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Spring Planting

It is that time of year again, time to start thinking about what vegetables you are wanting to plant for the spring season. The first two factors to take into account are 1. What type of plant do you want? and 2. When do I need to plant?

I will always suggest taking a soil sample to see what nutrients levels and pH your soil is already setting at prior to planting. Next, depending on what type of plant, the optimal soil temperature is very important to determine when you should start to get transplants or seeds in the ground.

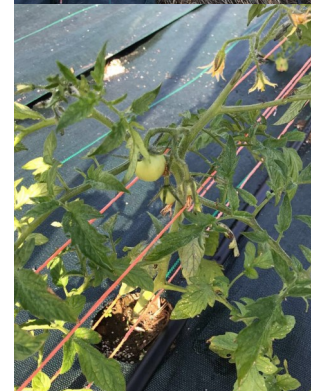
We have already started getting some transplant tomatoes, eggplant, and peppers in the ground, along with seeding corn, squash, and beans.

Here is a list of those optimal temperature ranges for each of the following plants:

Corn	60-95°F
Cucumber	60-95°F
Eggplant	75-95°F
Pepper	65-95°F
Squash	70-95°F
Tomato	60-85°F

The University of Georgia has multiple weather stations around the state that are taking daily tests of not only outside temperature, but also soil temperature, soil moisture, etc. As of Monday April 29, 2019 at 2:42pm the Dempsey Research Farm (closest station to our area, Spalding County) is reading 82.9°F outside temperature; and soil temperatures at 2 inches of 85.7 °F, 4 inches 79.8 °F, and 8 inches 70.6 °F. You can find this information at the following URL address:

<http://www.georgiaweather.net/index.php?content=calculator&variable=C&site=DEMPSEY>



Interested in pulling some soil samples to see what is currently in your soil? Interested in pulling some well or pond water samples? Contact the local County Extension Office for details on the sample types available and prices.

Southeastern Hay Contest

Time to start thinking about pulling samples for the **Southeastern Hay Contest**.

Samples submitted to the SE Hay Contest must be pulled with the County Extension Agent Present.

Please call the Upson or Lamar County Extension offices to set up a time to get your samples pulled.

It costs \$25 to submit each sample into the contest. That covers contest registration, as well as postage.

The description of the hay contest can be found at the link provided.

If you have any questions feel free to call one of the Extension Offices, or email Hailey Robinson.

Contact Information:
Upson (706)647-8989
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hrobinson@uga.edu

Contest Link:
<https://site.caes.uga.edu/sehaycontest/>



Walters Farm Cattle;
Photo by:
Hailey Robinson

“If happiness truly consisted in physical ease and freedom from care, then the happiest individual would not be either a man or a woman; it would be, I think, an American Cow.”

—William Lyon Phelps



Ribeye Steak
Marbling: SLAB
QG: Prime

Cattle Corner

With May being **Beef Month**, I thought we might look back at some information gathered about beef cuts in 2018.

Beef. It's What's for Dinner. Looked into the top ten beef cuts at retail by dollar sales, from January to July of 2018. Many of us will not be surprised on what made the list, but you may be a little shocked on the order.

With a total amount of \$4,659,471,855.00 spent on a total of 672,798,549 pounds of beef.

This list of ten will be in ranking order of largest sum of dollars spent to smallest.

Top Ten Beef Cuts of 2018

1. Ribeye Steak
2. Strip Steak
3. T-Bone Steak
4. Stew Meat
5. Chuck Center Roast
6. Tenderloin Steak
7. Top Sirloin Steak
8. Top Round First Steak
9. Bate Chuck Roast
10. Cubed Steak

With summer right around the corner, what are the top beef cuts for grilling?

