

Central VCE

June 2016

AGRIBUSINESS PRODUCTION AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Join us on June 2-3rd for the [Agribusiness Production and Financial Management Certificate Course for Limited Resource Farmers](#): This course is designed to meet the mandatory USDA/FSA financial and production management borrower training requirements; assist in boosting farm profitability and income for farm families and local communities; and offer hands-on training to farmers and assist them in developing valuable skills in financial management and crop production. This session is held in Petersburg.

FEEDING THE MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT WORKSHOP

Feeding the Mind, Body & Spirit Workshops: Second Baptist Church, 3300 Broad Rock Blvd, Richmond VA. All workshops are held from 9:00 am - 11:00 am. Join us for any of these hands-on workshops to get you up and gardening. June 4 - Container Gardening for Small Spaces; June 11 - Feeding the Soil; and June 18 - Birds Bees and Butterflies. Participants who join all three workshops are eligible to receive a free 4' X 12' raised bed and starter plants for their fall garden. To register by phone call (804) 524-5960 or visit www.ext.vsu.edu.

SMALL FARM BERRY AND VEGETABLE FIELD DAY

Join us on June 9th for the Small Farm Berry & Vegetable Field Day at VSU Randolph Farm, 4415 River Road, Petersburg, VA. This will be from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. Beginning and experienced farmers will learn from Cooperative Extension Specialists about the latest research, trends and proven techniques for maximizing farm profits on limited acreage. USDA representatives will be on hand to explain how government resources can open doors for small farmers. See a live milking demonstration, visit farm-related exhibitors and enjoy samples of farm-raised catfish nuggets from our mobile kitchen. This event is FREE and includes a light breakfast and lunch. REGISTER ONLINE AT: <http://goo.gl/forms/7yGSFzRahf>. Please register by JUNE 2, 2016. To register by phone or for more information, call (804) 524-5626.

GROW YOUR OWN SUSTAINABLE VEGETABLE GARDENING SERIES

June 13th is [Grow Your Own Sustainable Vegetable Gardening Series](#) at the Prince Edward County Extension Office, 100 Dominion Drive, Farmville, VA from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. This is a series from March to November. Please contact Katy Overby or Caitlin Miller at 434-392-4246 or hawthoks@vt.edu. [Schedule for the series](#).

2016 VA SPORTS TURF MANAGER'S ASSOCIATION

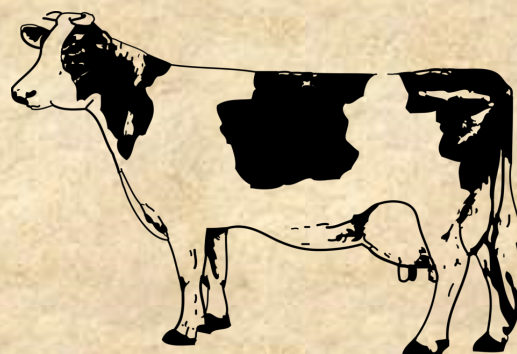
The 2016 VA Sports Turf Managers Association (VSTMA) Field Day: Farmville and Longwood University will be hosting this year's VSTMA Field Day on campus. This field day is a great opportunity for some hands-on training and instruction on sports field management for those charged with managing athletic fields at your area schools and parks and recreation departments. This is a very 'low pressure' group that will make everyone feel welcome regardless of how much they know about sports turf management because whether they are managing the turf for the pros, colleges, or a small park and rec facility, everyone has the same goal of providing a quality, safe playing surface. The VT Turfgrass Team Extension specialists will be on hand to present and facilitate the Field Day, as well as sports turf managers from all levels of facilities across Virginia. A wide variety of vendors of maintenance equipment and/or turf maintenance products will also be there to demonstrate and display their tools, products, services, and equipment. Complete details can be found at www.vstma.org.

CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE

Join us on June 14th for Conservation Agriculture - What You Need to Know to Begin: June 14, 2016, 6PM – 9PM at the Virginia Tech Catawba Sustainability Center. Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1719416331663018/> Interested in Conservation Agriculture? Come to the Virginia Tech Catawba Sustainability Center to learn the “why’s and how’s” of innovative conservation agriculture practices. This three hour workshop is the first of a two-workshop series. The program will begin in the classroom at the Catawba Community Center and then move to the farm to observe a demonstration plot planted with a cover crop blend that will produce late season broccoli using innovative conservation agriculture practices. Light refreshments will be provided. Workshop topics include: Principles of conservation agriculture and its potential benefits, Herbicide-free no-till (minimum till), Cover cropping for improving soil health, Equipment and implements for no-till vegetable production on small farms, Farmscaping techniques for pest control, Including trap crops & beneficial insect habitat, Drip irrigation : Water Slow & Grow Fast, and Compostable plastic mulch for weed control. The workshop will begin at the Catawba Community Center at 6PM – 4965 Catawba Creek Road, Catawba, VA 24070. Questions? Contact Josh Nease at the Virginia Tech Catawba Sustainability Center at jnease@vt.edu or 540-553-2311. Registration is required and the program fee is \$10 To Register: Contact Kelli Scott at 540-382-5790 or kescott@vt.edu. Please make checks payable to “Treasurer of Virginia Tech” and mail to Montgomery County Government Center - Virginia Cooperative Extension, ATTN: Kelli Scott, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073. Please send check with your name, phone number, and email address. The workshop is offered in conjunction with Virginia Cooperative Extension and the Virginia Beginning Farmer and Rancher Coalition. Funded through the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP) of the USDA-National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). Award number: 2015-70017-22887.

2016 VA DAIRY EXPO

The 2016 Virginia Dairy Expo will be held on July 15th from 10:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. at Harvue Farms, Berryville. There will be a complimentary lunch from 11:00a.m.-2:00 p.m. Please register by July 1st at www.vsdsonline.com.



PATRICK COUNTY BEEF CONFERENCE

On July 28th the Patrick County Beef Conference will be held featuring Dr. Temple Grandin. Early bird registration is by April 30th and is \$25; \$35 fee May 1-July 1. Program runs 12:30p.m.-8:00 p.m. and also features a trade show, Dr. Robert Gentry (mineral supplementation), Jason Carter (legislative update), Dr. Mary Tomlinson (replacement heifers), speaker panel, and steak dinner. [Register online.](#)

Tentative Program Agenda

12:30-1:45pm: Check-in and Trade Show
 1:45-2:00pm: Opening Remarks
 2:00-3:15pm: Dr. Temple Grandin, DVM
"Low stress cattle handling practices"
 3:15-3:30pm: Break / Trade Show
 3:30-4:00pm: Dr. Robert Gentry, DVM
"Strategic Mineral Supplementation in Beef Cattle using MultiMin"
 4:00-4:30pm: Jason Carter, Virginia Cattlemen's Association
"Regulatory and legislative topics affecting livestock producers"
 4:30-4:45pm: Break / Trade Show
 4:45-5:45pm: Dr. Mary Tomlinson, DVM
"Replacement Heifer Management: Strategies for building a successful herd"
 5:45-7:00pm-Steak Dinner / Trade Show
 7:00-8:00pm- Speaker Panel-Ag Issues & Q/A session from participants
 8:00pm-Evaluations & Wrap-up / Adjourn

NEWSLETTER UPDATES

Check out our blogs at: <http://blogs.ext.vt.edu/ag-connection/> or <http://blogs.ext.vt.edu/central-virginia-ag-spotlight/> Check out the google drive with information to all programs at: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XKezpKoPA9Mk6qjlf7dy3RUXHHpP189w9LvLxUlaC7o/edit?usp=sharing>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Southern VA Pasture Infrastructure Grant Meeting-Keysville Agribusiness Production & Fin. Management-Petersburg	3 ----->	4 Feeding the Mind, Body, & Spirit- Richmond
5	6	7	8	9 Small Berry and Vegetable Field Day-Petersburg	10 Commercial Pesticide Recert-Greenville/Emporia	11 Feeding the Mind, Body, & Spirit- Richmond Franklin County Open Youth Livestock Show -Rocky Mount
12	13 Grow Your Own Sustainable Vegetable Gardening Series-Prince Edward	14 2016 VA Sports Turf Managers Association Field Day-Farmville Conservation Ag- What you need to know before you begin-Catawba	15	16	17	18 Feeding the Mind, Body, & Spirit- Richmond
19	20 Registered Tech Training-Blackstone	21 ----->	22 ----->	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	Check your local Extension Office for Farmers Markets Dates!	