

# Have You Herd?

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**Agriculture & Natural Resources Newsletter**

## Timely Beef Tips

*Dr. Les Anderson, Beef Extension Professor, University of Kentucky*

### Spring-calving herds

- Schedule a pregnancy examination of cows if not done previously. Winter feeding costs can be minimized by eliminating open cows prior to winterfeeding. Pregnancy status (pregnant versus open) can be determined using palpation, transrectal ultrasonography, or blood sampling. Stage of pregnancy can only be determined by palpation or ultrasonography (performed by your veterinarian). A new chute-side blood sampling kit (Alertys from IDEXX) is available for use. It provides yes/no pregnancy data in 20 minutes for about \$8-10 per cow.
- Evaluate the body condition of your cows and improve their condition prior to winter. It takes about 75 pounds to increase body condition a full score.
- If you have already done a preweaning working, revaccinate (booster) calves as needed. Treat calves for internal and external parasites. If you vaccinate calves yourself, be sure to store, handle, and administer vaccines properly.
- Wean calves before cows lose body condition.

### Fall-calving herds

- The calving season should be in full swing for fall-calving cows. Check cows frequently. Identify calves and commercial males should be castrated and implanted.
- It is time to get everything ready for the fall-breeding season, too. Line-up semen, supplies, etc. now and get your bulls ready to go (don't forget their breeding soundness evaluation). Breeding soundness exams are a vital component to reducing the risk of reproductive performance and need to be conducted 30-45 days before EVERY breeding season. Contact your herd veterinarian to schedule the exams.

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Lexington, KY 40506



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# LANTERNFLY UPDATE



What is your name?\*

What is your email address?\*

What is your phone number?\*

Which pest are you reporting?\*

When did you see the pest?\*

Report A Pest

Please review the reference images and use the form below if you believe you have found one of these invasive pests.

If you experience difficulties while trying to submit your report, please send the information requested in the form to ReportAPest@ky.gov.

Spotted Lanternfly adults and nymphs

Asian Longhorned Beetle

Imported Fire Ant





## See a Lanternfly? Report it!

Spotted lanternflies are harmful to our environment. If you see one, scan the QR code above to report it. Must capture a picture to submit. Questions? Contact the your local Extension Office.



Available on Apple & Android

**DOWNLOAD KY DEER & ELK APP**  
[fw.ky.gov/DeerElkApp](http://fw.ky.gov/DeerElkApp)



# HUNTERS EDUCATION COURSE

This training course includes education and range practice all in one event!

Participants must be 9 years of age by the date of the course.

**OWEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE**

**OCTOBER 25TH**  
**8:00 AM - 5:30 PM**

**SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER**

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## KENTUCKY HUNTING & TRAPPING SEASONS 2025-26

| DEER                  | Early Season                                                                              | Late Season |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Archery               | Sept. 6, 2025 - Jan. 19, 2026                                                             |             |
| Youth/Senior Crossbow | Sept. 20, 2025 - Jan. 19, 2026                                                            |             |
| Crossbow              | Sept. 27-28, 2025, <a href="http://fw.ky.gov/fir_details">visit fw.ky.gov/fir_details</a> |             |
| Special season        | Oct. 11-19, 2025                                                                          |             |
| Youth-only Gun        | Oct. 18-19, 2025                                                                          |             |
| Muzzleloader          | Dec. 13-21, 2025                                                                          |             |
| Modern Gun            | Nov. 8-23, 2025                                                                           |             |
| Free Youth Weekend    | Dec. 27-28, 2025                                                                          |             |



Buy your licenses and permits online here!



**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES**  
1-800-858-1549  
[fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov)

| FALL TURKEY | Shotgun                        | Archery                       | Crossbow                             |
|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|             | Oct. 25-31 and Dec. 6-12, 2025 | Sept. 6, 2025 - Jan. 19, 2026 | Oct. 1-19 and Nov. 8 - Dec. 31, 2025 |

| QUOTA ELK                     | Bull (antlered)                                           | Cow (antlerless)                                         |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Firearms                      | Week 1: Sept. 27 - Oct. 1, 2025<br>Week 2: Oct. 4-8, 2025 | Week 1: Nov. 29 - Dec. 3, 2025<br>Week 2: Jan. 3-7, 2026 |
| Archery/Crossbow (either sex) | Sept. 13-26 and Dec. 6-12, 2025                           |                                                          |
| Youth-only Quota (either sex) | All seasons as noted above                                |                                                          |

