

June 2019 Farm and Home Tips

Greene County Partnership Agribusiness Committee

Next Meeting: June 27, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m.

JUNE IS DAIRY MONTH!!!!!!



Livestock

- Rotationally graze pasture for optimal efficiency
- Pink-eye Prevention & Control
 - Check cattle daily for watery eyes or active pinkeye
 - Treat early with topical antibiotic in eye and injectable antimicrobials
 - Use eye patches to reduce stress and shade the eyes
- Separate bulls from breeding herd July 1 for spring calving herds
- Provide shade, water and minerals for livestock
- Move animals one to twice a week to fresh pasture for improving graze efficiency
- Move animals at the grazing height of 4 inches minimum
- Cull as necessary
- Rotate fly control on a regular basis
- Rotate different kind of insecticide ear tags to provide proper control. Consult with your local supplier
- Check with your local veterinarian about proper vaccinations to promote and utilize long range planning for health

Vaccinate healthy cattle prior to exposure
Remove seed heads when present from pastures to aid in pink eye control
Control flies to reduce eye irritation

Forage/Pasture

- Cut alfalfa in bud to 1/10 bloom stage
- **Bale at less than 18% moisture; wait two weeks past harvest before storage of round bales. Internal bale temp should be 100 degrees or less and receding. Clean bale equipment after use**
- Scout all fields for summer annual weeds
- Test forage for quality
- Plan weed control programs for summer and fall
 - May - tall ironweed, cocklebur, spiny amaranth
 - November - buttercup, henbit, chickweed, thistle, deadnettle
- Monitor summer annuals for nitrate toxicity and prussic acid
- Maintain minimum height when grazing, four inches cool season grass, six inches warm season grass



Tobacco/Annual Crops

- Apply tobacco insect and disease control and sidedress tobacco with nitrogen if needed
- Acreage reports due by July 15 to your crop insurance carrier and/or FSA on all spring planted insured crops. Be looking for acreage report request in the mail and respond timely
- Keep in close contact with your marketing contract holder to insure you're following management practices and to insure your contract to sell tobacco stays in force
- Be aware of gap audit farm visits
- Scout float beds and fields frequently



Government Programs

- The deadline to report planting of spring crops to the FSA office is July 15
- Update crop land plans with NRCS when receiving benefits through FSA
- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) cost share provided to address erosion, wildlife and water quality issues
- Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) 5-year payments to reward landowners doing a good job of conservation
- Wetlands Reserve Easement (WRE) financial and technical assistance to restore enhance and protect wetlands
- REAP (Rural Energy for America Program) provides guaranteed loan financing and grant funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to purchase or install renewable energy systems or make energy efficiency improvements. Call the Rural Development office at 278-5717 for more information.
- Value Added Producer Grant program helps agricultural producers enter into value-added activities related to the processing and/or marketing of bio-based, value-added products. Generating new products, creating and expanding marketing opportunities, and increasing producer income are the goals of this program. Call the Rural Development office at 278-5717 for more information.

Dates:

- June 4 – 4-H Camp sign-up ends
- June 7 – June Dairy Day Celebration, Greene County Fairgrounds-Livestock Pavilion, 6 - 8 p.m. Food, fun and information
- June 3-7 – Rural Resources Farm Day Camp Little Sprouts, register at www.ruralresources.net
- June 10-14 – Rural Resources Farm Explorers Camp (Session 1), register at www.ruralresources.net
- June 17-21 – Rural Resources Farm Explorers Camp (Session 2), register at www.ruralresources.net
- July 5 – Beef Day Celebration, Food City Snapps Ferry, TBA
- July 15 – Final acreage reporting date for spring seeded crops to the FSA office
- July 8-12 – Rural Resources Farm Explorers Camp (Session 3), register at www.ruralresources.net
- July 15-19 – Rural Resources Little Sprouts Camp, register at www.ruralresources.net
- July 20 – Incredible Dinner on Main Street. Gather at 7 p.m. in the lobby of the Capitol Theatre for hors d'oeuvres and drinks and then be seated for a 4 course meal. This event benefits Rural Resources and the Capitol Theatre. Call 636-8171 for more information.
- July 22-26 – Rural Resources Discover Natural Resources, register at www.ruralresources.net
- July 22-28 – Greene County Fair, www.greencountyfair.com
- August 19-24 – Appalachian Fair, Gray, TN, www.appalachianfair.com
- September 6-15 – Tennessee Valley Fair, Knoxville, TN, www.tnvalleyfair.org
- September 6-8 – Annual Baileyton Celebration
- September 27 – Greene County Livestock rib eye lunch
- September 28 – Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Hal Henard Elementary School
- October 1 – Kids' Day on the Farm, UT Research & Education Center
- October 2 – Kids' Day on the Farm Rain Day, UT Research & Education Center
- October 10 – Northeast Tennessee Beef Expo, UT Research & Education Center

September 26-28
Regenerative Agricultural Summit, UT AgResearch and Education Center at Greeneville,
www.timelessfencesystem.com/2019-regenerative-agricultural-summit

Beef Quality Assurance meets second Monday of each month at 5 p.m. Call the UT Extension Office for reservations.
Greene County Angus Association meets second Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.
Livestock Association meets second Monday at the UT Extension Office at 7 p.m.

Big Spring Master Gardener Association - www.bsmga.com

Greeneville Farmer's Market
Doak House Museum
690 Erwin Hwy.
Saturday market – May 11, 2019
Wednesday market 3-6 p.m. in July
www.greenevillefarmersmarket.com

Fox Park Fair-- 2 p.m.,
Market opens – May 3, 2019
Corner of Main/McKee Street

Depot Street Farmers Market
Opening May 4, 2019
Closing Market October 26, 2019
www.depotstreetfarmersmarket.com