

AG NOTES
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PUBLICATIONS

Tennessee Weed Control Manuals for 2021 are in. I have a supply of hard copies here at the office available while they last.

The 2020 Corn Variety Tests in Tennessee Publication 1887 is available in hard copy form at the office as long as they last.

The 2020 Soybean Variety Tests in Tennessee Publication 1889 is available in hard copy form at the office as long as they last.

These publications can be found at utcrops.com

RECORDS

I have a supply of the Red Book IRM pocket record for beef cattle growers to use for their records. This is a very popular record book. It was developed by western states cattlemen and now provided by National Cattlemen Beed Association in Denver. The local Farm Credit office has sponsored these. They are available as long as they last.

I also have a beef cattle management calendar published by UT and it is available as long as they last.

2021 GRAIN CONFERENCE

I know I'm repeating this notice, but it is very important to all row crop growers in the county.

The Feb 4th Virtual Tennessee Grain and Soybean conference is now open for registration. It will be different this time since we are doing it virtual, but our experience with other programs has been very positive.

The new virtual conference will have some live presentations online, and then there will be classes recorded that the farmers will be able to watch and receive credit for these sessions. This format will allow us to have speakers from the grain industry across the country and also feature our own specialists and resources.

The speakers are as follows. Management Thoughts on Palmer Amaranth and Grass Control Struggles in Xtend/ Enlist Soybean will be lead by Larry Steckel, Ph.D., Weed Specialist, UT Extension. Moving Farm Equipment Safely will be discussed by Fred Whitford, Ph.D., Purdue Pesticide Programs, Purdue University. Eric Snodgrass, Principal Atmospheric Scientist, Nutrien Ag Solutions will present Weather Risks in Production Agriculture.

Recorded sessions include Have a Marketing Plan by Chris Narayanan, Farm Management Area Specialist, UT Extension. Poultry Litter Coming to a Field Near You by Shawn Hawkins, Ph.D., Associate Professor, UT Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science, will be a good session. Fit Soybeans to your Field by Angela McClure, Ph.D., Corn and Soybean Specialist, UT Extension, will be a good one also.

Keeping Tennessee Farms in the Family for Future Generations by Ron Hanson, Ph.D., Harlan Agribusiness Professor Emeritus, University of Nebraska, will include important considerations for those wanting to pass the operation on to a younger generation. It Won't Happen to Me: Farm and Equipment Safety by Brian Robinson, State Training Coordinator, Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads, features crucial safety points that may save your life.

Foliar Fungicides for Disease Control in Field Crops by Carl Bradley, Ph.D., Plant Pathologist, University of Kentucky Extension, will touch on important plant production information. The Future of

Pesticides presented by Tom Mueller, Ph.D., Professor, UT Department of Plant Sciences, will give an insight to an important issue for farmers in view of environmental concerns.

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.

There are two ways to register: 1) Follow a link on our grain conference website on the utcrops.com site. Or use this direct link to Zoom registration https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_p5pAlAP6TYe-mKkHhZDEGLA For more information contact John Teague at 685-5971 or at jteague1@utk.edu

Once each farmer is registered, they should receive a Zoom invitation to the meeting. Commercial Applicator, CCA, and Master Row Crop points will be available.

THE KIDS

I had the best weekend ever last weekend. I had both boys and our granddaughter nearly all day Saturday. We started out with a stop at the local convenience market to get stocked up on bacon, egg and cheese biscuits, soft drinks and sweet goodies! Little did I know that their parents were getting gas at the same time and watched me get my stuff and pass it out to the kids! I even got a good-hearted email from one of the mothers to not get them a certain drink, which I ignored! It was too late! The kids (and their parents!) loved it and I was hoping for, and got, three happy kids with a sugar high! We laughed, giggled and had a great time! So much fun!

We went to the feed store and got a few things, and we saw different things on our outing that caused more laughs and giggles. When we got back, it was on to the hay barn to climb on the big rolls and be King of the Hay! And the boys even fixed Piper a set of steps out of some square bales so she could get up there with them. She had a great time, even though she really had to have help to get up on most of it! She was so proud of her steps that she had to show everybody how she could climb, too.

The boys were sad to go back home Sunday, but they are already anxious to get back here next month to help me farm. They love it, they learn every time they're here, and to see Hank and Ford with little Piper is a blessing, sure enough. Ain't nothing like it!