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


4:50 – 5:15 Visit with Sponsors – Feed Mill

5:15 – 6:00 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.