

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

The popular farm equipment sale will be held at the Bedford County Ag Center this Saturday, February 26, beginning at 9:00 AM. The equipment will be received starting Wednesday, February 23, and on through Friday.

For more information or questions, contact Bob Morton at 931-842-1234.

**DICAMBA**

I will be having three sessions on dicamba application next week. This is an annual training required by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture for those farmers who use this product for weed control in soybeans.

The first session will be Tuesday evening, March 1, at 6:00 PM. The second session will be held on Wednesday morning, March 2, at 11:00 AM. The last session will be held Thursday morning, March 3, at 11:00 AM. Each session will last approximately one hour.

The cost of the training is \$25. All sessions will be held here at the Extension Office at 2105 Midland Road. Call 931-684-5971 to reserve your seat in any one of these sessions.

**MEETING**

The Middle Tennessee Beef Producers Association will hold its regular meeting on Thursday, March 3, at the Bedford County Ag Center. The meal will be served at 6:30 PM and the program sponsor is Boehringer Ingelheim with Todd Jennings. His presentation will cover animal health. Call the office number 684-5971 to make reservations for the meal.

The membership meets on the first Thursday of the odd-numbered months. Programs related to beef production are presented each meeting. Sponsors provide a meal each meeting. The membership also has fundraisers to provide scholarships for high school graduates entering college or trade school in an ag-related field. Dues are \$20 for the year.

Come and meet with others in the area with the same goals, to produce better beef and to help the community.

**BASIC BEEF CLASS**

I am having my Basic Master Beef Producer class in March. Dates are Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 8, 10, 15, 17, and 24. Sign-up is going on now. The topics include reproduction, genetics, animal health, forage management, carcass quality, nutrition, marketing, management, USDA programs, and other related topics.

The \$85 cost for the sessions covers handout and program materials. Call or come by the office or send me an email at [jteague1@utk.edu](mailto:jteague1@utk.edu) for the registration form and more information on the class.

**BEEKEEPING SCHOOL**

The Duck River Beekeepers announce this good school coming up on March 14, 15, 17, and 18, from 7-9 pm. Classes will be at the Bedford County Farm Bureau on Bethany Lane. Contact Debra McKill at 931-581-5415 for details.

This is always a good school. We need bees and beekeepers. Check this out.

## **VEGETABLE PRODUCTION**

I'm supporting a vegetable production meeting in Lincoln County with one of our top vegetable specialists, Dr. Annette Wszelaki. Make plans to attend the upcoming Franklin/Bedford/Lincoln County Vegetable meeting planned for Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M. in the Ralph Hastings meeting room at 208 Davidson Street East, Rm 117, Fayetteville, Tn. 37334.

Topics to be covered include tomatoes, cucurbits & vegetable production.

To register or for more information, contact the Lincoln County Extension Office. Franklin Co. Office 931-967-2741, Bedford Co. 931-684-5971 or Lincoln County Ext. Office 931-433-1582.

## **POULTRY NEWS**

There have been outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in southern states around Tennessee. This deadly disease is transmitted by water fowl exposure to our home flocks, and/or transmitted into our commercial operations by vehicles, human traffic, equipment, etc. This disease can have devastating affect on our backyard flocks and the commercial poultry industry here.

Dr. Tom Tabler, our UT poultry specialist, has published some short but informative documents. They are all available with links from the UT Publications. I can provide these links to anyone with email or I can print a copy.

D 155 Avian Influenza 2022: Frequently Asked Questions is a good discussion on what the influenza is all about. D 156 Biosecurity Checklist for Combatting Avian Influenza and D 157 Biosecurity Measures to Fight Avian Influenza Threats are good bits of information organized for poultry owners to use to help protect their birds.

Contact me at [jteague1@utk.edu](mailto:jteague1@utk.edu) or call me at 931-684-5971 to request the links or a copy.

## **THE KIDS**

The boys were here this weekend. And we had Piper for overnight stays, too. If noise and laughter is any gage of a good time, it was off the charts! She loves the boys and they love her. Even though the boys are older, they play with her on her level, and that is a show of maturity on their part.

Both boys made the ball teams with really good try-outs. The rumor is that Hank was picked in the second round. With nine teams and the number of players total, that speaks pretty well of his talent.

Ford was picked up early, too. He has a good batting record, and he's fast. His fielding is good for an 8 year old boy, and he's growing into that gangly stage.

Piper is dancing and riding horses. Her day-school is teaching her age group some good stuff and it's fun to have her read to us. Now she's creative with the words and her versions are not exactly what's in print, but who cares? She thinks she's right, and I can't keep a straight face, so I guess she is!

I love having them around. It's great entertainment!