

Spring 2021

Agriculture & Natural Resources Newsletter

TN Healthy Hardwoods Field Day

All private forest landowners and foresters are invited to attend the *April 17th* Field Day held at the UT Arboretum. This years theme is 'Special Forest Products' and there is no cost to participants. Be sure to register in advance: **TN Healthy Hardwoods**



acbeekeepers.org

Beekeepers Field Day

The Anderson County Beekeepers Association invites you to the annual Beekeeper Field Day on *April 10* from 10:00am - 3:00pm. This event is free and open to public for all those interested. Please pre-register with Cathy at clowden@comcast.net.

TN Master Beekeeping Program

Registration is now open for the virtual Master Beekeeping Program that will be held on Thursday evenings from *April 22nd* to *July 8th*. This 12 week series (must attend at least 10 sessions for certification and TN Ag Enhancement Program) meets from 7:00pm - 8:30pm EST and costs \$125 per participant. Sign up soon!



More information can be found at:
tiny.utk.edu/apiculture



Smart Yard- A yard that is in tune with the local environment for the benefit of both people and our ecosystem. Learn about sustainable landscaping practices from UT Extension experts at your own pace and certify your own yard at tnyards.utk.edu.

Third Thursdays with Plants

Live, webinar sessions focused on all things horticulture and open to ALL.
Monthly sessions at 11:00am

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP

May 20th: Heirloom vegetables for TN
June 24th: What is a sustainable landscape?

Agriculture Timely Tips



Safe Planting Dates Oak Ridge: April 28th Norris: May 9th

According to 30-year NOAA weather data where only a 10% chance of a frost (<32 F) after date.

Here are a few spring tasks to perform in your garden:

- Follow soil test advice for pre-plant fertilization
- Be sure to purchase disease resistant varieties and healthy stocky, dark green seedlings
- Fungicides are a preventative action used along with sanitation and crop rotation
- Control early weeds to combat insect and disease pressure
- Scout often for pests and diseases by checking leaf undersides and interior leaves



Record keeping is key to a successful cow/calf enterprise. Start by monthly recording all cow purchases, sales, deaths and movements among pastures. Prepare a budget to determine the cost of producing a calf as this will help towards marketing. And set goals whether its improving your handling facility or transitioning from a year-round to short-season calving. Below are a few spring tasks to consider:

- Prepare for start of hay harvest and water for grazing season
- Assess opportunity for weed control and warm-season grass
- Consult with your veterinarian on the vaccines and health products for your herd

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and resource development.

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