

Extension Newsletter August 2016 Edition

Agriculture Programs – Richard Groce rgroce@utk.edu

Advanced Master Beef Producer Program will be offered this Fall to residents across Middle Tennessee. Individuals that have had Master Beef prior to 2013 will need to take Advanced Master Beef Producer to renew their certification for the TN Ag. Enhancement program. The session will be eight meeting dates every Tuesday and Thursday through the month of October in the evening starting a 6 pm till 9 pm and is set to begin on Tuesday, October 4, 2016. All session's location rotates between Maury, Giles, and Lawrence County. Contact the Maury County Extension Office at 931-375-5301 for more information.

Maury County Fair will be August 16 - 20, 2016. This year the fair is having a Dairy Cattle Show on Tuesday August 16 and a Beef Cattle Show on Thursday August 18. Entry deadline is August 5, 2016. Entry fees are \$15.00 per head/ \$25 per head after deadline. No entry fee for youth show.

Maury County 4-H Chick Chain Show and Auction will be August 20, 2016. Many pullets will be laying large brown eggs by the time for the show and sale.

Maury County Fair Junior Goat Show will be Friday, August 19, 2016 at 5:00 PM. Entry deadline is August 5, 2016. Entry fees are \$5.00 per head/ late fee \$7.00.

Individuals may enter Agriculture, 4-H and Family Consumer Science areas on Monday, August 15, at 12PM to 6 PM with judging of items starting at 6 PM. Entries must be left at fair through August 20, check out will be Sunday, August 21 from 2 PM to 5PM.

Call the Maury County Extension office 931-375-5301 for more information or visit the Maury County Fair website at <http://www.maurycountyfair.net/>.

Horse Hay Field Day The University of Tennessee Equine Extension Program invites all horse owners, horse farm owners or operators, horse industry members, trainers and anyone with an interest in horses to an event that will cater specifically to their information needs. The "Oh, Hay" field day is scheduled for September 8, 2016, at UT's Middle Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center in Spring Hill, Tennessee. The field day will run from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and the evening will be dedicated to learning about the forages that fuel our horses. Dinner will be served as part of the event.

Topics will include the process of producing hay from the field to your horse's mouth; factors that affect forage quality, such as species or cultivar of grass, management practices and hard climate conditions like prolonged drought; and information on forage testing and the nutrients provided to the horse from forages. This event is free to attend, but reservations are requested for planning purposes. Contact Dr. Jennie Ivey before September 1, 2016, at 865-974-3157, or by email to jzivey@utk.edu to confirm your reservation.

Family and Consumer Science Programs – Starla Hardin shardin4@utk.edu

The Healthier Maury County Food Demonstration Class - By attending a Cooking Demonstration which is being offered at Fairview Park- Iron Bridge Road, Columbia, TN on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 10 a.m. This free class offers suggestions on how to prepare nutritious, healthy and low cost meals. It is free and open to the public. For more information contact Starla Hardin shardin4@utk.edu or calling 931-375-5301.

Needed 4-H Volunteers - How much time must I commit? You will work with the 4-H Extension Agent in your county to determine the amount of time you will need to successfully deliver the program you choose. On average, a 4-H Club leader spends 20 hours per school year meeting 4-H Club, 4-H Project leaders invest more time than a 4-H Club leader. On average they donate 30-40 hours of their time to 4-H per school year. If you are interested in serving as a 4-H Volunteer, please contact us at: Maury County Extension Office at 931-375-5301
