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## 2016 Annual Forage Field Day

Virginia Tech's Southern Piedmont Agricultural Research & Extension Center  
2375 Darvills Road, Blackstone, VA

Directions can be found at <http://www.arec.vaes.vt.edu/southern-piedmont/contact/index.html>

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### July 28, 2016

**Registration for Pre-Dinner Tour begins at 2:00 PM**

**Pre-Dinner Summer Annual and Forage Sorghum Tour at 2:30 PM**

- Update on hay export project, Kyle Quick
- Impact of shade on cool-season forage mixtures, Kelly Mercier
- Selecting summer annual varieties, Deidre Harmon
- Forage sorghums for silage systems, Chris Teutsch

**Return from Pre-Dinner Tour: 5:00 PM**

**Registration for Post-Dinner Tour begins at 5:00 PM**

**Dinner and guest speakers: 5:00 PM**

- Summer Annuals for Beef Cattle, Deidre Harmon
- Veterinary Feed Directive: Impact on livestock producers, Kim Bridges

**Post-Dinner Silvopasture Tour to begin at 6:00 PM**

- NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant overview, Blaine Delaney
- Silvopasture project overview, Chris Teutsch
- Opportunities and challenges with silvopasture, J.B. Daniel
- Considerations for silvopasture establishment, John Fike
- Forage species for silvopastures, Barenbrug USA
- Forage establishment: seedbed preparation, seeding, and post seeding management, Chris Teutsch



**Please RSVP by emailing [makenny@vt.edu](mailto:makenny@vt.edu) or call 434-292-5331 Margaret Kenny**

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## **GUEST SPEAKER**

Deidre D. Harmon, Graduate Research Assistant  
University of Georgia, Athens

Deidre D. Harmon grew up on a cow/calf Charolais beef operation in Galax, Virginia. Deidre received her B.S. in Biology from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2011 where she also minored in Chemistry. From there, she pursued a M.S. in Animal and Poultry Sciences from Virginia Tech where she focused her research on phosphorus excretion in forage fed beef cattle. Upon completing her degree requirements at Virginia Tech in the summer of 2014, Deidre started her doctoral program in Crop and Soil Sciences at the University of Georgia. She is currently working on an interdisciplinary project focusing on the evaluation of warm season annual forages in forage-finishing beef cattle production systems. Deidre hopes to pursue a career in academia where she wishes to develop a comprehensive extension program on the utilization of forages in beef cattle production systems. At Virginia Tech's Southern Piedmont AREC annual field day, Deidre will discuss summer annual variety selection, management, and how they fit into beef cattle production systems.

