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## **UT Extension Master Beef Producer Program Update**

The UT Extension Master Beef Producer (MBP) Program started 10 years ago in 2004. Since its inception there have been over 268 Lawrence County Beef and Dairy Producers who have completed the 30 hour course. The MBP Program has been extremely successful, not only in Lawrence County but all across the state. In 2006 the Tennessee Enhancement Grant Program (TAEP) was established and the state began offering incentive to cattle producers who completed the Master Beef Producer Class. Through the life of the TAEP, Lawrence County Producers have been awarded 1042 grants worth 4.3 million dollars, which ranks Lawrence County 1<sup>st</sup> in the state in grants awarded and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state in dollars awarded.

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture, which administers the TAEP, announced in January that producers who completed the MBP from 2004-2007 would be required to complete the newly developed Advanced Master Beef Producer (AMBP) Course prior to applying for the TAEP cost share re-embursements in 2015. They would be required to do this in order to be eligible for the 50% cost-share on the Genetics, Equipment, Hay Storage and Feed Storage Grants. This would continue in 2016, requiring those who completed the class from 2008-2011 to complete Advanced MBP. The 3 year cycle would be rounded out in 2017 requiring those who completed the MBP course from 2012-2014 to complete AMBP.

The Advanced Master Beef Producer Class will be structured similar to the MBP with more advanced, updated and concise programs. Class coordinators will have the flexibility to plan their respective courses that will have to cover at least 7 of the 10 specific programs that UT Extension Specialist have developed. The new program areas include:

Nutrition, Reproduction, Genetics, Health, Forages, Marketing/Management, End Product, Behavior/Facilities, Beef Quality Assurance, and Industry Issues.

The Advanced Master Beef Producer Class will also be available to producers who have never completed the Original Master Beef Producer Class. This will suffice for their TAEP requirements and these producers will be given added resource materials that graduates of the Original Master Beef Producer Classes have already received.

To assist those who would like to complete the Advanced Master Beef Producer Program, we have scheduled 3 different classes in 2015. Below are schedules for the first 2 classes and we will offer the 3<sup>rd</sup> class on Tuesday and Thursday nights in October.

**Class 1 (Winter Daytime Option)**  
**3 Consecutive Wednesdays from 8am-2pm.**

Wednesday Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> - in Maury County

Reproduction – Dr. Justin Rhinehart  
Marketing – Dr. Andrew Griffith  
Handling/Behavior–Calvin Bryant

Wednesday Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> - in Giles County

Genetics – Dr. David Kirkpatrick  
Forages – Kevin Rose  
Carcass/Meats – Richard Groce

Wednesday Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> - in Lawrence County

Health – Dr. Lew Strickland  
Nutrition – Calvin Bryant  
Graduation

**Class 2 (Winter Evening Option)**

**8 Consecutive Tuesday and Thursday Nights from 6-9pm.**

Tuesday February 3<sup>rd</sup> - in Maury County

Thursday February 5<sup>th</sup> – Giles County

Tuesday February 10<sup>th</sup> - in Lawrence County

Thursday February 12<sup>th</sup> - in Maury County

Tuesday February 17<sup>th</sup> - in Giles County

Thursday February 19<sup>th</sup> - in Lawrence County

Tuesday February 24<sup>th</sup> - in Lawrence County

Thursday February 26<sup>th</sup> - in Maury County

Genetics – Dr. David Kirkpatrick  
Health – Dr. Lew Strickland  
Nutrition– Calvin Bryant  
Reproduction – Dr. Justin Rhinehart  
Forages– Kevin Rose  
Marketing – Dr. Andrew Griffith  
Handling/Behavior– Calvin Bryant  
Carcass/End Product– Richard Groce

**Class 3 (Fall Evening Option)**

**8 Consecutive Tuesday and Thursday Nights from 6-9pm. Beginning on October 6<sup>th</sup>.**

As in the past the cost for the class will be \$50 as long as you have a Premise ID and are current in your BQA Certification. Registration forms are available at the Extension Offices. Please call the Lawrence County Extension Office at 762-5506 or email Calvin Bryant – [ibryant1@utk.edu](mailto:ibryant1@utk.edu) if you would like to register or have questions.

Photo Caption----2014 UT Lawrence County Master Beef Producer Graduates:  
Pictured front row left to right---- Steve Hagan, Steve Sutherland, Les Grooms, Ronnie Moore, Barry Doss, Larry Brown and Matt Niswander.

Back row left to right--- Roy Hagan, Jackie Newton, Tyler Newton, Jermone Gaines, Talmadge Roper, Gary Fox, Issac Belew, Donald Baldwin, Jason Robbins, Henry Reed, Patti Reed, Tim Springer, Marcus Wilson, Sam McConnell, and Joey McConnell.

Not pictured---Jeff Doss and Shelia Caylor