

Beginning a Successful Small Farm

**April 4 – May 9, 2012
Registration Form**

Registration is \$15 for this entire course and checks should be made payable to Frederick County EAC.

To register please call 301-600-3577 or email tepoole@umd.edu or return this form to:

Terry E. Poole
University of Maryland Extension
330 Montevue Lane
Frederick, MD 21702

Space is limited, so register as soon as possible.

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April 4th - *Finding the Perfect Farm Enterprise/Marketing What You Produce*

Learn about specialty and high value non-traditional farm enterprise opportunities, marketing options, and how to develop a marketing plan.

April 11th - *Basics of Soil and Plant Fertility*

This class provides a basic understanding of the importance of soil to farming and how soil/plant nutrients impact on plant/crop production. Discussion includes interpretation of fertilizer analyses, composting, and liming soils. Participants will receive credit for the Nutrient Applicator Voucher Training/Recertification.

April 18th - *Developing a Pasture System*

Participants will learn the fundamental concepts of designing and establishing a pasture system. Discussion will include pasture designs, selecting forage species, determining grazing capacity, and more.

April 25th - *Pasture System Management Hay Evaluation*

Participants will learn how to maintain optimum yield and optimum quality of established pastures. A hands-on review of some easy methods of hay evaluation will also be discussed; participants are encouraged to bring hay samples to class for evaluation.

May 2nd - *Review of Weeds Commonly Found in Pastures*

An overview of common weeds found in pastures in this region and how they can be managed and controlled. Session will include a review of weeds that are toxic to livestock and horses.

May 9th - *Cover Crops Field and Forage Crops on Small Farms*

Review of the advantages and disadvantages of the various plant species used as cover crops in farm production and conservation practices. The class will also review the pros and cons of grain and forage crops grown in this region.

Upcoming Programs

Private Pesticide Applicator Training & Recertification

Spring – March 7, 2012, 10:00 a.m. – Noon – Training
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Recertification
March 14th 10:00 a.m. – Exam
There is no fee for this program.

Nutrient Management Certified Consultants/Farmers Recertification

March 21, 2012 - 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
There is no fee for this program.

Nutrient Applicator Voucher Training & Recertification

Spring - March 27, 2012 – 10:00 a.m. - Noon
or 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Fall – November 14, 2012 – 10:00 a.m. – Noon
or 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
There is no fee for this program.

Beginning a Successful Small Farm, Part II Fall Short Course

Sept. 5 – Oct. 10, 2012
(6 classes) 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Fee is \$15.00

Nutrient Management Farmer Training Certification Become certified to write your own NM plan

Oct. 16 – Nov. 5, 2012
(7 classes) 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Fee is \$20.00

Private Pesticide Applicator Training & Recertification

Fall - November 7, 2012, 10:00 a.m. – Noon – Training
1 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Recertification
Nov. 14th 10:00 a.m. – Exam
There is no fee for this program.

**All classes in March will be held at
5370 Public Safety Place.**

**All classes in April or after will be held at
330 Montevue Lane.**

You are invited to participate in this upcoming short course series, *Beginning a Successful Small Farm*, to be held on Wednesdays from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, from April 4 to May 9.

All classes will be held at the University of Maryland Extension, located at 330 Montevue Lane, Frederick.

Studies show that most new small farm owners are new to farming, or have little agricultural experience, and that the new farming venture is a family project. For this reason, our 6-week, 12-hour course is designed to provide some basic training in critical farming subject matter for those who are new and inexperienced in agricultural production in this region.

To register for this course, please either complete the registration form included in this pamphlet and return it promptly to my office, or call me at 301-600-3577, or email me at tepoole@umd.edu. **Registration is \$15 for this entire course and checks should be made payable to Frederick County EAC.** Space is limited, so register as soon as possible.

I look forward to seeing you in this short course series. If you have any questions, please give me a call.



Terry E. Poole
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