

Spring 2022

Agriculture & Natural Resources Newsletter

Organic Farming and Gardening Field Day

Whether you're interested in learning how to establish a raised garden bed at home or wanting to improve your commercial production, you'll find that this Field Day has something to offer for everyone. The event takes place *April 28th* from 9:00am - 3:00pm at the Organic Crops Unit of the East TN Research and Education Center. Be sure to register in advance at: tiny.utk.edu/organic2022

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FARMING
AND
GARDENING
FIELD DAY**

APRIL 28, 2022
9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. EDT



acbeekeepers.org

Beekeepers Field Day

The Anderson County Beekeepers Association invites you to the annual Beekeeper Field Day on *April 16th* from 10:00am - 3:00pm. This event is free and open to public for all those interested. **Please pre-register by emailing: pleiby@gmail.com**

TN Master Beekeeping Program

Registration is now open for the Master Beekeeping Program with two nearby opportunities:

May 26-27 in Maryville, TN

June 23-24 in Jamestown, TN

This program is for all beekeepers, regardless of operation size or experience level. There are no prerequisites for this basic level class and upon completion will meet the requirements for TAEP funding.



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.

Office Hours in Horticulture

These live webinar sessions are focused on all things horticulture and open to everyone, just be sure to register!

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP

Friday, June 3rd at 10:00am
Pest and diseases found in the lawn, landscape, and garden.



Look for us at one of our local Farmers Markets

Our Anderson County Master Gardeners will be available to answer your horticulture questions from gardening to lawn care to insect ID:

Oak Ridge Farmers Market: *Saturday 8-12*

Clinton Farmers Market: *Thursday 3-6*

Norris Farmers Market: *Wednesday 3-6*

Reach out to find detailed schedule!

Agriculture Timely Tips



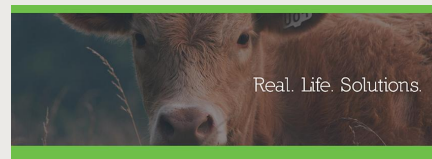
Safe Planting Dates

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
- Scout often for pests and diseases by checking leaf undersides and interior leaves



Sign up for our monthly cattle email list **HERE**. Below are a few spring tasks to consider:

- Consider replacing late calving cows and shortening your calving season to increase your returns- You can learn more about the benefits of this management strategy here: **Calving Season**
- 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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