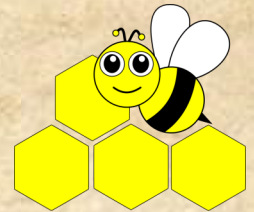


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February 2016

PRACTICAL BEEKEEPING FOR BEGINNERS

Join the Piedmont Beekeepers Association for Practical Beekeepers for Beginners in Lynchburg on weeknights from 7:00– 9:00 p.m. These will be held on February 4, March 3, March 10, March 24, March 31, April 7, and April 14 in the meeting room at Old City Cemetery on Taylor Street. Tuition will be \$90.00 and this includes classroom instruction, 3 textbooks, CD and course notebook with printouts, one years membership to the Piedmont Beekeeper Association, and field day with a demo. You will learn about the history of beekeeping, biology and life cycle of honeybees, seasonal colony management, assembly of hive components and much more! Space is limited so register early at 434-660-6063 or email annzee@aol.com.



FRUIT TREE SCHOOL

Join us for a Fruit Tree School in Southside on February 10, 2016 in Blackstone, VA. This will be at the Southern Piedmont AREC with sign-in beginning at 8 a.m. and program lasting until 2:00 p.m. Topics covered in this workshop will include research on Brown Marmorated Stink Bug, summer diseases in apples, invasive species of fruit, implications and alternatives of potential eradication of certain insecticides, and a spray bulletin update. For more information and to pre-register by February 5th, please contact the Nottoway Extension Office at (434) 645-9315 or hawthoks@vt.edu.

BACKYARD POULTRY WORKSHOP

Join us for a Backyard Poultry Workshop at the Goochland Public Library (1876 Sandy Hook Road) from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. Registration is required and space is limited. Registration is \$10.00 per person. Call the Goochland Extension office at (804) 556-5841 to register or for more information. Lunch will be provided. Topics include poultry health, nutrition, predators, and marketing.

SOIL FUMIGATION MEETING

There will be a Soil Fumigation Meeting on February 17th from 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. This will be held at the Southern Piedmont AREC in Blackstone. Registration is at the door and lunch is provided. Testing will take place after each module and it is open book. Scores will be tallied at the end of the day. It is the same information as the meeting from 3 years ago. We encourage applicators to bring their fumigation manuals from last time because many of them took notes that may be helpful this time. Attendees can get private pesticide applicator recertification at the meeting.

VIRGINIA COW-CALF CONFERENCE

The Virginia Cow-Calf Conference will be held on February 25th at Weyers Cave Community Center. This will be from 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and the cost is \$10.00 per person. This year's conference will focus on maintaining beef cattle profitability in new price realities with an emphasis on marketing and genetics. Headline speakers include Dr. Andrew Griffith (UT Ag Economist), Dr. Kevin Shaffer (WVU Extension Specialist), and a panel of cattle producers. To register, call the Augusta Extension office at (540) 245-5750 or email benner89@vt.edu.

INTRO TO BEEKEEPING

Intro to Beekeeping will be held by the Southside Beekeepers Association and Greensville County Extension office from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Topics include beekeeping equipment, protective gear, honey bee biology, colonies, hive management, and pests and diseases. Pre-registration required by February 21st. Registration fee for adults is \$30.00 and \$10.00 for youth under 16 years of age. Lunch will be included. Please call (434) 348-4223 for more information.

SOUTH ATLANTIC HOPS CONFERENCE

This conference will be held on March 4-5th in Richmond at the Clarion Hotel Richmond Central. This event is a prime opportunity for beginner and experienced hop growers alike to learn and network. Brewers and other industry stakeholders may also wish to participate. Sponsorship and exhibit opportunities are still available--visit the registration link to learn more. The agenda, online registration, and sponsor information can be found at this website: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2016-south-atlantic-hops-conference-tickets-19730934757> Both days will cost \$80.12. Friday only will cost \$32.64 and Saturday only will cost \$59.67. Topics include perspectives from brewers, managing hops yard pests, university research updates, how to construct a hop yard, industry round table, and tours! Contact Laura Siegel for more information at laurab08@vt.edu.

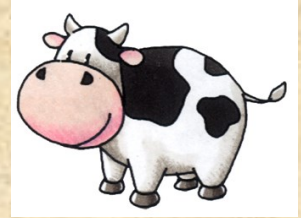
SAVE the DATE-- Commercial Pesticide Recertification in Lynchburg, VA on March 7 & 8th. Contact the Extension Office for more information at (434) 455-3740.

GROW THE GOOD LIFE

The Bedford Master Gardener Education Program is hosting Grow the Good Life on March 12th at 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This will be held at the CVCC-- Bedford Campus at 1633 Venture BLVD, Bedford, VA. Topics included will be Medicinal Herbs, Trees of the Urban Landscape, Floral Design, and Bugs in the Garden. The Snow date will be April 9, 2016. Early Bird registration is due by February 15th and that is \$35.00 with lunch. Pre-registration is \$40.00 with lunch. Pay at the door will be \$40.00 without lunch. Please see the website for more details. <http://bedfordmastergardeners.org/wordpress/2016/01/23/grow-the-good-life-a-special-day-of-outstanding-gardening-seminars/>

2016 DAIRY CONFERENCE

The 2016 Dairy Conference will be held for Southside VA in Amelia County on March 7th beginning at 9:00 a.m. This will be held at Amelia Presbyterian Church at 16401 Dunn St, Amelia Courthouse, VA 23002. Lunch will be provided and the cost to attend is \$5.00. Please RSVP to Laura Siegle at (804)561-2481. Topics covered will be Dairy Calves and Heifers: Tips for Measuring, Monitoring, and Managing, Key Components to Making Baleage, Update on summer Annual Forages, Risks and benefits of milk replacers vs. milk for cows, and margin protection programs; Beyond the Margin and the Coverage. Speakers include Dave Winston, Dr. Wayne Coblenz, Chris Tuetsch, Dr. Bob James, and Dr. Gonzalo Ferreira. Other locations for this conference will be Culpeper (March 8), Dayton (March 9), Wytheville (March 10), and Rocky Mount (March 11). Contact your local Extension office for more information.



Summer 4-H camp registrations are coming up. Contact your local Extension office for more information!



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