GROW YOUR FARM

Prospective farmers, beginners with limited experience and experienced farmers who want to make a "new beginning" with alternative methods this program is a great opportunity to get you started.

The Grow Your Farm program is an educational training and support program designed to help people who want to evaluate and plan their farm enterprise. Participants will attend a set of practical seminars and field days to learn and network. Instructors and farmers teach the sessions. The ultimate goal is for participants to have a written farm plan at the end of the program. The Grow Your Farm program consists of 8 sessions with separate farm tours. Three locations in southeast Missouri are hosting the program including:

Butler: Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 and March 1, 8, 15, 22 at the Poplar Bluff
Telecommunications Community Resource Center
Contact Sarah Denkler, 573-686-8064, denklers@missouri.edu

Madison: Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 and March 2, 6 (farm tour), 9, 16, 23, at the Fredericktown Vo-Ag building behind the Fredericktown High School
Contact: Kendra Graham, 573-224-5600 ext. 8, grahamkk@missouri.edu

Perry: Feb. 4, 11, 13(farm tour), 18, 25 and March 4, 11, 13 (farm tour), at the Perry County Extension Center in Perryville
Contact: Kate Kammler, 573-883-3548, kammlerk@missouri.edu

There is a fee of $225 per farm business. $175 scholarships are available to those who request it. Fee includes seminar materials, speakers, refreshments, and a subscription to "Ag Opportunities" — a monthly e-newsletter from the Missouri Alternatives Center. The fee will cover two persons attending from one farm. The deadline for registering for the Madison County program is January 28th.

CATTLE AI SCHOOL

Stuart James of ABS will be holding an AI school Feb 25-26 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The morning will consist of classroom training and the remaining time will be working with cows. The cost will be $250. A $100 deposit is required by February 12, made payable to SIABS and can be mailed to the St. Francois County Extension office, 1 West Liberty St. Suite 101, Farmington, MO 63640. We will meet at Mineral Area College in the Animal Science classroom the first day. Come to the Technology building and veer to the right. Call Stuart James at 618-697-1316, Ben Davis at 573-756-4539 or Kendra Graham at 573-224-5600 ext. 8 for more information.
SHEEP & GOAT PROGRAMS

Upcoming Cooperative Extension Programs-Lincoln University, Missouri

February 20, 2010
Agriculture 101-Fish, Sheep & Goat Workshop
George Washington Carver Farm, Jefferson City
Contact person: Helen A. Swartz, Sheep & Goat Specialist swartzh@lincoln.edu, ph: 573-681-5540

March 5, 2010
Goat Conference
George Washington Carver Farm, Jefferson City
Contact person: Charlotte Clifford Rathert, Small Ruminant Specialist Ph: 573-681-5540

March 12-13-14, 2010
Fiber Retreat
George Washington Carver Farm, Jefferson City,
Contact person: Leslie Carroll-Bartlett, Regional Information Technology Specialist carroll-bartlett@missouri.edu

March 17, 2010
Sheep Shearing School
George Washington Carver Farm, Jefferson City
Contact person: Helen A. Swartz, Sheep & Goat Specialist Ph: 573-681-5540 swartzh@lincoln.edu

March 27, 2010
Sheep Conference & 4-H Camp
George Washington Carver Farm, Jefferson City
Contact person: Helen A. Swartz, Sheep & Goat Specialist swartzh@lincoln.edu ph: 573-681-5540

CATTLE VACCINATION PROGRAM

The Wayne County Extension Council is sponsoring an evening program about cattle vaccines and health. Dr. Craig Payne, veterinarian from the University of Missouri will present the program on March 4 starting at 6 p.m. in the Greenville High School. Cost for the program is $5 per person. Pre-registration is required by March 1st by calling the Wayne Co. Extension Office at 224-5600 ext. 8.

SMALL FARM CONFERENCE

The Madison County Extension Council in conjunction with SEMO University and a WIRED initiative grant will be hosting a Small Farm Conference Monday, March 8 and Monday, March 15 from 5:30-9 p.m. each evening. Topics include how to manage cows and trees through silvopasture, marketing your products, grants, finances, resources, grass-fed and finishing beef, high tunnels to extend the growing season, composting/vermiculture, and becoming certified organic. A meal is included each evening. Please contact Kendra Graham at 573-224-5600 ext. 8 or e-mail grahamik@missouri.edu for more information or to register.

