

Poultry Growers: Please Register Your Farm

Poultry operations must be registered by March 31st. You will need to call and make an appointment to do your registration. Also, please bring your litter records to turn in. Litter records are required by the state and your registration is not complete till we receive them.

Poultry Registration Meeting

We held our annual Poultry Registration Meeting on February 7, 2022 in the Commercial Building at the Polk County Fairgrounds. We had a small turn out, but a good meeting. Special thanks to our sponsors Diamond Bank, Rich Mountain Electric, Union Bank, Farm Bureau, Arvest Bank, Farm Credit, Walmart, First Financial Bank, Farmers Co-op., Tyson-Grannis, and James Supersave Foods.

Farm Bureau Dairy & Rice Cooking Contest

Polk County Farm Bureau Women's Committee has partnered with the Polk County Extension Office, Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) and the Rich Mountain Conservation District to host the Dairy Foods Contest and the Rice is Nice Youth Cooking Contest. Both contests will be April 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the Farm Bureau Meeting Room. Polk County youth ages 9-18 is eligible. The winner of each contest will be entered into the state contest. Registration Deadline is April 1st. Call the extension office to register 479-394-6018.

LT in Poultry

Laryngotracheitis (LT) is a virus that affects chickens. The first clinical signs of the disease that is usually noticed is watery eyes. Affected birds remain quiet because breathing is difficult. Affected birds progress to coughing, sneezing, and shaking of the head to dislodge mucus from their windpipe.

The birds can die from suffocation due to the mucus in their windpipes.

LT is very easily spread. Once a bird is infected it becomes a life-long carrier of the virus and can shed the virus during times of stress. Birds are most contagious when showing clinical signs of the virus. To help prevent the spread of the virus, it is important to incinerate the dead birds. Be sure to implement and maintain an effective biosecurity program that will also help prevent the introduction and spread of the virus.

It is time for birds to start migrating, so watch for Avian Influenza.

2022 Forage Short Course

The extension office has rescheduled their Forage Short Course for March 17th and 29th and April 5th and 7th. The March sessions will be held at the Wickes Community Center and the April sessions will be held at the Extension Education Building.

Annie's Project

Annie's Project is coming to Polk County. The mission of Annie's Project is to empower women in agriculture to be successful through education, networks, and resources. This is a 6-session course that is a discussion-based workshop bringing women together to learn from experts in production, financial management, human resources, marketing, and legal field. The cost is \$50 per person and deadline to register and pay is March 15, 2022. The program will be held at the extension office. A meal will be provided each night starting at 5:45 p.m. and the program will be from 6-9 p.m. The sessions will be March 28th, April 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, and 28th. For more information call the extension office @ 479-394-6018.

2022 Beef Stockman & Stewardship

The extension office is having a Beef Stockman & Stewardship Program on May 20th or 21st at the Wickes Community Center at 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. It is limited to 25 people/day and registration ends May 11th. Call the extension office to register.

The topics will include cattle handling & care, biosecurity, herd health, transportation, nutrition, environmental stewardship, worker safety, and emergency action plan. At the completion of the program, you will be BQA Certified.

No Bake Cookie Recipe

Ingredients:

1 stick butter
2 cups sugar
¼ cup cocoa
½ cup milk
½ cup peanut butter
½ tsp. vanilla
3 cups quick cooking oats



Instructions:

Combine sugar, cocoa, milk, and butter in saucepan. Bring to a boil and boil 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Stir in peanut butter and vanilla. When well mixed, stir in oats. Drop onto waxed paper.

Did You Know?

You can help your conservation district by purchasing a specialty license plate at the revenue office. For every purchase of this specialty license plate, the Rich Mountain Conservation District receives \$20, which helps put conservation on the ground.



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