

## Ag News and Notes

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**Middle Tennessee Grain Conference-** The annual Middle Tennessee Grain Conference has merged with the West and East TN Grain Conferences to offer one great virtual event. The grain conference will be Thursday, Feb 4, 9 am until noon with additional prerecorded sessions that can be viewed at your convenience. The schedule and speakers for the conference is listed below:

**8:45** Opening Comments

**9:00-9:46 Management Thoughts on Palmer Amaranth and Grass Control Struggles in Xtend/ Enlist Soybean**

Larry Steckel, Ph.D., Weed Specialist, UT Extension

**9:46-10:00 Q & A; Information from Sponsors**

**10:00-10:46 Moving Farm Equipment Safely**

Fred Whitford, Ph.D., Purdue Pesticide Programs, Purdue University

**10:46-11:00 Q & A; Information from Sponsors**

**11:00-11:46 Weather Risks in Production Agriculture**

Eric Snodgrass, Principal Atmospheric Scientist, Nutrien Ag Solutions

**11:46-12:00 Q & A; Conclusion**

**Pre-recorded Sessions - Commercial Applicator, CCA, and Master Row Crop points** will be available through May 2021

**Outlook 2021 – Have a Marketing Plan**

Chris Narayanan, Farm Management Area Specialist, UT Extension

**Poultry Litter...Coming to a Field Near You**

Shawn Hawkins, Ph.D., Associate Professor, UT Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science

**Fit Soybeans to your Field**

Angela McClure, Ph.D., Corn and Soybean Specialist, UT Extension

**Keeping Tennessee Farms in the Family for Future Generations**

Ron Hanson, Ph.D., Harlan Agribusiness Professor Emeritus, University of Nebraska

**It Won't Happen to Me: Farm and Equipment Safety**

Brian Robinson, State Training Coordinator, Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads

**Foliar Fungicides for Disease Control in Field Crops**

Carl Bradley, Ph.D., Plant Pathologist, University of Kentucky Extension

**Future of Pesticides**

Tom Mueller, Ph.D., Professor, UT Department of Plant Sciences

Attendees must pre-register in order to receive a Zoom invitation to the meeting. Information collected during registration will also be used to create sign-in sheets for those needing continuing education credits. Registration will be open until the day of the meeting, however, we ask that attendees register by January 31st, if possible. To register, please visit the following website: <https://www.conference.utcrops.com>. Master row crop producer program points will be offered as will pesticide and crop advisor points.

**Master Gardener Class** - This is one for all the green thumbs in the area. The master gardener class is a nine-session class covering everything from insect and disease control to vegetable gardening and lawn care. Cost for the course is \$80 which includes cost of the manual. The classes will begin at 6:00 each night and will be conducted virtually via zoom. The schedule of the class is listed below:

**Tuesday, Feb 2 – Soils, Heath Nokes, Extension Agent**

**Tuesday, Feb 9 – Sweet and Easy Fruits, Turner and Sons**

**Thursday, Feb 11 – Propagation, Dr. Anthony Witcher**

**Tuesday, Feb 16 - Bad Plants, Better Solutions Lucas Holman Ext. Agent**

**Thursday, Feb 25 - Plant Diseases, Dr. Fulya Basal-Gurel**

**Tuesday, March 2 – Vegetable Gardening, Bruce Steelman Ext. Agent**

**Thursday, March 4 – Insect Control, Amy Dismukes, Nursery Specialist**

**Tuesday, March 9 - Woody Plant and tree planting and care, Dr. Natalie Bumgarner**

**Thursday, March 11 – Lawn Care, Mr. Hank Patton**

For registration information, please contact the Extension Office or e-mail [hnokes@utk.edu](mailto:hnokes@utk.edu).

**Spring Master Beef Class Offered-** The University of Tennessee Department of Animal Science is again offering a virtual Master Beef Producer Program. Cost for the program is \$75.00 which covers access to all classes, cap and sign. To register please send check (please make checks payable to UT-TSU Extension) along with a note containing your name, address, BQA # and e-mail address to UT-TSU Extension, Warren County 201 Locust Street, Ste. 10 McMinnville. The schedule of the classes are listed below:

**Jan. 25- Weaning & Backgrounding Your Calf Crop Dr. Lawton Stewart Univ. of Georgia**

**Feb. 1 - Vaccines: Short- & Long-Term**

**Considerations for Disease Management Dr. Lew Strickland Univ. of Tennessee**

**Feb. 8 - Design Considerations for**

**Cattle Farming Systems Dr. Steve Higgins Univ. of Kentucky**

**Feb. 15 - Developing and Staying on a Grazing Management Plan Dr. Katie Mason**

**Univ. of Tennessee**

**Feb. 22 - Price Risk Management: What is it and How do I use it? Dr. Josh Maples Mississippi State -**

**Dr. James Mitchell Univ. of Arkansas**

**March 1 - Sire Selection for Commercial Cow/Calf Producers Dr. Troy Rowan Univ. of Tennessee**

**March 8 - Increasing Productivity: Finding Cows that Fit Your Environment Dr. David Lalman**

**Oklahoma State Univ.**

**March 15 - Pasture Weed Control: Short- & Long-Term Considerations Dr. Neil Rhodes Univ. of Tennessee**

**March 22 - Playing the Long Game with Reproductive Management Dr. Justin Rhinehart Univ. of Tennessee**

All classes will be held on Monday evenings beginning at 5:30 PM.

*\*All persons who completed the Master Beef Producer Program prior to 2017 are required to recertify.*

**Nursery is Big Business-** When you first saw this, I would wager that the first response was something like “wow that’s a shocker”. However, a recent survey and publication from the University of Tennessee Department of Agriculture Economics, the UT Center For Profitable Agriculture Department of Plant Sciences has revealed the total impact of the Green Industry has a \$965 million direct economic impact to the state’s economy with a total economic impact of nearly \$1.8 billion. The industry employs 13,126 directly and 19,409 when adding jobs provided by associated industries. For the complete study, please visit:  
[https://ag.tennessee.edu/arec/Documents/publications/RR\\_20\\_001\\_003.pdf](https://ag.tennessee.edu/arec/Documents/publications/RR_20_001_003.pdf)

For more information or to register for any of the above opportunities please call the UT-TSU Extension office at 931-473-8484 or [hnokes@utk.edu](mailto:hnokes@utk.edu). Please look for our fliers placed around town at the Warren Farmers CO-OP and other locations.

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