SHOW-ME-SELECT SALES REPORT

The results for the state Show-Me-Select heifer sales are below.

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SEMO BULL SALE REPORT

The 65th semi-annual SEMO Bull Sale was held on Friday, October 23rd at the Farmington livestock Auction. The sale average for 32 bulls was $2,253. 21 Angus sold for $2,410, 2 Charolais sold for $1,650, 4 Hereford sold for $1,863, and 5 Simmental sold for $2,150. The next sale is scheduled for Friday, March 26, 2010.

The information can also be found on the website at www.semobeef.com.

VOTE ONLINE FOR THE WAYNE COUNTY EXTENSION COUNCIL

Go online to www.extension.missouri.edu/wayne and vote for candidates running for the Wayne County Extension Council. Please vote for no more than 7 people. The election ends on Jan. 14 at 4 p.m.
March 23rd, 2010 through February 2nd, 2010

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If you need special accommodations because of a
disability, or if you need materials in an alternate

form, please inform the office immediately.

Products

- Meet farmers who have diversified their

sales strategies.

- Learn how to create a variety of conditions.

- Network with other farmers and make friends.

- Tap into the knowledge of skilled innovators.

Opportunity to:

Participants will have an

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SMALL FARM CONFERENCE
Tips and Tools to Help You Improve or Diversify Your Farm Business

TWO NIGHTS!
MONDAY, MARCH 8 AND 15
BLACK RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
Fredericktown, MO
5:30 P.M.—9:00 P.M.
No Charge Dinner Provided

TOPICS COVERED:
Organic Requirements
Marketing Your Products
Composting/Vermiculture
Resources/Finances/Grants
Managing Cattle and Trees (Silvopasture)
Grass Fed Beef and Selling Beef off the Farm
Using High Tunnels to Extend the Growing Season

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Please mail pre-registration form below to:
Madison County Extension Center
137 W. Main
Fredericktown, MO 63645
Registration form also available online at www.extension.missouri.edu/madsion

Small Farm Workshop Registration Due by March 1st

NAME:______________________________________________________________

ADDRESS:________________________________________________________

PHONE:_________________________ NUMBER ATTENDING:___________

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Conference made possible by a grant from the WIRED Initiative a Workforce Investment Board of Southeast Missouri project
CATTLE VACCINATION WORKSHOP

Thursday, March 4, 2010
6:30 - 8:30 P.M.
Greenville High School
Registration fee: $5

Dr. Craig Payne, DVM with the University of Missouri Extension in Columbia will speak about vaccinations for calves, the cow herd and bulls.

Pre register by March 1st by contacting the Wayne County Extension office at 573-224-5600 ext. 8, or e-mail wayneco@missouri.edu
Low Stress Stockmanship School
with Richard McConnell & Tina Williams

Greenville, Missouri
March 12, 2010

Using Lecture, Questions/Answers, and many Movies, the School will Cover—

- What is the value of stockmanship?
- What are the advantages to the handler and to the livestock?
- Using the natural instincts of livestock
- Predator/prey relationship
- Your positioning
- Pressure and release
- Movement—good and bad
- Where and how to begin training the herd
- At the gate, sorting, working in the corral, and loading livestock
- Receiving new animals
- Weaning
- Our attitude as we deal with our livestock

Please register by sending your payment to the address below or calling before March 9 so we can have a count for lunch.

Previous School Attendees have said—

"Your presentation was well organized and very informative. You can relate to those of us who are in the infancy of improving our stockmanship skills, while at the same time hold the attention of the more advanced stockman. Our group was very impressed with your workshop." — Mark, Missouri

"If you have the opportunity to attend one of Richard's trainings, do so." — Paul, Kansas

Details—
Meeting Location:
Methodist Church
Maple St, Greenville, MO
Hours: 8 am—5 pm
Local Questions: Kendra Graham, University Extension, 573-224-3011 ext 8
Registration:
$225 for the first person, $150 each for the second or more from the same operation
Well-mannered and interested kids under age 18 are free
Lunch is included

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