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Asian Longhorned Tick (ALT) Update

The tick pictured on the left is bad news guys. I know it's been mentioned before, but it can reproduce without a male, matures faster than the lone star tick (picture right), and each female can lay over 2,000 eggs. Not to mention it can literally drain a calf of blood and can transmit a gambit of pathogens. I would like to check a few herds in the county to determine if it has made its way into the valley. If you're working cattle this fall, holler at me and I'll come take a look while you have them up. [More info can be found by clicking this hyperlink.](#)



Soil Test & Lime Now!

I know it seems like a long way away, but now's the time to sample your pastures to determine if an application of lime is needed to set your pasture up for success in the spring. It takes over a year to raise the pH of your soil just one point (ideal pH = 6.5). The test costs just \$15 + \$5 shipping to possibly save hundreds of dollars and now it's easier than ever to pull a sample. Just stop by the office and grab the kit we have put together. It includes a cordless drill, collect-n-go bucket, and auger which is 100x easier to use than the old hollow tubes we had. If you need to know more click the link below.:

<https://extension.tennessee.edu/publications/Documents/PB1061.pdf>



Master Beef - November 7th

There's only two more meetings of the Master Beef Program this year and the next one will be on November 7th at Faith Angus Farms right off Mel Dixon Ln. in Jasper, TN. This meeting is going to be a great hands-on experience with Dr. Justin Rhinehart where we'll talk about beef cattle repro topics such as Artificial Insemination, Ultrasound, establishing a calving season, and much more. No PowerPoints at all :) This one is going to be all hands-on and give you a chance to pick the brain of one of the best beef cattle specialists in the region. As a reminder the Master Beef program in Marion County is now a monthly meeting, so whether you only have one class left or haven't started yet, this would be a great one to kick off with. Even if you're not currently in the program and you just want to sit in, just give me a call and I'll make it happen. The 2020 schedule will be posted soon on our website so be looking: marion.tennessee.edu



TN Forage & Grassland Council - Emerging Issues

The TN Forage and Grassland Council will hold its annual meeting on Friday, November 8, at the Rutherford County Extension Office in Murfreesboro. "Several emerging issues will highlight this year's program," says Gary Bates, director of the UT Beef & Forage Center. "This meeting is a great opportunity for any farmer who's looking to produce forage and grasses as profitably as possible," says Bates. "This is where TN's top producers will be, and if they can't help you, they'll know the other good producers in your area."

[Full Press Release can be found at this hyperlink](#)

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