

Virginia Cooperative Extension



FARM NOTES

July 2016

Graze 300 VA Twilight Tour

Karla Funkhouser Farm

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Thursday, August 11

6:30 PM until dark

(no supper provided but drinks will be available)

No need to register in advance

Karla runs a cow-calf operation. She started trying rotational grazing in 2015 by installing some temporary electric fence. In 2016, she expanded her rotational grazing by installing additional paddocks and additional temporary fence. Karla is in the process of working with the USDA, NRCS, and the Lord Fairfax SWCD to further improve her grazing system.



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VEGC

Virginia Forage & Grassland Council



2016 SUMMER FORAGE TOUR

"PLANNING FOR DROUGHT"

Thursday, Sept. 1

Raphine, VA

- 3:30-5:00 pm** Pre-tour option at Beck-n-Rich Farm
Featuring: forage sorghums for silage & baleage
- 5:00-5:30 pm** Registration at Virginia Tech McCormick Farm
- 5:30-6:15 pm** Dinner
- 6:15-7:30 pm** Tour: - *summer stockpiling for late-summer grazing,*
 - *crabgrass, lespedeza, & summer annual forages*
 - *building drought resistance with healthy soils*

To Beck-n-Rich Farm
 4875 Borden Grant Trail
 Fairfield, VA 24435

Directions from I-81

To VT McCormick Farm
 128 McCormick Farm Circle
 Raphine, VA 24472

- I-81, exit 200
- east on 710 Sterrett Rd (1000 ft)
- left on Rt. 11 (1 mile)
- right on 707 Jonestown Rd (1 mile)
- left on Borden Grant Trail (700 ft)



- I-81 exit 205
- east on Raphine Rd. (½ mile)
- farm on left

QUESTIONS? MATT BOOHER, @ 540-245-5750, MRBOOHER@VT.EDU

Registration is **\$10 /person**; includes dinner and tour.

Payment must be received by **Friday, Aug. 26** to account for dinner.

Name _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____
 # attending _____

Make check payable to:
"Augusta VCE"
 PO Box 590
 Verona, VA 24482

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*TDD number is (800) 828-1120.

This field event is partially funded by a USDA-NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant and the Virginia Ag Council.

"MAKING & FEEDING QUALITY HORSE HAY"

Tuesday, Aug. 30
Raphine

5 - 6 pm Registration & dinner

6 - 7 pm Program

Featuring a demo of new
herbicide options for
foxtail control in hay &
pasture.

- Join us to discuss hay fertility management, weed control, and stand management
- View a demo of new herbicide options for controlling foxtail in hay
- Hear from vets and equine specialists about hay feeding concerns
- Network with potential hay buyers.

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Do You Have Un-used or Un-Wanted Pesticides?

Virginia Department of Agriculture Pesticide Disposal Program to be held in the Shenandoah Valley

Virginia's Pesticide Collection Program assists agricultural producers, licensed pesticide dealers, pest control firms, golf courses, and homeowners with the proper disposal of unwanted pesticides. The program is an effort by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS), with participation from Virginia Cooperative Extension.

Since its inception, Virginia's Pesticide Collection Program has collected and destroyed more than one million pounds of pesticides. Available at no cost to eligible participants, the program is supported by pesticide fees collected by VDACS. No general fund tax dollars are used to implement the program.

Steps to Participate

Step #1: Completion of a preregistration form detailing pesticides for collection is requested from all participants. The form is available at all Shenandoah Valley Extension offices or at the web site below.

Step #2: Bring your pesticide to the locations listed below. Hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

The Pesticide Collection Program requires participants to transport their unwanted agricultural and commercial pesticides to a central collection site where the hazardous waste disposal contractor will package the pesticides for eventual disposal. If a participant cannot safely transport unwanted pesticides, the program may make arrangements to containerize the pesticides for transport (these arrangements must be made in advance).

