

Va. Beef Cattle, Forage Conservation Field Day Oct. 10

WARRENTON, Va. — Beef cattle and forage producers are invited to attend the Northern Piedmont Beef Cattle and Forage Conservation Field Day Friday, Oct. 10, at Hill Crest Farm in Delaplane, Va. (Fauquier County).

Registration tent and exhibits will be open at 8:30 a.m., with the program running from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A sponsored lunch will be served. The field day is a joint effort of Virginia Cooperative Extension, the John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, and private industry sponsors.

This field day will serve as an authorized Virginia Beef Quality Assurance producer certification meeting. Any producer wishing to be certified will have the opportunity to do so by attending the appropriate sessions. Private pesticide applicator recertification credit in Virginia category 90 will also be available to participants.

The morning program includes a diverse selection of topics relevant to the beef cattle and forage producer. Field plots demonstrating various fertility treatments and different pasture herbicides will be viewed and discussed.

Dr. John Hall from Virginia Tech will discuss replacement heifer selection, and give participants a chance to test their knowledge and visual assessment skills. A hands-on cattle working demonstration will give participants a chance to improve their knowledge skills in managing cattle health. The farm management and conservation practices at Hill Crest Farm will be presented. An industry trade show and equipment demonstration will be ongoing all day.

The field day is being offered free to all with an interest in beef cattle, forages, or conservation. However, to help ensure adequate meal and handout arrangements, preregistration is requested by contacting the Fauquier County Extension Office at (540) 341-7950 or keithd@vt.edu by Friday, Oct. 3.

Dealers, Local Farm Bureau Cooperate In Tioga County Field Day

KNOXVILLE (Tioga Co.) — A recent field day for farmers was actually a three-in-one event, according to the farmer and seed dealer who hosted the gathering on a farm near Knoxville.

Karl Kroeck has been hosting a Pioneer seed field day for years. This year, it worked out to join with two other groups, which resulted in drawing together a larger portion of the local farm community for the Aug. 27 field day.

One of the other cooperators was Kevin Houghtaling, the local Gehl equipment dealer who also hosts an annual field day.

"It just happened that last year we had our field day at the same time," Kroeck said. That led him to plan this year's event with Houghtaling.

The Tioga County Farm Bureau summer picnic was also coincidentally set for the same day this year, so organizers decided to come on board with Kroeck and



Hay equipment demos were one feature of a recent joint field day in Tioga County. Photo by Tyler Hoover

Houghtaling.

Kroeck estimated that about 250 people attended the event, which ran from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and included lunch and drinks.

The focus of the day was on hay equipment and seeds. Binkley & Hurst Bros. of Lititz provided tractors to help run the ma-

chinery.

The scope of the equipment demonstrations rivaled Ag Progress Days, according to Kroeck.

"If everybody's happy, we hope to enlarge (the field day) for next year," he said. "Our basic goal is to keep the rural community together."

Md. Foundation Sets Golf Outing

HAVRE DE GRACE, Md. — The Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation (MAEF) will conduct their 8th annual Golf Tournament, Monday, Sept. 15, at Oakmont Green Golf Club in Hampstead, Md. Seventy-five to 100 golfers are expected to join in the fun to raise money for the Foundation's educational programs.

Players will gather at noon for a light lunch, followed by a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Format for the tournament is Best Ball and players will compete for a low numbered Maryland Ag Tag (under 100) in the Hole-In-One contest. Other contests

include Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, and team prizes. Dinner with a short awards program will follow the tournament.

Maryland agriculturalists and interested others may register to play for \$100 per person and \$400 per foursome. Corporate sponsorships are available for \$100 or \$450 with a foursome. Reservations are needed by Sept. 8 and can be made by calling the Foundation at (410) 939-9030 or by sending an e-mail to mstephens@maefonline.com.

Poultry Conference Sept. 18-19

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The Pennsylvania Poultry Sales and Service Conference will take place Sept. 18-19 at the Penn Stater Conference Center.

Coordinated by the Penn State Department of Poultry Science Extension, Thursday's program will feature presentations of general interest to all poultry operations and industry sup-

pliers. Friday morning sessions have been separated into three divisions — broiler, egg, and turkey — to run concurrently from 8 a.m. to noon.

The conference will open Thursday morning at 9 a.m. with a welcome from Dean Robert Steele, head of the College of Agricultural Sciences.

The speakers lined up for the morning sessions include: Jim Sumner, U.S. Poultry and Egg Export Council; Les Lanyon, Penn State Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, Paul Patterson, Penn State Department of Poultry Science; and John Enck, Penn State PDA's Bureau of Animal Health and Diagnostic Services.

Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Dennis C. Wolff will be the featured speaker following lunch. He will address the State of the Union and Agriculture.

Other speakers Thursday afternoon will be Doug Goodlander, State Conservation Commission; Gene Gregory, United Egg Producers, and James Marion, National Chicken Council; and a poultry health product panel with Andy Long, Gene Burkett, Randy Wheeler, and Wayne Collins.

Activities scheduled for Friday afternoon are a golf outing at the Penn State Blue Course or a Clay Shoot at the Warriors Mark Wingshooting Lodge & Kennels at Ginter.

For more program information, contact Paul Patterson at (814) 865-3414 or Mike Hulet (814) 863-8934.

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