

2017 Field Day

Shenandoah Valley Agricultural Research and Extension Center
Virginia Tech McCormick Farm
128 McCormick Farm Circle, Raphine, VA 24472

Wednesday, August 2, 2017

- 12:00 – 1:00 **Registration and visit with sponsors**
- 1:00 – 1:10 **Welcome**, *David Fiske, Superintendent, Shenandoah Valley Agricultural Research and Extension Center*
- 1:20 – 1:35 **Silvopasture Update** – *Adam Downing, Northern District Forestry Agent, Virginia Cooperative Extension, and Dr. Gabriel Pent, Ruminant Livestock Systems Specialist, Southern Piedmont AREC*
- 1:35 – 1:50 **Emerald Ash Borer – The Good and the Bad** – *Adam Downing, Northern District Forestry Agent, Virginia Cooperative Extension*
- 2:00 – 2:15 **Summer Annual Forages: Uses and Benefits** - *J.B. Daniel, Forage & Grassland Agronomist, USDA-NRCS*
- 2:15 – 2:30 **Warm Season Grasses for Beef and Bobs** - *J.B. Daniel, Forage & Grassland Agronomist, USDA-NRCS*
- 2:30 – 2:45 **Opportunities with Solar Powered Watering Systems** – *Alston Horn, Field Technician, Chesapeake Bay Foundation*
- 2:45 – 3:00 **Herbicides for Fenceline Grass Suppression - Chemical Mowing** – *Doug Horn, Extension Agent, Rockingham County*
- 3:00 – 3:15 **Semi-permanent Posts & Bracing for use with High-tensile Electric Wire** - *Alston Horn, Field Technician, Chesapeake Bay Foundation*
- 3:30 – 3:50 **Update on Sericea Lespedeza Grazing Experiment** – *Dr. Ben Tracy, Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences, Virginia Tech*
- 3:50 – 4:10 **Evaluation of the Feeding Value of Corn Gluten Feed in Forage-based Rations** – *Dr. Bain Wilson, Department of Animal and Poultry Sciences, Virginia Tech*
- 4:10 – 4:30 **Effects of Endophyte Infected Tall Fescue Consumption on Growing Cattle Performance and Prospective Mitigation Strategies** – *Dr. Robin White, Department of Animal and Poultry Sciences, Virginia Tech*
- 4:30 – 4:50 **Tools for Selecting Replacement Heifers** – *Dr. Vitor Mercadante, Department of Animal and Poultry Sciences, Virginia Tech*
- 4:50 – 5:45 **Visit with Sponsors – Feed Mill**
- 5:45 – 6:30 **Introductions and Comments from Special Guests – Bank Barn**
- Pre-dinner Speaker – Megan Seibel, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, Commonwealth of Virginia**
- 6:30 **Dinner – Bank Barn**

To help facilitate meal planning, please contact the Shenandoah Valley AREC at (540) 377-2255 by Friday, July 28th to register for this field day.

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services, or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact David Fiske or Amanda Kirby at (540) 377-2255 during business hours (M-F: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm) five days prior to the event to discuss accommodations.



Virginia Cooperative Extension programs and employment are open to all, regardless of age, color, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, veteran status, or any other basis protected by law. An equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Issued in furtherance of Cooperative Extension work, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Virginia State University, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture cooperating. Edwin J. Jones, Director, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg; M. Ray McKinnie, Administrator, 1890 Extension Program, Virginia State University, Petersburg.