

Dear Beef Producer:

UT Extension would like to inform you of some important dates and training opportunities:

1. A multi-county **Advanced Master Beef Training** - The class will be held in Brehm Animal Science Bldg. (2506 River Drive, Knoxville) on the following dates:
  - 9 am-3 pm Saturday, March 24, 2018
  - 6 pm-9 pm Tuesday, March 27, 2018
  - 6 pm-9 pm Thursday, March 29, 2018
  - 9 am-3 pm Saturday, March 31, 2018



The sessions will include updates and new information for beef producers. The Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) requires producers to complete this training every 3 years to maintain eligibility for the 50% cost share in the TN Enhancement Program. The cost is \$175.00 per producer and includes training sessions, educational manual, refreshments, cap, farm sign and graduation. The TDA offers a \$100 scholarship to those who have an up-to-date BQA and TAEP Producer number. Additional family members can register for a fee of \$25 but this will not certify them as a "Master Beef Producer". To register, complete the form below and mail with payment.

2. For those needing **BQA certification**, we are offering a choice of two classes held at the Knox County Farmer's Co-Op on Asheville Hwy. You may attend on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. or March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. If you are interested in attending one of these BQA classes, please call Kim Spangler at (865)215-2340 or email kim.spangler@utk.edu. The 3 year BQA certification costs \$40 for non-TCA members and \$20 for current TCA members.
3. I also want to inform everyone of the **Tennessee Valley Cattlemen's Association annual member meeting** at New Harvest Park on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 6:00 pm. Mark your calendars!!



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Director and County Agent



**Advanced Master Beef Registration** (Registration due by March 15, 2018)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

BQA Number \_\_\_\_\_ TAEP # \_\_\_\_\_

(TAEP #s were assigned to past participants. If this is your first time participating, you will be assigned one after applying for Ag Enhancement funds)

# of Registrations @\$175 \_\_\_\_\_ # of Registration @\$25 \_\_\_\_\_

(Subtract \$100 if you can claim the scholarship detailed above). Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to the University of Tennessee** and mail to: UT Extension – Knox County, 400 W. Main, Suite 560, Knoxville, TN 37902.