

AG NOTES
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MEETING REMINDERS

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.

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. Call the office number 684-5971 to make reservations for the meal.

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 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 8th 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.

SMALL FLOCK BIOSECURITY

With the concern about the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza being found in the southeast, and the concern for the potential exposure of small flocks in our area transforming into exposure for commercial flocks, biosecurity is important more than ever.

Dr. Pramir Maharjan, poultry specialist with Tennessee State University, will be hosting a webinar on biosecurity titled Small Flock Disease Management by Dr. Dustan Clark, who is the Extension Poultry Health Veterinarian and Associate Center Director for Poultry Extension in the Center of Excellence for Poultry Science at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

He is a leading expert in the country on this topic, and any and all farmers who have poultry of any kind and either small flocks or commercial folks should sign in for the free webinar. It may help save our poultry population here from the devastation that is possible.

Webinar info: Topic: Small Flock Disease Management Practices. Time: Mar 1, 2022 06:30 PM CST

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83013741391?pwd=aUp3bWxjNkRmaXRlbW5wdFFWMEIYQT09>

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