<http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/pesticide-collection.shtml>

September 12, 2016

Page Cooperative Farm Bureau
127 Big Oak Road, Luray

September 13, 2016

Augusta County Government Center
18 Government Lane, Verona

September 14, 2016

Rockingham County Fairgrounds
4808 South Valley Pike, Harrisonburg

September 15, 2016

Southern States
5784 Valley Pike, Stephens City

October 10, 2016

Orange Madison Cooperative
13323 James Madison Highway, Orange

October 11, 2016

Ivy Materials Utilization Center
4576 Dick Woods Road, Charlottesville

October 12, 2016

CFC Farm & Home Center
15172 Brandy Road, Culpeper

October 13, 2016

CFC Farm & Home Center
12645 Lee Highway, Sperryville

Emergency Preparedness for Avian Influenza

Fit Test Clinic

Tuesday, August 23

9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

New Market Fire Hall

9771 Congress Street, New Market, VA



Over the past several years the process of managing an avian influenza outbreak on farms has evolved. In most cases, in-house composting of the mortality will be preferred option. In order to complete this process, there needs to be personnel who are skilled at operating machinery in chicken houses who are familiar with the process. In most cases the people who are best able to do this work are farmers, poultry litter brokers, and others who routinely clean out poultry or turkey houses. One of the biosecurity requirements is that workers wear respirators and other personal protective equipment (PPE). The purpose of this clinic is three-fold. First we will offer respirator fit testing to farmers, poultry litter brokers, and related people who want to be fit tested. Second, we will have some of the other PPE available so people can see the type of clothing they will be ask need to wear while working on these farms. Third, we will provide an introductory education to the composting process.

People who wish to be fit tested will need to complete a medical clearance form with their doctor in advance. Please call the Extension Office at 540-459-6140 to get that paperwork.

Highlights of the Day

- Fit Testing on Respirators (full face, half face and N-95's) will be offered by Gemplers, the Shenandoah County Emergency Operations Center and the Virginia Department of Health.
- Gemplers, the Virginia Department of Agriculture, and the USDA will provide a show-and-tell of personal protective equipment used during an A.I. Outbreak.
- Virginia Cooperative Extension and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality will give an overview of the composting process.

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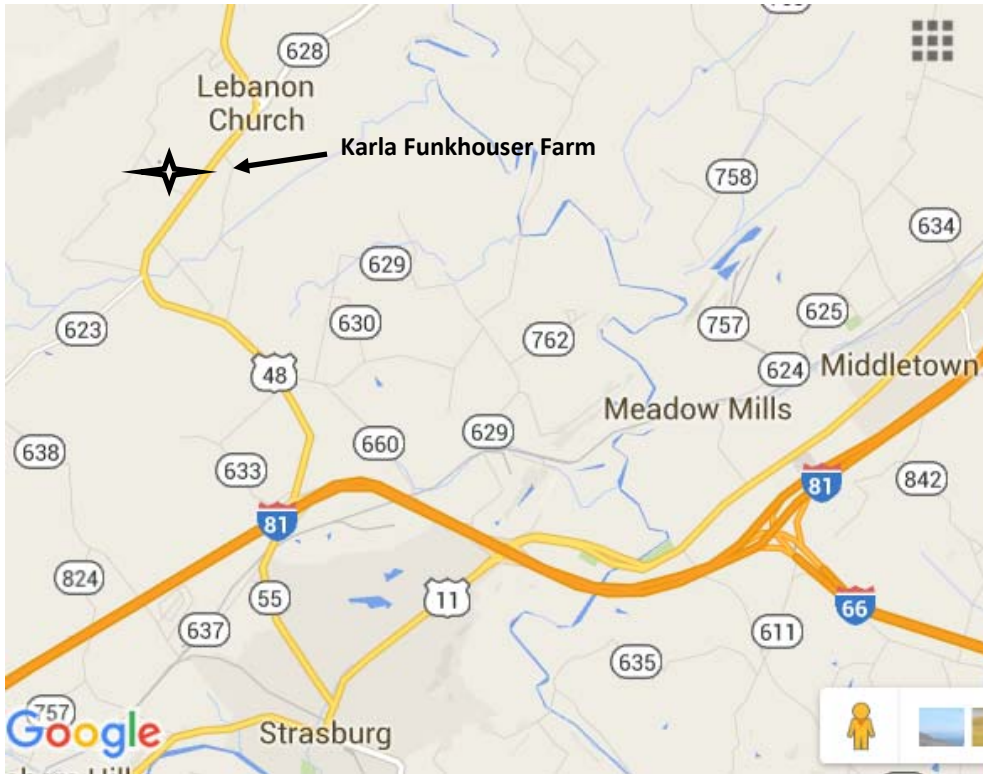
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Map to Karla Funkhouser Farm

The Farm is on 120 Cottontown Road, Strasburg (Rt. 741)



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