

ANR Program Highlights Jan-March 2015
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- 158 commercial turf and landscape maintenance professionals received 12 hours of training at the Middle TN Landscape and Grounds Management Shortcourse in January. Training planned and conducted by agents from 8 middle TN counties.
- 86 producers received information to aid in enrollment decision making at a joint meeting of Rutherford, Cannon, Coffee, Warren and Dekalb counties in January
- 64 individuals received training at the two part Backyard Fruit Production class in February
- 60 commercial turf and landscape maintenance professionals received 6 hours of training at the Rutherford Co. Winter Commercial Hort. Workshop in February
- As an outreach effort, taught session on Spring Lawncare Essentials at Murfreesboro Home Depot on March 7; second session scheduled at Hooper Supply on March 21
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- **Rebekah Norman**
- **Finishing up both Master Beef and Advanced Master Beef trainings with a total of 57 participants. Also teaching sessions for multiple counties in the region.**
- **Working on Grass Fed/Conventional/Natural Label claims to teach one of the Adult EFNEP classes as well as train FCE leaders in Bedford County. Will also have a display at Adventures in Agriculture Day.**
- **Several farm visits with horse owners and others assessing pastures.**
- **Future projects include preparation for "Pastures are Tattletales" Workshop and Beef Quality Assurance Trainings in preparation for Ag Enhancement application period. This summer will once again conduct hay testing throughout the county.**
- **Teaching a session in Knoxville at the Small Ruminant College later in the summer and also preparing for our "So You Want to be a Farmer" Workshop in late August.**