Top Sixteen Beef Cuts for Grilling

1. Strip Steak
2. Tri-Tip Steak
3. Top Sirloin Steak
4. T-Bone Steak
5. Ribeye Steak
6. Tenderloin Steak
7. Petite Sirloin Steak
8. Porterhouse Steak
9. Flanks Steak
10. Ground Beef
11. Flat Iron Steak
12. Outside Skirt Steak
13. Inside Skirt Steak
14. Kabobs
15. Ranch Steak
16. Chuck Eye Steak

Upcoming Events

Mid-Georgia Cattlemen's Association Membership Meeting May 9, 2019 at 7pm. The May meeting will be held in Lamar County at Rolling R Ranch. Please RSVP on the MGCA website.

<http://mgcaonline.com/>

Monroe County HERD Bred Cow Sale May 11, 2019 Please contact Monroe County Extension if interested.

(478)994-7014 or
uge2207@uga.edu

Lunch 'N Learn May 13, 2019 from 10:30a-12:30p. Location is Barnesville-Lamar Library. Cost \$10. Topic will be Pollinators. Please RSVP by May 10, 2019 to the Lamar County Extension Office.

(770)358-5163

Springfest May 19, 2019 from 1p-4p. Location is the UGA Research and Education Garden. Free to the public. Contact Spalding Extension for details.

(770)467-4225

Monroe Lunch 'N Learn (MLNL) May 20, 2019 from 12p-1p. Cost \$10 with lunch included. Topic will be Well Water Quality. Location is Monroe County Extension

Office. Please contact Monroe County Extension Office for details.

(478)994-7014

Extension Holiday DIY (Summer) May 31, 2019 at 3p. Location is Upson County Extension Office. Cost \$15. Please RSVP by May 24, 2019 to the Upson Extension Office.

(706)647-8989

Small Ruminant Meat Demo June 5, 2019 from 8a-1p. Location is Fort Valley Meat Lab. We will discuss harvesting, get to have a live demo of carcass fabrication, and more. Please contact the Crawford County Extension Office for details.

(478)836-3121

1st Annual ANR Brisket Plate Fundraiser June 7, 2019 from 5p-7p. Location is Upson County Senior Center. Cost \$10 per plate. Pre-sale tickets available until May 31, 2019 at either the Upson or Lamar Extension Offices. Contact either office for details. Proceeds help fund upcoming agriculture 4-H clubs and ANR programming.

(706)647-8989 or

(770)358-5163

Nutrient Management Program June 6, 2019 from 10a-2p. Location is Barnesville-Lamar Library. Please contact the NRCS Office for details.

(770)358-0787

Monroe Lunch 'N Learn (MLNL) June 17, 2019 from 12p-1p. Cost \$10 with lunch included. Topic will be Home Garden Pest Management. Location is Monroe County Extension Office. Please contact Monroe County Extension Office for details.

(478)994-7014

Soil Health /Fertility June 20, 2019 from 6:30p-8p. Location is the Griffin-Spalding Library. Contact Spalding Extension for details.

(770)467-4225

Monroe Hay/pasture Management Update June 21, 2019 at 7p. Location is Shoney's in Forsyth. Please contact Monroe County Extension Office for details.

(478)994-7014

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
Soil Stewardship Week						
5	6	7	8	9 MGCA Membership Meeting (Lamar)	10	11 15th Annual Monroe HERD Sale
12	13 Lunch 'N Learn 10:30a-12:30p (Lamar)	14	15	16	17	18
19 Springfest 1p-4p (Spalding)	20 MLNL Well Water Quality (Monroe)	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Calhoun HERD Sale	30	31 Extension Holiday DIY Summer (Upson)	

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 Small Ruminant Meat Demo (Fort Valley)	6	7 Brisket Plate Fundraiser (Upson)	8
9	10	11	12	13 Nutrient Management (Lamar)	14	15 MGCA Beef Day at Country Oaks (Lamar)
16	17 MLNL Home Garden Pest Management (Monroe)	18	19	20 Soil Health 6:30p-8p (Spalding)	21 Hay/Pasture Management Update (Monroe)	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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