Advanced Master Beef Producer is coming to Sumner County

For the last ten years, the Master Beef Producer program has been one of the more popular programs offered by University of Tennessee Extension. To date, over 120 beef cattle producers have been certified as Master Beef Producers. By completing this course, producers are able to qualify for additional reimbursements through the Tennessee Agriculture Enhancement Program. A standard producer receives 35% cost share, while a graduate of the Master Beef Producer course is eligible for a 50% cost-share.

Recently, the Tennessee Department of Agriculture announced that producers will need to take the new Advanced Master Beef Producer course every three years in order to continue receiving the additional cost-share. This means that producer who took Master Beef from 2004-2007 will have until December 1, 2015 to complete the Advanced course. Producer who completed the original Master Beef series from 2008 – 2011 will have until December 1, 2016 to complete Advanced Master Beef. The last round of producers, those certified from 2012-2014 will complete the cycle by December 1, 2017. If producers are unsure of when they took the original Master Beef Course, please call the UT Extension Sumner County office at 452-1423.

This year, The University of Tennessee Sumner County Extension Office will be offering the new Advanced Master Beef Producer course for the first time. The course will start on April 10, 2014 and finish on May 1, 2014. The Advanced Master Beef Producer course offers beef cattle producers updated, in-depth, and more technical training in the areas of; Farm Management, Marketing, Beef Cattle Nutrition, Forage Production, Reproduction, Herd Health, Cattle Handling and Behavior. Each of these units will be taught by Extension Agents, and Specialists from the University of Tennessee and Tennessee State University.

The registration fee for the Advanced Master Beef Producer program is $170. Producers with BQA Certification and Premise ID are eligible for a $100 scholarship through the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. (BQA Certification and Premise ID will be covered during our first meeting.) Please registration March 28th to complete your registration for this course. All are welcome to attend. Please contact the Extension office at 452-1423 for more information, and registration information.
Beef Quality Assurance

Beef Quality Assurance training will be offered on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at the Sumner County Extension office in Gallatin, at 6 P.M. The fee for BQA certification is $20 for TN Cattlemen’s Assoc. members and $40 for non-members. BQA certification is also a requirement for Ag Enhancement Cost-Share grants.

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