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"Today's Challenges, Tomorrow's Opportunities"

Kentucky Beef Conference

October 24, 2024

10:00—Welcome & Sponsor Recognition

Beau Neal, Woodford County Agriculture & Natural Resources Extension Agent

Fayette County Extension Office 1140 Harry Sykes Way Lexington, Kentucky 40504

University of KY Remarks & Welcome

Dr. Laura Stephenson, UK Director of Extension

Genomics Technology

9:00-10:00

Registration, visit sponsors

Dr. Troy Rowan, University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture Beef Genetics **Extension Specialist**

11:00- Marketing Update & Outlook

\$10 registration fee

Dr. Kenny Burdine, UK Beef Economic **Extension Specialist**

12:00 Lunch

to Fayette County **Extension Office** 859.257.5582

RSVP by October 22nd 1:00— Animal Tagging Update

Dr. Michelle Arnold, UK Extension Ruminant Veterinarian

1:30— KY Beef Cattle Health Update

Dr. Steve Velasco, KY Department of Agriculture State Veterinarian

2:00—Adjourn

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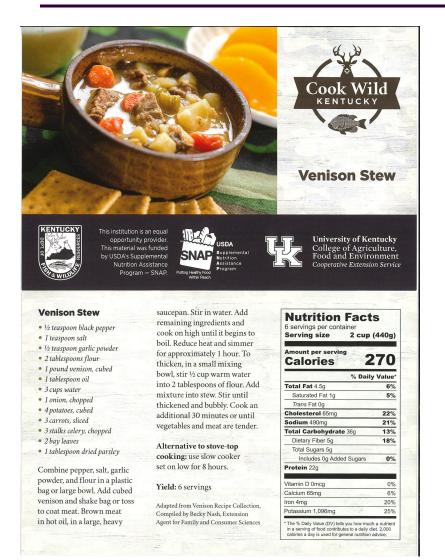
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Upcoming Events in Agriculture

Registration Deadline

Oct 4,5 Jessamine County Cattlemen Oct 15-17 Heart of America Grazing Conf. Cookout Fundraiser Elizabethtown, KY @ Tractor Supply, Nicholasville (see page 5 for details) KDA Rinse and Return Pesticide Oct 10 Oct 21 Jessamine County Cattlemen Container Program 6:30p @ Jessamine County Extension Oct. 24 1:00p-4:00p @ Jessamine County Kentucky Beef Conference 10:00a-2:00p @ Fayette Extension Extension Office. Jessamine County Cattlemen (see Page I for details) Oct 6-10 **Educational Tour** Upper Peninsula Michigan Oct. 7 Central Kentucky Hay Contest

For more information on any of these programs, please contact the Jessamine County Extension Office



Healthy
Recipe
From
Cook Wild
Kentucky



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Upcoming Opportunities:

Central Kentucky Hay Contest

October 7—Entry Deadline, Call your local Extension Office to sign up. This is an opportunity to have your hay tested for FREE! Awards Banquet will meet CAIP Education Requirements

2024 Heart of America Grazing Conference

"Regenerative Grazing...Merging Science and Practice" October 15th, 16th, and 17th @ Hardin County Extension Office in Elizabethtown See page 5 for registration and program details Meets CAIP Education Requirements

Kentucky Beef Conference

"Today's Challenges, Tomorrow's Opportunities" 10:ooa—2:00p, Thursday, October 24th @ The Fayette County Extension Office See flyer of program details Meets CAIP Education Requirements

Beef Management Webinar Series

Nov 12, Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11, March 11, and April 8 See flyer for registration and program details Meets CAIP Education Requirements

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Popular fall vegetables: Bibb lettuce

Leaf lettuce Kale Mustard greens Radishes Spinach Snow peas

Turnips

FALL IS A GREAT TIME TO GARDEN!

Key points to remember:

- Continue growing warm-season crops like corn and beans, and add cool-season crops like cauliflower, cabbage, and carrots.
- Plant taller crops away from shorter ones to avoid shading.
 Water seed furrows before planting and
- maintain moisture until germination
- Protect frost-sensitive crops like tomatoes, peppers, and cucumbers with row covers.
 After a killing frost, harvest frost-sensitive
- vegetables and replant with cool-season crops like lettuce and spinach.



Source: Rick Durham, UK extension horticulture specialist An Equal Opportunity Organization.

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Should you be Concerned about Smut in your Corn?

"Nutritionally, smut infection will reduce the grain component of corn silage. The loss of grain will reduce the digestibility, starch content and overall energy available to cattle."

As the silage harvest season has started some concerns about smut have come in from the counties. Corn infected with Ustilago maydis or common smut can be unsightly for certain. The level of infection varies dramatically both on individual ears as well as across fields. It has been starch content and overall energy availareported that smut may affect 5-40% of the ear, reducing grain yields. Timing of infection can influence the severity of infection and development of the ears on mance. Be sure to adjust the diets for the a plant. Therefore, the combination of a high plant infection rate combined with a for starch content and adding corn or large degree of grain loss on ears can result in significant grain reductions.

