

### **Soil Testing:**

Since the ground has thawed, this is a good time to get soil samples pulled and sent to the lab. With fertilizer time coming up shortly, don't guess what and how much to put down. That approach will always cost you too much for what you get. The lab analysis will give you a pH level and a lime recommendation if needed. Based on the crop listed for each parcel, the nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium available will be given and any additional amounts recommended will be listed. These lab tests can be run for crops, forages, gardens, lawns, ornamentals, trees, etc. We have the sample boxes and information sheets at the office. If you need assistance I am more than willing to come out and help you collect your samples to send off.

### **Marshall County Cattleman's Spring Meeting:**

Marshall County Cattlemen's Association

Spring Meeting - Monday April 8th @ 5:30pm

Location - Tory Creek Agricultural Center, 3192 Yell Rd, Lewisburg

Topics - Live bulls will be showcased by area breeders and discussion about Artificial Insemination (AI)

Bulls will be available to view by 5:30, meal and meeting at 6pm.

Discussion about Fall Meeting topics and location.

RSVP by Noon on Wednesday April 3rd to the UT Extension office at 931-359-1929. Feel free to bring a friend.

### **Grass Tetany:**

"Spring with its green pastures is the time of year that cattle long for at the end of a long winter. These grasses will be lush and your cows will tear a fence down to get on these pastures, but these grasses also will be full of moisture and potentially diluted of minerals. This can lead to a condition known as grass tetany." The complete article is attached above. Grass Tetany is a worry for any cattle producer as we enter the Spring Time Greenup. I've attached a great article from UT Extension Veterinarian Dr. Lew Strickland about how to recognize and prevent grass tetany.

### **Upcoming Sales, Field Days, and Educational Classes:**

April 8 – UPI Sheep and Goat Sale - Columbia

April 12 / 13 TN Sheep Producers Shearing School – Williamson Ag Expo Center -  
<https://tennesseesheep.org/> Click here to register.

April 22 – UPI Sheep and Goat Sale – Columbia

April 26 – Farmers Market Vendor Class – Giles County Chamber 9am – Noon

### **TAEP DEADLINES:**

The deadlines for submitting for cost-share reimbursement for people who were approved is as follows.

Reimbursement Request Deadline – Hay Equipment & Livestock Equipment April 1, 2024

Decline Funding Deadline – Genetics May 1, 2024

Reimbursement Request Deadline – Genetics June 1, 2024

Decline Funding Deadline – Dairy Solutions, Herd Health, Livestock Solutions, Poultry Grower, Producer Diversification, Row Crop Solutions, Swine Producer, Working Structures & Fence-line Systems July 1, 2024

Reimbursement Request Deadline – Dairy Solutions, Herd Health, Livestock Solutions, Poultry Grower, Producer Diversification, Row Crop Solutions, Swine Producer, Working Structures & Fence-line Systems August 1, 2024

**TennSouth BSE Day:**

TennSouth Veterinary Clinic will be hosting a Bull Breeding Soundness Exam day on May 4<sup>th</sup> at their clinic. You simply need to call the clinic to reserve a time slot to bring your bull or bulls in to get them checked out. This is a great service and opportunity to check and make sure your bull going to be getting your cattle bred when he is put in with them.