

Putnam County Extension Information Night Slated For February 19
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Putnam County's Extension Information Night, which is held annually to update producers and all interested persons, will be held on Wednesday, February 19th.



It will again be held in conjunction with Putnam County's Annual Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) meeting. It will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and be at the Putnam County High School. Dinner will be provided, as has been the case in past years, courtesy of several of our local businesses. Our annual pie/dessert auction will be held as well during dinner with the proceeds used to help pay on the 4-H Building note and for the Extension Office here in Unionville.

"We have always tried to make it possible for everyone to attend that can," says Joe Koenen, Agricultural Business Specialist. "The program is being held in February before farmers start calving, and we feel like we have topics that will interest farmers and non-farmers alike again this time," says Joe. "Again this year we are doing just the 2 sessions so that we can get everyone home a little earlier," said Joe. Sessions will be 40 minutes and several will be repeated so you can attend more than 1 topic. Topics are selected for their timeliness and interest. Several of these topics should be of interest to many of you.

There will be a session on Ergot in Fescue and Other Fungus Problems which should be of interest to many since it was a concern last year. Another couple of sessions are on Agricultural Apps for Smart Phones and Tablets and Horticultural Update {Spotted Wing Drosophila and tomato grating} and Value Added Beef Cattle Programs "Should I be Considering Them?" that we feel are very timely topics in our area right now.

The rest of the topics will be: Beef Cattle Nutrition; Cover Crops "Do They Fit in Your Operation"; The New Health Care Law "It Will Impact You and Best Management Practices for Controlling Pesticide Runoff. The 2014 Annual Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting is again combined with this program to assist attendance for both programs. "We feel like these topics and the program will be very useful to you and your operation, business or home," says Joe.