June 2025: Many Fun Events

This month promises to be a great month for lessons and learning. The first is sponsored by Evergreen Soil and Water District. Designed to offer a fun evening of learning about how much people can make on their farm, The Evergreen, Get Growing event will feature many different and effective ways we can better use to protect the precise resource we call soil.

The outreach program will be held at the Scott Waddle Farm, just across the road from the Rich Valley Fairgrounds. The evening meal will be catered, and the program kicks off at 5:30PM. Many different agencies will be on hand so it will be a great way to learn about how your farm and family might benefit from a number of programs.

Later that week, the Old Glade Antique Tractor Association will hold their annual summer show. This year’s featured brand is International Harvester, and you will be treated to many demonstrations using machinery of the past.

You will be able to see logs cut into boards and iron being worked into steel. You will see a throttle-governed motor power an entire working machine shop and grain threshed in the field.

New this year, the OGATA Summer Show is featuring a toy show and display contest, so come on out, see some history and purchase a future friend. June booked up already? Not to worry.

July and August will offer more learning opportunities for beef and forage growers!

Upcoming Events

May 30 Deadline to consign VQA calves for July 8 sale

June 10 Evergreen 3rd Annual Good Growth Outreach Program, Scott Waddle Farm 5:30 PM

June 12-14 OGATA Summer Show, 908 Hillman Hwy, Abingdon VA

June 23 Deadline to consign VQA calves to Aug sale

June 24-28 VA 4-H Congress, Blacksburg

July 7-10 Forestry PD for Teachers, Bill Worrell (bworrell@vt.edu)

July 7-11 Smyth County 4-H Camp

July 8 VQA Sale

July 14 VQA Steer Take-Up

July 16 VQA Heifer Take-Up (depending on numbers…. Could be a one-day take-up)

July 21-23 Virginia Beef Cattle University, The Inn, VA Tech Campus

July 29 Youth Day at Rich Valley Fair… stay tuned for more information

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Andy Overbay or Pam Testerman at (276) 783-5175/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.

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