

# Beef & Forage News & Views

Smith County Agriculture and Natural Resources Newsletter

August 2020

## Fall Weed Control Meeting

Our monthly Livestock and Forage Lunch & Learn program will continue on September 1 at noon. UT Extension Weed Specialist Dr. Neil Rhodes will discuss weed and brush control in and around pasture and hay ground.

To get the Zoom link, simply register at <https://tiny.utk.edu/weedcontrol>. We will cover weeds such as buckhorn plantain, Chinese privet, and various cool-season weeds, as well as some new herbicides on the market.



**FALL WEED CONTROL ZOOM**

Upper Cumberland  
**UCET**  
Extension Team

**UT EXTENSION**  
INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

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Tuesday, September 1, 2020  
@ 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**REGISTER AT  
TINY.UTK.EDU/WEEDCONTROL**

## BQA Classes

Producers needing to be recertified in Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) will have 3 opportunities to do so, including a new virtual option. The one-hour face-to-face recertifications will be held at the Smith County Ag Center on **September 17** at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and via Zoom on **September 22** at 6:00 p.m. You only need to attend one of these sessions. Pre-registration is required for the Zoom option at <https://tiny.utk.edu/smithbqa>.



## TAEP

The TN Ag Enhancement Program (TAEP) applications will be due October 1 - 7. This year, hay storage will be offered instead of hay equipment, as well as livestock equipment and genetics. Paper applications should be available in mid-September. You can also apply online at [www.tn.gov/taep](http://www.tn.gov/taep).

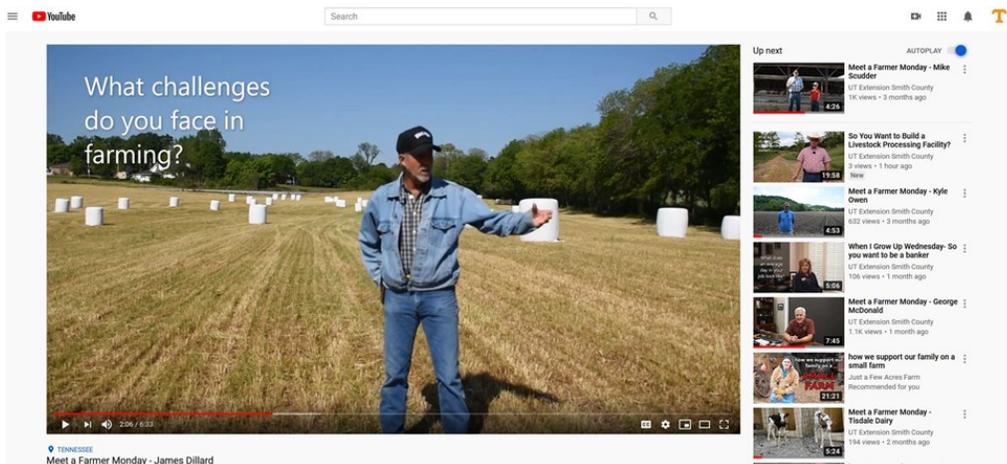
## Online Master Beef Producer Program

For those producers who want to go through the Master Beef Producer Program but desire to avoid being around a crowd, we will be hosting a Tennessee Master Beef Webinar Series. Interested producers can contact the UT Extension office to receive a link to each webinar. Webinar dates and topics are listed on the right. These webinars are free to watch, so if you are interested in just some of the topics, you can pick which ones you want to see. Producers wanting to be recertified for Ag Enhancement purposes will have to watch at least 7 of the webinars and pay the \$75 certification fee to receive their certificate, hat, and sign. We also plan to have a face-to-face class February 16 – March 2 on Tuesday and Thursday nights.



## YouTube Videos

If you haven't subscribed to our YouTube page, we'd love to have you connect with us! Just search for "UT Extension Smith County" on YouTube and click the subscribe button. There you will find videos about our Buckhorn Plantain plot where we tried out the new Duracor herbicide, our 10-episode "Meet a Farmer Monday" series featuring Smith County farmers, all our recorded Lunch and Learn programs, and our newest video about Livestock Processing facilities.



## Schedule & Speakers

All webinars will begin at 5:30 CST/ 6:30 EST

**October 8:** Dr. Chris Boyer & Dr. Charlie Martinez: *UT Ag. & Resource Economics*

**Valuing bulls, heifers, and cull cows**

**October 15:** Dr. Jason Smith: *Texas A&M Animal Science*

**Supplementation strategies for a cow calf producer & growing cattle nutrition**

**October 20:** Dr. Brian Whitlock: *UT College of Veterinary Medicine*

**What you need to know about Anaplasmosis & BVDV**

**October 26:** Gregg Upchurch & Dr. Dwight Loveday: *UT Extension*

**Live cattle evaluation for carcass quality & USDA carcass grading**

**October 29:** Dr. Gary Bates: *UT Beef & Forage Center*

**Rotational Grazing**

**November 9:** Kevin Thompson: Director; *Middle Tennessee AgResearch & Education Center*

**Low stress handling techniques**

**November 12:** Dr. Andrew Griffith: *UT Ag. & Resource Economics*

**Farm transition from one generation to the next**

**November 19:** Dr. Jon Beever: *UT Genomics Center*

**What you need to know about genetics & genetic testing**

**November 23:** Dr. Les Anderson: *University of Kentucky Animal & Food Sciences*

**Management of the postpartum animal**

Sincerely,

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