

Rutherford County EXTENSION NEWS



EXTENSION'S FORAGE PLOTS

Forages are plants eaten by livestock (cattle, horses, sheep, goats, llamas, etc.) and wildlife. These can be grasses and/or legumes.

Our forage plots are 10 by 30 foot areas (with three replications), planted to demonstrate different species and cultivars so that livestock and/or hay producers may evaluate them for use in their operation. Tonnage produced and nutrient quality are measured, and different management techniques for maximum forage quality (nutritional content) and production are also demonstrated. It's a great way for a producer to actually see and touch a forage before purchasing seed. Seed is expensive, and I frequently tell producers that if it's a "new thing" and they're unsure, let us grow it for them first—and let US take the risk for them.

What is happening in May? One word: PLANTING! The winter cover crop of crimson clover has been terminated in preparation for planting, and be on the lookout for freshly planted plots. What are we planting?

- Ray's Crazy Mix (a summer cover crop blend)—this area will be converted to cool season forage plots in the fall.
- Mojo Crabgrass
- Korean Lespedeza
- AU Grazer Sericea Lespedeza
- Dessie Teff
- Red River Crabgrass
- Laredo Bermudagrass
- Wrangler Bermudagrass

And possibly more!

Come see the progress and stay tuned!

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Proudly serving our community since 1975, we are the only 100% producer only market in the county. All items are grown, raised, baked, made or created by the vendors.

Join us for "Artisan Fridays" to find your favorite treasures and don't forget to visit the Come & Go in the lobby from 9-11am to learn something new.

For more information or to become a vendor, contact Heather Lambert at 615-898-7710 or hlambert@utk.edu.

Talk to One
of Our Agents



Thursday, May 16th in-between
8:10am - 9:00am

Call WGNS at 615-893-1450 & we will answer your questions about gardening, landscaping, and other Extension events!



MASTER GARDENERS
ANNUAL PLANT SWAP
IS CANCELED FOR THIS
SPRING...SORRY



JUNIOR 4-H CAMP

June 17th-21st

Junior 4-H Camp is open to any youth in Rutherford County that are currently in the 4th, 5th or 6th grade.

Camp will be June 17th—21st at William P. Ridley 4-H Center in Columbia.

This five-day resident camp offers excellent youth programming. Activities include swimming, shooting sports, group sports and recreation, nature hikes, woodworking, T-shirt airbrushing, crafts, skits, music and more!

Cost: \$400 (includes all meals, lodging, transportation and T-shirt) **Registration online [click here](#)**, if you need to pay with a check, please call the office at 615-898-7710.

Other camps we have available.

- Jr High Camp (6th-8th grade) May 27th-31st - Register by May 10th
- Pioneer Camp (7th-9th) July 2nd-5th
- Electric Camp (6th-8th) June 25th-28th
- Culinary Camp (6th-8th) July 9th-11th
- Target Smart Camp (5th-9th) May 27th-31st
- Jr High Academic Conference (6th-8th) June 11th-14th

For more information go to our website by clicking this link: <https://rutherford.tennessee.edu/4-h-camp/>



LOOKING FOR ADULT & TEEN LEADERS TO ATTEND JUNIOR 4-H CAMP!

- Cost: FREE for you if you volunteer!
- Looking for Adult Leaders (19 years and older)
- Looking For Teen Leaders (currently in 9th-12th grades)

Volunteering for 4-H Camp is a great experience in leadership and most of all FUN!

For questions and info contact: Raquel Victor rvictor@utk.edu or Logan Hickerson lhicker2@utk.edu

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