

Virginia Cooperative Extension



FARM NOTES

January 2018

Training Class for People Wishing to Obtain a Private or Commercial Pesticide Applicator License

Exact date to be announced but it will be sometime in March

This is an all day class

There is typically a registration fee of \$30-45

This class is being offered to people who want to receive either their Private or Commercial Pesticide Applicator License. We will provide each person who registers a copy of the core manual and our instructions will focus on information contained in the core manual. At the conclusion of the class, we will offer an exam to those wishing to get a license as a Private Pesticide Applicator or Registered Technician. We will not offer any exams for the Commercial license. Anyone wishing to take the Registered Technician exam must first apply through VDACS and be approved prior to taking that exam.

<http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/pesticides.shtml> (Call 540-830-1547 for more details.)

If you are interested in this class, feel free to call my office at 540-459-6140. We will add your name to a list and contact you when we have a date/time/location.

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Improving Cow-Calf Profitability Through Better Forage Management

Thursday, February 15

11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Toms Brook Fire Hall

3342 South Main Street, Toms Brook, VA 22660

Speakers/Topics:

- Drumheller Farm's Grazing Program
Bobby Drumheller, Augusta County
- How to Be Successful at Extending
Your Grazing Season
John Benner, Extension Agent
- Overview of Summer Stockpile
Demonstrations
Bobby Clark, Extension Agent

Wednesday, February 21

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Stanley Fire Hall

190 East Main Street, Stanley, VA 22851

Speakers/Topics:

- Marlboro Farm's Grazing Program
Wayne Snapp, Frederick County
- How to Be Successful at Extending
Your Grazing Season
Carl Stafford, Extension Agent
- Overview of Summer Stockpile
Demonstrations
Bobby Clark, Extension Agent

Registration: Please register by calling the Shenandoah County Office of Virginia Cooperative Extension at 540-459-6140 five days prior to each meeting. There is a \$10 registration fee, payable at the door. It is VCE's policy that there will be a \$50 charge for all returned checks.

Inclement Weather:

In the event of inclement weather, please call the Shenandoah County Extension Office (540-459-6140), the Page County Extension Office (540-778-5794), or Bobby Clark's cell phone number (540-333-3227).



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Virginia Forage and Grasslands Council Annual Forage Meetings

Go to This Website for Registration Information

<http://vaforages.org/events/>

2018 Winter Forage Conferences

Wytheville, Wytheville Meeting Center 1/29/18

Chatham, Olde Dominion Agricultural Complex 1/30/18

Madison Fire Hall, Madison, VA 1/31/18

Weyers Cave, Weyers Cave Community Center 2/1/18

If it Don't Make Dollar\$, It Don't Make Sense: Adapting in a World of Change

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| 8:30 - 8:55 | Registration |
| Morning Theme - The Challenges and Opportunities in our Changing Industry | |
| 8:55 - 9:00 | Presidents Welcome – Alan Spivey |
| 9:00 - 10:15 | Better Grazing: Lessons on Efficient Forage Management from the Best in the World, Dr. Dennis Hancock, University of Georgia |
| 10:15 - 10:45 | Break and Visit with Sponsors |
| 10:45 - 11:45 | From Tobacco, to Cattle, to Grazier: Making it Work in the Real World – Keith Tuck, VFGC 2017 Forage Producer of the Year, Bedford County |
| 11:45 - 12:00 | Business Meeting and Forage Producer of the Year |
| 12:00 - 1:00 | Lunch and Visit with Sponsors |
| Afternoon Theme - Solutions For Your Farm and Future | |
| 1:00 - 1:30 | Producer Speaker – Changes in Management Provides an Opportunities for Production, Marketing and Soil Health Wytheville – John Fant, Summerfield Farm Chatham – Ronnie Nuckols Madison – Tim Tobin, Swallow Hill Farm Weyers Cave – Norman Bower and Tim Mize |
| 1:30 - 2:30 | The Technical Revolution: Tools and Techniques Worth Considering in 2018 and Beyond, Dr. Dennis Hancock, University of Georgia |
| 2:30 - 3:30 | Economics of Change, Dr. Deidre Harmon, NC State University |
| 3:30 | Wrap Up, Adjourn and Surveys |

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"Knee Deep" Grazing and Pasture Management Workshop Series

February 15, 19 & 21, 2018
Farm Credit Office*
4646 South Valley Pike
Harrisonburg, VA

Make Plans to Join Us for this 3 Day Workshop Series...

Topics will include:

- Grazing Management
- Matching forage quality and animal needs
- Pasture renovation and improvement
- Fencing and watering options
- Creating a forage budget
- Designing a rotational grazing system
- Strategies to extend the grazing season

This course is designed for both beginning and experienced beef and sheep producers. The last night will offer the opportunity to sit down with our instructors to begin developing a custom grazing plan for your operation.

Details:

- Each evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a light dinner.
- A \$30 registration fee which will be due at the first workshop.
- Space is limited to the first 30 participants. Please RSVP no later than February 1, 2018 to reserve your seat.
- RSVPs can be send to Matt Booher at mrbooher@vt.edu, phone 540-245-5750, or Rebecca Webert at rwebert@fcvirginias.com, phone 540-347-3344.
- If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact Matt or Rebecca at any time.

**February 21st meeting will be held at Massanutten Tech Center
325 Pleasant Valley Rd, Harrisonburg, VA*

Sponsored and Hosted by:



Virginia No-Till Alliance Harrisonburg Winter Conference 10th Anniversary January 31, 2018



8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Rockingham County Fairgrounds
4808 South Valley Pike, Harrisonburg, VA 22801
Profitable No-Till Production

This year's conference will focus on the economic impacts of no-till production. Two practitioners of no-till will share their experiences in developing profitable operations.

Kevin Matthews farms extensive acreage in the piedmont region of North Carolina. His farm encompasses rich river bottom soils and upland clay soils.

Jay Hundley is a grain farmer from the Northern Neck of Virginia. He will share the evolution of practices that have resulted in his way of farming today.

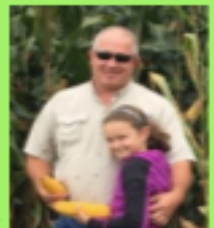
Monsanto representative, **David Mayonado** will provide the latest information for properly using the new dicamba tolerant soybean technology.

Dr. Sally Taylor, Va Tech entomologist, will review the goals of a new research project to investigate an integrated pest management approach to mitigate crop damage from slugs.

Plus: Trade Show

Featured Speakers

Kevin Matthews is a farmer from the Yadkin River Valley in North Carolina. His farming operation includes over 6,500 acres plus nearly 800 acres of custom work. Kevin investigates new technologies and utilizes test plots with a focus in no-till conservation and irrigation management. He has adopted subsurface irrigation on many acres.



James "Jay" Hundley, III is a third generation farmer from Champlain, Virginia. His operation, Cloverfield Enterprises, raises corn, soybeans, wheat and barley on about 7,500 acres in Essex, Caroline and King George counties.

David Mayonado has served as a Technology Development Representative for Monsanto for the past 25 years. His presentation will focus on dicamba tolerant soybean stewardship. The EPA and the dicamba manufacturers have developed new product labels and training requirements to promote proper use of this new technology.



\$10 Registration Fee

Pay in advance or at the door

Please Pre-register at www.virginianotill.com or call 540-564-3080

Make checks payable to "VANTAGE" and mail to: 965 Pleasant Valley Road, Harrisonburg, VA 22801

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**TDD number is (800) 828-1120.*

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