

Fresh from the Farm
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Poultry Training at Pontiac for CAMM Growers

If you are the owner/operator of poultry houses in the area and have not received initial certification in the CAMM (confined animal manure manager) program, your next opportunity is May 3rd at the Sandhills Research & Education Center near Pontiac.

Confined animal facility operators in S.C. (namely dairy, poultry, swine) must complete this training by June 28, 2004. A series of classes will be offered to allow growers to complete the training prior to the deadline. The training on May 3rd is specific to poultry as well as another opportunity at the same place on June 23rd for poultry growers.

Contact Bryan Smith at 864-984-2514 a week in advance or sooner for either training.

Manuals must be prepared ahead of time for the class, and a meal will be served.

The cost of the full day training is currently \$40 per person. A second person from the same farm may attend the training for \$20 if a single manual is used by both people.

After the May and June sessions are offered, other sessions will only be offered annually or semi-annually at some central location in the state. Contact your nearest Clemson Extension office for dates and contact people relating to dairy and swine certification sessions in May and June prior to the deadline. According to Sections 100.190 and 200.190 of the S.C. Regulation R.61-43 passed in 1996 by the S.C. Legislature, growers of all permitted animal confinement facilities in S.C. are required to attend a training provided by Clemson University by June 28, 2004.

A continuing Education requirement of 10 hours of training every 5 years is now required to maintain certification. There will be a charge of \$10 per credit hour to cover instructor travel and handouts. This first 5-year period for all animal species will begin

on July 1, 2004 and end June 30, 2009, regardless of when the operator was trained. We will try to offer some of these recertification sessions in our local area.

Upcoming Meetings for Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Plan

Everyone with concerns about wildlife and conservation is invited to attend a meeting to be held in several locations across the state beginning Tuesday, April 27th in Florence at the Darlington Technical College Auditorium. The meetings are hosted by the State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and concern planning the future of wildlife conservation in S.C. The Florence meeting will be held from 6-9 PM. Darlington Tech is located at 2715 Lucas Street (Hwy. 52) on the Darlington side of I-95. Other locations are Charleston, Columbia, and Greenville. You can help S.C. pull in millions of federal dollars for wildlife conservation and have a say in how these funds are spent. Your organization or group should consider attending one of these sessions to be sure your concerns will be included. RSVP if you intend to participate. Call Ann Huckabee at 803-734-5534 or email www.dnr.state.sc.us.

Horse Owners Reminded of Mosquito Season

Most horse owners have probably already taken care of vaccinations for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV) for their animals, haven't you? For those that have not, it is mosquito season. According to Tony Caver, interim state veterinarian and director for Clemson University's Livestock/Poultry Health Programs, "there were 152 equine cases for EEE and 54 for WNV equine cases in the state in 2003. Most of these were cases where animals had not been vaccinated or their vaccinations were not current. More than 90% of the horses diagnosed with EEE and about 40% diagnosed with WNV died or were euthanized. Many that recovered from WNV took

weeks to get back to normal.” Caver says good vaccines are available and the cost is negligible when you consider the value and welfare of your animals. Horse owners can contact Dr. Caver at 803-788-2260.

Edisto Spring Field Day Set for May 6th

Small grain production, melons and strawberries, and precision agriculture technologies are topics to be highlighted Thursday, May 6th near Blackville at the Edisto Spring Field Day. Registration begins at 9:00 AM. A Precision ag demonstration for vegetables and row crops will begin at 10:00. Beginning at 11:00, participants may choose from a vegetable plot tour and small grain tour. A sponsored B-B-Q lunch follows at 12:30. Contact your nearest Clemson Extension Office for more details.