennessee Department of Agriculture

TDA is aware of citizens receiving unsolicited foreign seeds in the mail. Please contact us immediately or you can learn how to report or what to do with the seeds [HERE](#).

Pesticide Safety Education Program

Don't forget to gather your private applicator re-certification by September 30th, 2020. This certification is required to purchase restricted-use pesticides in the state of Tennessee: PSEP



Agriculture Timely Tips!



This summer we have experienced sporadic rain events, from constant rain to drought. These environmental factors can cause diseases, reduce oxygen and nutrient availability, and ultimately reduced yields. In order to have a successful garden no matter the weather, it is crucial to maintain even moisture throughout the summer. General rule of thumb: Gardens require 1 to 1.5 inches of water per week. Visit UTHORT.com



Don't give up on fly control as the late summer may merit combined methods for adequate control of fly populations. Also be sure to check your water supply frequently as high-producing cows may require as much as 20 gallons in the summer heat. Friendly reminder for cattlemen to update their Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) certification, which is due at the time of application for the TDA funded Ag Enhancement (TAEP).



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