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Fruit Tree Pruning: The "Older Neglected" and the "Just Planted"

January 26, 2021 - 6:00 -7:30 PM

\$5 Registration Fee

This course will go over the basics of fruit tree pruning, steps to take to get started, and guidance on pruning trees that have never been pruned to those that have just been planted in 2019. This year's fruit tree pruning classes will be held virtual, using the zoom platform. "While you might think that you cannot learn to prune using a virtual format, Grant has developed a color-coded system for teaching people how to prune that works really well to help you understand what to prune and what to leave behind.

Certified Livestock Manager Training

Friday, January 29, 2021

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Thursday, March 4, 2021

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

\$40 Registration Fee per person



According to the Livestock Management Facilities Act (LMFA), livestock facilities in Illinois that house more than 300 animal units are required to have at least one certified livestock manager. Four webinars (virtual workshops) will be offered. You must attend the whole webinar (about 4 hours) to be eligible for your certificate. After the webinar, those with over 1,000 AU will be required to log in and take the 40-question online test in lieu of the IDoA's paper-based test.

Online training is also available at go.illinois.edu/CLMT



Fruit On Fridays Series

January 29 - Grapes

February 5 - Strawberries

12:00-1:00PM

\$15 for all four sessions or \$5 per session

This webinar series will focus on the basics of fruit production for some of the most common fruits that growers in Northern Illinois plant and grow. Each week, a different fruit will be discussed and give you the information you need to determine if it's right for you, general practices you may need to be doing before/during the growing season, and suggestions of seasonal management and variety selection.



Stateline Fruit and Vegetable Growers Conference

Thursday, February 18 (Fruit Track) 1:00 - 3:30 PM

Thursday, February 25 (Vegetable Track) 1:00 - 3:30 PM

With additional sessions on Fridays in February.

Friday, February 12 - Hard Cider Production

Friday, February 19 - Pumpkin Varieties

Friday, February 26 - High Tunnel Production Updates

12:00 - 1:00 PM

This conference attracts commercial vegetable and fruit growers from farms in Illinois and Wisconsin, all of whom sell to small and/or wholesale markets, in order to provide them with updated production-related information from Extension specialists at the University of Illinois.

2021 Illinois Dairy Summit

February 3, 2021

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM



This webinar, Protecting Your Milk Check During COVID & Beyond, will feature an expert speaker panel. New this year, John Newton, Chief Economist of the American Farm Bureau Federation, will lead a discussion on Milk Check Pricing followed by a live Q&A session. This webinar is free but registration is REQUIRED.



February 16- "Climate Change and Impacts in Northwest Illinois"

February 23- "Corn Rootworm Management"

February 25- "Cover Crops in Northern IL/Southern WI and Combine Cleaning to reduce weed seed movement"

March 2- "Updates in Disease Management"

March 4- "Grain Bin Entry"

March 9- "Will the novel soybean herbicide tolerance traits solve my pigweed and ragweed problem?"

March 11- "The importance of scouting to mitigate risk for fungicide resistance development"

All sessions will be held from 1:00 - 2:00 PM

This live series will consist of weekly sessions to provide valuable updates for Midwestern corn and soybean producers while allowing them the opportunity to ask questions and discuss with the experts.

GARDENING QUESTIONS?

Our Master Gardener Helpline is open and ready to help. Fill out our [online form](#) to help us serve you better. Or call us with your question.



2021 Northwest Illinois

Grazing Conference

6:30-8:00 pm

March 3:
Am I a Regenerative Grazer?

March 10:
Be Creative, Identifying Alternative Grazing Opportunities

March 17:
Extending the Grazing Season

March 24:
Encouraging Maximum Grazing and Weed Control, Putting the Pieces Together

The theme for this year's conference is "Reinvigorating Pastures and Expanding Grazing" which will be brought to you via Zoom.



Your Thoughts Matter

4-H Spin Club

February 16 - March 23

5:30-6:30 PM

University of Illinois Extension is hosting a six-part online series for youth ages 13 and older called "Your Thoughts Matter." This 6-part virtual series will help teens learn to define mental health, how to talk about it with family and friends, and how to help themselves and others.



Waste To Renewable

Energy

February 11, 2021

1:00 pm

Join University of Illinois Extension Environmental & Energy Stewardship Educator Ashley Belle to learn how renewable energy is produced from organic waste materials. This webinar will cover the digestion process, steps for operating optimal digestion systems, and the current status of agricultural anaerobic digesters in the US.



Therapeutic Value of

Nature

February 16, 2021

1:30 pm

Join University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator, Mary M. Fischer, as she presents research-based studies to support the healing powers of Nature.