

**AG NOTES**  
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**EQUIPMENT SALE**

This is a big event that affects so many farmers from Middle Tennessee and the southeast. Farmers sell equipment at this sale for many reasons, and other farmers buy this equipment for many reasons. We're talking about over 1,000 pieces at this sale. This provides opportunities for getting ready for the upcoming season.

The sale will be held this Saturday, February 27, at 9:00 am. The equipment will be received on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. For more information contact Bob Morton at 931-842-1234.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The Bedford County Health Department has been using the Ag Center location for their testing and vaccinations for COVID. They have an alternate location for this week to allow the equipment sale to be held this weekend. For information about the Bedford County Health Department alternate location for this week and the COVID testing and vaccinations for this week, contact them at 866-442-5301 for appointments or 931-684-3426 for more information.

**MEETING**

The Lower Middle Tennessee Cattlemen Association in conjunction with United Producers and UT Extension will be holding its annual **BACKGROUNDING WORKSHOP** on Friday, March 5, at 11 am. The location of the workshop is at Tennessee Farm Bureau's Home Office - 147 Bear Creek Pike, Columbia, TN, in the Lower Level meeting rooms A, B and C. The workshop will follow the LMTCA video sale held at the Columbia Livestock Center at 9 am that morning.

Speakers and topics will be Tim Shank on Risk Management, Dr. Jody Wade from Boehringer Ingelheim on animal health, Nevil Speer on Specialty Cattle Opportunities, such as All Natural, NHTC, and GAP, and Bob Siegel on State of Ag Lending; UPI Credit Services.

There is no charge for the workshop, but registration is requested. Contact Mendy Murray by February 26 at 817-914-7754 or by email to [mmurray@uproducers.com](mailto:mmurray@uproducers.com) Lunch is sponsored by Stacy Turner and Todd Jennings, Boehringer Ingelheim.

**DICAMBA**

The new dicamba training for 2021 will be ready shortly after there were some slight changes to the new label. I'll be setting up training sessions and announcing them in the next few days.

This is mandatory training for anyone who will be applying dicamba, including farm employees who may be driving the spraying equipment.

**BQA TRAINING**

The Beef Quality Assurance certification for beef producers with an expiration date of 11/1/2020 needs to be renewed. I am doing those here at the office by appointment instead of meetings. For those who have never had the training and wish to be certified, I do this the same way.

This training program is done on behalf of Tennessee Cattlemen Association who makes this training and reference materials available to Tennessee beef producers. If you need to recertify or certify for the first time, contact me at 684-5971 or by email at [jteague1@utk.edu](mailto:jteague1@utk.edu).

## **GARDEN INFO**

Believe me when I say that gardening is here upon us. Yes, I know that it is still cold, but there are some good vegetables that are cool season plants that thrive when planted in the early spring. And there are fall-planted cool season vegetables also.

We have a really good reference publication for gardening for beginners and experienced alike. This one covers a lot of information such as planting dates, row spacing, row width, dates to plant, expected harvest time, and on and on. This publication is available on line at <https://extension.tennessee.edu/publications/Documents/PB901.pdf> For folks who don't have access, I can help get a hard copy. Contact me at our office phone number 684-5971.

## **THE KIDS**

We had a treat this weekend. We had all of them with us from Friday through Sunday. We went sledding and had a great time. The boys would ride down with the little one and make sure she was protected, and then help her back up the hill.

You should have heard the giggling and laughing and talking! It was a great time. The highlight was when Meme and Grandy went down the hill with them or racing them! That was great! There are videos of a lot of this activity, and pictures. All smiles and laughs, no frowns!

Of course, they had to help farm. We fed animals, took care of baby calves and goats, pulled downed limbs from the ice damage, and we ate mac and cheese, cookies and ice cream and drank chocolate milk. Nothing but healthy foods!

Then there were tears when the boys left and Piper had to go home. But we're already making plans for them to come back. And we're getting baseball schedules for the season start just after the first of the month.

Can't wait!