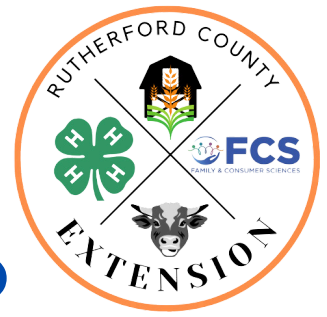


# Rutherford County EXTENSION NEWS



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## Grass Masters LAWN CARE ACADEMY



There's a really good chance you'll learn way more than you bargained for about lawncare if you complete our 4-session lawncare course. You'll learn about the different kinds of turfgrasses we can grow here and how to manage them, options for establishing a new lawn, renovation tips for existing lawns, pest (weeds, insects, diseases) control/management, and fertilization. We'll also look at various turfgrasses growing at the on-site turfgrass demonstration area and demonstrate correct fertilizer and pesticide application techniques.

### Course Particulars

When: Four consecutive Thursday nights August 15, 22, 29 and September 5 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (new material is covered each night)

Where: Lane Agri-Park office complex auditorium located at 315 John R. Rice Blvd in Murfreesboro

Cost: 8 hours or so of your time

Email Mitchell Mote at [mmote1@utk](mailto:mmote1@utk) if you have questions.

[Click Here To Register](#)



Visit the oldest and only 100% Producer Only market in Rutherford County on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7am – noon.

All vendors accept cash and market tokens. Some vendors accept electronic payment. In August, there are authorized vendors that accept WIC Farmers' Market vouchers. Look for the green WIC signs.

Shop with "Artisan Fridays" where talented folks have made treasures waiting for you to find them.

Questions? Call 615-898-7710.



## Exploring the Mediterranean Eating Pattern

Come learn what kinds of foods you can eat and how this eating pattern could benefit you.

**Tuesday, August 20th at 10:00-11:30 am**

Lane Agri Park - Community Center Classroom

Cost: Free

But we would like you to Register by contacting the Rutherford County Extension Office at 615-898-7710. Deadline to register is August 12th. Limited to 20 participants.

RUTHERFORD COUNTY 4-H  
**CHICK CHAIN SALE**  
Saturday August 3rd - Auction @ 9am  
Red Star Pullets  
Raised by 4-H Members  
Lane Agri Park Barn  
315 John R. Rice Blvd.  
Murfreesboro, TN 37129



## 4-H SEWING CLASSES

Beginner - Intermediate  
Classes are held on Wednesday's at the Rutherford County Extension office.

### Beginner Learn to Sew

October 23rd, 30th, and November 6th

Choose from 4-5:30pm Class or 6-7:30 Class

- Learn new sewing skills
- Make and take home a project each time

Open to youth in 4th-8th grade

\$50 for all 3 sessions

Registration begins online on October 4th for these sewing sessions.

If you have questions please contact Raquel Victor at 615-898-7710 or email [rvictor@utk.edu](mailto:rvictor@utk.edu)

### Intermediate Sewing

October 23rd, 30th and November 6th

To enroll in this class, the student must have been in 4-H Beginner sewing for 2 years or previously been in 4-H intermediate sewing.

\$50 for all 3 sessions 4:30-6:00pm

Registration begins online on October 4th for these sewing sessions.

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## FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY!

### *It's Time for Reduced-Price Hay Testing*

Please call the office and ask for Rebekah or ask to be put on the hay testing list. From now until State Fair Hay Contest Entries are delivered at the fair (August 13th), we're charging only \$10 per test in Rutherford County. We have two options for the testing: Rebekah can drop the probe by your place for you to pull the sample(s) overnight and pick it up the next day, or we can arrange a time for Rebekah to come out and meet you. Regardless of how the samples are collected, we can sit down together and go over the results and discuss supplementation strategies if supplementation will be needed. It's a wonderful way to make sure your animals receive what is needed for nutrition AND control costs.