The smut or galls themselves are not known to produce toxins harmful to cattle. However, the development of the galls on the ears may loosen or open the husks allowing the growth of other mycotoxin forming organisms. Smut itself poses little concern directly towards animal health, but the fact that infection can result in secondary infections by mycotoxin forming organisms poses in-

creased risk and testing for mycotoxins in silage is recommended.

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Source: Dr. Jeff Lehmkuhler, PhD, PAS, Extension Professor University of Kentucky

Forage Timely Tips for October

- Feed hay to allow cool-season pastures to accumulate forage growth for winter grazing.
- Do NOT harvest or graze alfalfa fields until after killing frost or early November.
- Inventory and test each hay lot for nutritive value and consult a nutritionist to design a supplementation program as needed.
- Remove ruminants from pastures that contain sorghum species (forage sorghums, sorghumsudangrass hybrids, sudangrass, and johnsongrass) when frost is expected. Even small patches of johnsongrass that have been frost can cause prussic acid (cyanide) poisoning.
- Begin strip grazing early planted small grain and brassicas (turnips and rape) mixes by the end of this month.
- Late October/early November is a good time to control weeds like poison hemlock, plantain (broadleaf or buckhorn), and biennial thistles (bull, musk, plumeless).

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Heart of America Grazing Conference Oct 15, 16, 17 - Regenerative Grazing...Merging Science and **Practice**

The University of Kentucky is proud to announce the 2024 Heart of America Grazing having the Heart of America Grazing Con-Conference in Elizabethtown, Kentucky! Our three day event will take place throughout Central Kentucky and include some dynamic speakers on all things regenerative agriculture. The Heart of Amer- Alan Franzluebbers, to discuss all things ica Grazing Conference is an annual conference rotated around the mid-Atlantic and southeast region.

On Tuesday, October 15, join us for a pasture ecology workshop at Glenmar Farms, in Cecelia, Kentucky. We will be doing a deep dive into all things related to ecologi- tion with one of the nation's foremost excal systems and welcoming Dr. Matt Poore perts on soil health. from North Carolina State University. Also on Tuesday, October 15 we will be having the Heart of America banquet. We look forward to recognizing individuals dedicated to promoting regenerative agriculture and supporting our mission.

On Wednesday, October 16, we will be ference at the Hardin County Extension Office in Elizabethtown. We will hear from many industry and University experts and speakers, including Ray Archuleta and regenerative agriculture, soil health, and pasture ecology.

On Thursday, October 17, we will be visiting Greg Brann's Big Springs Farm in Adolphus, Kentucky. Join us to see a wellestablished multi-species grazing opera-

Come to any one or all of these 3 events. Go to the UK Forage Website and click under Events or use this direct link to register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024 -heart-of-america-grazing-conferencetickets-920965361187

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The Jessamine County Fiscal Court Environmental Services is pleased to announce the Annual Fall Haul, a complimentary clean-up event scheduled for October 26, 2024. This event provides residents with a valuable opportunity to responsibly dispose of household hazardous waste.

Event Details:

- Location: Jessamine County Convenience Center, 123 Hendren Way, Nicholasville
- Time: 8:00 AM 4:00 PM... See more

Jessamine County Fall Haul October 26, 2024

ACCEPTED:

- Household hazardous waste materials
- Paint and paint thinner
- Antifreeze
- Pesticides
- Pool chemicals
- Creosote
- Insect sprays
- Moth balls
- Oven and floor cleaners
- Arts and crafts supplies

NOT ACCEPTED

- Commercial hazardous waste materials
- Propane cylinders
- Commercial debris
- Shingles, dry wall, etc.
- Bricks, concrete block, and asphalt, or dirt
- Household daily trash and food garbage
- Storm brush
- Tires

For more info, call 859.881.4545

BEEF MANAGEMENT WEBINAR SERIES

If you are interested and would like to be registered send an email to dbullock@uky.edu with Beef Webinar Series in the Subject and your name and county in the message to receive a Zoom link and password. You will receive an invitation and password the morning of the presentation.

November

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Shooting the Bull: Answering all your Beef Related Questions!

Updates and Roundtable discussion with UK Specialists

December

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Winter Feeding Strategies to Extend Short Hay Supplies

Dr. Lawton Stewart, Professor, University of Georgia

January

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Important Traits for Bull Selection in Kentucky

Dr. Matt Spangler, Professor, University of Nebraska

February

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Marketing Opportunities for the Spring

Dr. Kenny Burdine, Professor, and Kevin Laurent, Extension Specialist, University of Kentucky

March

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Preparing for a Successful Spring Breeding Season

Dr. Les Anderson, Extension Professor, University of Kentucky

April 8

Health Update and Internal Parasite Field Study Results

Dr. Michelle Arnold, Extension Veterinarian, and Dr. Jeff Lehmkuhler, Extension Professor, University of Kentucky

If you have any questions or need additional information please email dbullock@uky.edu. If you are already registered you will get a Zoom invitation the morning of each session with the link and password.





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