

Summer 2021

## Agriculture & Natural Resources Newsletter

### Master Beef Producer Program

The Fall Master Beef Program will begin mid-September and will utilize a hybrid approach to certify producers at their own comfort level. This program will provide techniques to improve each unique cattle operation, qualify producers for TAEP funds, and help folks get started on the right hoof. The Northeast TN Beef Expo will also be available for folks to attend toward Master Beef credit. Registration and more information will be provided soon. Reach out to us if you are unsure about your **Master Beef** or **Beef Quality Assurance** status or if you have any questions about the program.



### Anderson County Master Gardener Program

The Master Gardener training takes place every spring and will begin in February at the UT Arboretum come 2022. Until then, look for us at our local farmers markets as we field various horticulture and gardening questions.

[tiny.utk.edu/AndersonMG](http://tiny.utk.edu/AndersonMG)



### Disease Pressure in the Landscape or Garden?

Whether its branch dieback in your Leyland Cypress or leaf spots on your tomatoes, our extension office is here to help diagnose and provide the best possible solution in managing these diseases or environmental issues.



**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](http://tnyards.utk.edu).

## Third Thursdays with Plants

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

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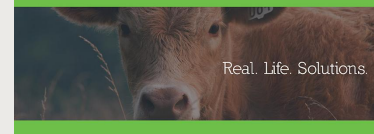
*July 15th:* Small fruits & Lavender  
*August 19th:* Bringing sustainable home in our landscapes

## Agriculture Timely Tips



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

- Be sure to harvest fruits and vegetables in a timely manner for best quality and to reduce pest issues from building up
- Manage irrigation as needed, while preventing leaf wetness and overhead watering
- Manage vegetable nutrition through side dressing and **in-season fertilizer applications**
- Be sure not to fertilize blueberries after July
- Prepare soils for fall cool-season crops and crop rotate
- Prevent those late season weeds from going to seed
- Consider planting a cover crop in September like Buckwheat



Interested in joining our monthly cattle email list? Let us know! Here are a few summer tasks to consider for your operation:

- Minimize pinkeye problems by clipping pastures, controlling face flies, and providing shade
- Combine different methods for better control of flies
- Check pastures for wild cherry trees as the leaves are toxic
- Remember that as much as 20 gallons may be required by high-producing cows in summer
- Keep a free-choice mineral mix available at all times
- Determine species and varieties to be seeded in the fall.
- Join us during the **Northeast TN Beef Expo** on October 7-8

Programs in agriculture and natural resources,  
4-H youth development, family and consumer sciences,  
and resource development.

University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture,  
U.S. Department of Agriculture and county governments cooperating.  
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