Looking Ahead to 2025

It is hard to believe that the conclusion of 2024 is just around the corner. With that being said, the 2025 Virginia Tech Beef Cattle Health Conference is scheduled for January 18, 2025, from 8:00 am -4:00 pm. This conference is a great opportunity for beef producers to grow their expertise and experience in Beef Cattle Herd Health through a variety of Lectures and Labs.

The 2025 Virginia Tech Beef Cattle Health Conference is open to all producers, with a full day of educational materials and speakers. Educational opportunities for producers at all levels to either brush up on their current knowledge or learn the basics.

Topics will include: Dart Guns: Frind or Foe; Ferappease; Ask a Vet panel; Mineral Supplementation; Colostrum Management; and Producers’ Worst Enemies: Flies. Hands-on labs will include: Prevention of Chute Injuries; Colostrum Management and Tubing; and Genetic Selection for Good Hooves.

The cost of the program is $20 per person and you can register at <https://tinyurl.com/2025VTBEEFHEALTH>. You can also contact Lisa McCormick at (540) 231-2792 and request a form, or ask additional questions.

You are asked to register by January 16, 2025 and please note that payments can be may by using cash or check only. They do not accept credit cards.

Later in January, the Virginia Forage and Grassland Council (VFGC) will once again hold their Winter Forage Conference in Wytheville on January 28th.

Join VFGC for an in-depth look making, buying, and using quality hay and baleage. Featured speakers include Chris Teutsch, Extension Forage Specialist with University of Kentucky, and Jessica Williamson, Hay and Forage Specialist for Massey Ferguson, as well as local producer speakers from each conference location.

Topics to be discussed include: Updated hay economics; Using hay to grow grass, when and how; Minimizing hay losses when storing, feeding; Making Quality Dry Hay; Using Your Equipment to its fullest potential; Sourcing, Purchasing, and Evaluating Hay; Hay buying tips and other considerations; Visual evaluation and forage testing; and Making and Storing Quality Baleage.

You can register on-line at: <https://vaforages.org/2025-winter-forage-conference/>

Upcoming Events

Dec 7 Chilhowie Christmas Parade, 11 am

Dec 7 Saltville Christmas Parade, 6 pm

Dec 9 VQA Steer Take Up

Dec 11 VQA Heifer Take Up

Dec 14 Smyth Washington Cattleman Meeting, 6:30 PM at 4-H Center

Jan 7, 2025 VQA Sale

Jan 13 VQA Steer Take Up

Jan 15 VQA Heifer Take Up

Jan 18 VT Beef Health Conference, Campus

Jan 28 VFGC Winter Conference, Wytheville

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodation to participate in this activity, please contact Andy Overbay or Pam Testerman at 276-706-8339 /TDD (800) 828-1120) during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event.