It's time for the **Tennessee State Fair**, and that means it is also time for entries! **Entry deadline for Field Crops and Hay is August 11th** and only Extension agents can enter Hay and Field Crop entries into the fair. It costs nothing to enter, and awards are waiting. Let Rebekah know if you're interested in entering and we can work out the details for your entries. Let's show Tennessee what Rutherford County producers can do!

**August 7th Haylage Field Day at MTSU Dairy** MTSU, Krebs Kubota, and your UT/TSU Extension office are working together to provide you a hands on, demonstration-oriented haylage field day at the MTSU dairy August 7th from 10:00 - 2:00. Lunch is provided, so RSVPs are required to Lori at 615-898-2404 by July 31st.

Forage Plots are in full swing. Warm season plots are established and by the sending of this newsletter, the second harvest will be completed. Tonnage and nutrient value data are being collected and shared with producers. There is a QR code on the sign next to the fencing demonstration. Once scanned, the QR code will link you to the latest updates on what is happening with the plots. Come see them some time!





## State Canning Competiton

The state fair canning competition is now open to all Tennessee residents in Class 1. Entries must be submitted to the Rutherford County Extension office by August 6 before 4:00 pm to be transported to the state fair. If you have any questions, please contact FCS Agent Shay Davis sdavi119@utk.edu or 615-898-7710

### Class 1 - Jam, Jelly, Preserve Canned (Pint or Half Pint)

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Blackberry Jam       | 17. Peach Jelly         |
| 2. Blueberry Jam        | 18. Pepper Jelly        |
| 3. Strawberry Jam       | 19. Plum Jelly          |
| 4. Cherry Preserves     | 20. Raspberry Jelly     |
| 5. Peach Preserves      | 21. Marmalade, any kind |
| 6. Pear Preserves       | 22. Conserves, any kind |
| 7. Plum Preserves       |                         |
| 8. Strawberry Preserves |                         |
| 9. Apple Butter         |                         |
| 10. Peach Butter        |                         |
| 11. Plum Butter         |                         |
| 12. Apple Jelly         |                         |
| 13. Blackberry Jelly    |                         |
| 14. Blueberry Jelly     |                         |
| 15. Grape Jelly         |                         |
| 16. Mint Jelly          |                         |



## 4-H COOKING CLASSES

Beginner & Intermediate

### Beginner Cooking Classes

Is open to youth in 4th & 5th grade.

Cooking classes are individual sessions, you can sign up for just one or all! Choose from 4-5:30pm class or 6-7:30pm class. Classes are held at the Rutherford County Extension office.

\$15 Fee for each session

Dates/Session

- December 10 - Food Plating Skills 101
- December 17 - Seasonal Bread Making
- December 18 - All About Apples

Registration begins online on October 4th for these cooking sessions.

If you have questions please contact Raquel Victor at 615-898-7710 or email [rvictor@utk.edu](mailto:rvictor@utk.edu)

### Intermediate Cooking Classes

Is open to youth in 6th - 8th grade.

Cooking classes are individual sessions, you can sign up for just one or all! Choose from 4:30-6pm class or 6:30-8pm class. Classes are held at the Rutherford County Extension office.

\$15 Fee for each session

Dates/Session

- January 14 - Food Plating Skills 101
- January 21 - Fresh Homemade Pasta
- January 28 - French Cream Puffs

Registration begins online on October 4th for these cooking sessions.

If you have questions please contact Raquel Victor at 615-898-7710 or email [rvictor@utk.edu](mailto:rvictor@utk.edu)

## STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW

Rutherford County had four 4-H Horse members participate in the State 4-H Horse Show. Each represented our program and county well with ribbons in several classes!

Addison Stagner, Senior Walking Horse Division; Arabella Smart & Kennedy Frank, Junior High Walking Horse Division; Emma Leverich, Jr. High Hunter Division. We are very proud of the work and effort they have put in and seeing them progress to new levels of competition!



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