

**AG NOTES**  
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**FARMERS MARKET**

The Bedford County Farmers market will be open this Thursday afternoon at 2:30 pm as usual. We are located next to the big blue water tower at the Celebration Grounds.

We have been having a lot of vendors and good stuff, a wide variety of vegetables, baked goods, farm fresh eggs, canned goods, honey and jams and jellies. Come on out and visit with the vendors and help yourself to some good food items.

There is no parking fee to come to the market. That is for the horse shoe later in the day. Come on through the gates up to the market pavilion.

**BASIC MASTER BEEF PRODUCER SERIES**

I have finally been able to schedule my Basic Master Beef Producer series. This is an in-person training on several topics at the basic level, and it qualifies for certification for the Tennessee Ag Enhancement Program. I will cover basic reproduction, genetics, animal health, grazing management, government programs available, carcass quality, marketing, food safety, etc. This program is designed for new beef operators who have not had any training.

The dates are September 20, 21, 23, 28, 30, October 5 and 7. The sessions will be held here at the office at 2105 Midland Road. We will start at 6:00 pm and go to about 9:00 pm each night. The fee for this training is \$85 per person wishing to be certified, and one family member not being certified can attend for an additional \$25. This will cover refreshments, handouts, etc. Contact me at 931-5971 or by email to register. I will provide you a registration form for my records.

I know that I have discussed this class with many of you during the past 1 ½ years after the pandemic hit. Let's hope that nothing develops to prevent this school. As a branch of the University of Tennessee, we do fall under the UT health guidelines and at this point the pandemic is causing things to change almost daily. We will pass on guidelines as they are passed on to us for attendance closer to the meeting dates. If there is any reason for someone to not be able to attend, we will make a full refund of any registration fees paid. However, I am proceeding on with the intent to hold this basic series."

**ONLINE MASTER BEEF PRODUCER**

The fall 2021 series of Online Master Beef Producer is now available. This series is best designed for those who have had a basic course or training of some type. This series is a back to basic series that is advanced somewhat from the sessions of the past with some updates. Reproduction, health, genetics, marketing, nutrition, Tennessee Beef Council information, beef industry overview, and a panel discussion of all presenters at the end will be the topics. This series will qualify graduates for Master Beef Producer status for the Tennessee Ag Enhancement Program.

This webinar style Zoom series begins at 5:30 pm and runs to 7:00 pm each night (Central time). The schedule is September 13, 27, October 4, 25, November 8, 15, 22, and 29. Again, if you want to attend these online sessions, contact me and I will provide you with a registration form and registration instruction. Payment can be made by cash or check here at the office or by mail. The cost of this series will be \$85. I will take registration for this series and then give self-registration information to those who sign up.

### **MIDDLE TENNESSEE BEEF PRODUCERS MEETING**

The MTBP Association will meet Thursday, September 2, at the Bedford County Ag Center at 6:30 pm. The meal sponsor is Purina with Dr. Lee Dickerson as guest speaker. Call 931-5971 to make meal reservations or email to [mtnbpa@gmail.com](mailto:mtnbpa@gmail.com)

### **TAEP**

We have the application packets for the Tennessee Ag Enhancement Program here at the office at 2105 Midland Road. Come by and pick one up.

### **THE KIDS**

We had all of the Teague clan here this past weekend. Little Piper got to show in the Celebration lead-line class and all of the family was here to cheer her on. It was one of our highlights of the year.

The boys have shown cattle and goats before, and we've all been there to cheer them on, but this time they led the effort to support her. The boys love her so much and it's the best feeling that Grandee and Meme can have to see all of our family support each other.

She was so proud of her medallion that she received from the horse show and the red roses that we gave her, and the boys were so glad to be here for her. That's what it's all about for us.