

Horse College

Multi-county educational activity designed for the adult horse owner. The programs are a cooperative activity between Dr. Bob Coleman, the state horse extension specialist, and county agents.

The program is a seminar-based activity with four or five evening sessions covering a variety of topics. The topics for the sessions are selected from the following list in discussions with the host agents to develop a program that meets the needs of their horse owning clients.

Topics for Horse College

Nutrition – This is a required subject area but the presentation can be adapted to the area of the state the program is being delivered. Generally covers topics related to feed selection and feeding management. (Presented by Dr. Bob Coleman, the State Horse Extension Specialist)

Horse Health – This is also a required session. The health session can cover routine vaccinations, parasite control programs, general health care, first aid, etc. (presented by an equine veterinarian)

Other Subject Areas

Basic Reproduction – This session discusses selection of breeding stock, basic reproductive physiology of mare and stallion, and breeding systems. (Presented by Dr. Bob Coleman)

Facilities – This subject focuses on horse facilities for the owners with small numbers of horses and limited acreage. Topics discussed are fences, feeders and watering systems, barns and shelters. (Presented by Dr. Bob Coleman)

Equine Behavior – Equine behavior and how to manage horses related to their behavior. This is not about training but about why horses do what they do. (Presented by Dr. Bob Coleman)

Tack and Equipment – A discussion on equipment used when riding and training your horse. This is a general overview of what is available to horse owners and how it is used. (Presented by Dr. Bob Coleman)

Forages for Horses – This session focuses on the establishment and management of pastures and hay field. The summary focus is on pastures and how local conditions affect pasture management. (Presented by County Agents and or State Forage Specialists)

Hoof Care – This session covers basic anatomy of the lower leg and hoof. In addition there is information provided on the how, why and when related to trimming and shoeing a horse. (Presented by a farrier from the Kentucky Horse Shoeing School)

The curriculum for Horse College Program is easily adapted to the needs of the horse owners across the state. If you are interested, contact your county agent to see if a Horse College can be presented in your area of the state.

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