| SMALL GAME                         | Hunting                                                                                                 | Trapping                                                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Squirrel                           | Aug. 16 - Nov. 7 and Nov. 10, 2025 - Feb. 28, 2026                                                      | Nov. 10, 2025 - Feb. 28, 2026                                  |
| Rabbit                             | Eastern Zone: Nov. 1-7 and Nov. 10, 2025 - Jan. 31, 2026<br>Western Zone: Nov. 10, 2025 - Jan. 31, 2026 | Nov. 10, 2025 - Jan. 31, 2026<br>Nov. 10, 2025 - Feb. 10, 2026 |
| Quail                              | Eastern Zone: Nov. 1-7 and Nov. 10, 2025 - Jan. 31, 2026<br>Western Zone: Nov. 10, 2025 - Feb. 10, 2026 | No trapping                                                    |
| Grouse                             | Nov. 1-7 and Nov. 10, 2025 - Feb. 28, 2026                                                              |                                                                |
| Falconry                           | Sept. 1, 2025 - March 30, 2026                                                                          |                                                                |
| Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week | Dec. 27, 2025 - Jan. 2, 2026                                                                            |                                                                |

| FURBEARERS                                                                    | Hunting                                                       | Trapping                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Raccoon & Opossum                                                             | Oct. 1, 2025 - Feb. 28, 2026, day or night (exceptions apply) | Nov. 10, 2025 - Feb. 28, 2026 |
| Coyote                                                                        | Year-round, day or night (exceptions apply)                   |                               |
| Bobcat                                                                        | Nov. 15, 2025 - Feb. 28, 2026 (daylight hours only)           |                               |
| River Otter, Muskrat, Mink, Beaver, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Weasel & Striped Skunk | Nov. 10, 2025 - Feb. 28, 2026 (daylight hours only)           |                               |
| Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week                                            | Dec. 27, 2025 - Jan. 2, 2026                                  |                               |

| BEAR             | Zone 1                                | Zone 2                                | Zone 3                                 |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Chase-Only       | June 1 - Aug. 31 and Sept. 9-30, 2025 |                                       |                                        |
| Hunt with Dogs   | Oct. 20-24, 2025                      | Oct. 20-24 and Oct. 30 - Nov. 7, 2025 | Oct. 20-24 and Oct. 30 - Nov. 7, 2025  |
| Archery/Crossbow | Oct. 25-27, 2025                      | Oct. 25-29, 2025                      | Sept. 20 - Oct. 3 and Oct. 25-29, 2025 |
| Firearm          | Dec. 13-15, 2025                      | Dec. 13-17, 2025                      | Dec. 13-17, 2025                       |

| WATERFOWL                                                                              | Hunting                                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Teal & Wood Duck                                                                       | Sept. 20-24, 2025                           |
| September Canada Goose, Western Zone                                                   | Sept. 1-15, 2025                            |
| September Canada Goose, Eastern Zone                                                   | Sept. 16-30, 2025                           |
| Duck, Coot & Merganser                                                                 | Nov. 27-30 and Dec. 7, 2025 - Jan. 31, 2026 |
| Canada/Cackling Goose, White-Fronted Goose, Brant & Snow Goose (including Ross' Goose) | Nov. 27, 2025 - Feb. 15, 2026               |
| Light Goose Conservation Order                                                         | Feb. 16 - Mar. 31, 2026                     |
| Youth-only Days                                                                        | Nov. 22, 2025; Feb. 14, 2026                |
| Military/Veteran-only Days                                                             | Nov. 23, 2025; Feb. 6, 2026                 |
| Falconry (ducks, coots & mergansers)                                                   | Nov. 27, 2025 - Feb. 22, 2026               |
| Falconry (geese)                                                                       | Nov. 27, 2025 - Feb. 15, 2026               |

| OTHER MIGRATORY BIRDS           | Hunting                                                              |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dove (Mourning or white-winged) | Sept. 1 - Oct. 26; Nov. 27-Dec. 7 and Dec. 20, 2025 - Jan. 11, 2026* |
| Virginia & Sora Rail            | Sept. 1 - Nov. 9, 2025                                               |
| American Woodcock               | Oct. 25 - Nov. 7 and Nov. 10 - Dec. 10, 2025                         |
| Snipe                           | Sept. 17 - Oct. 26 and Nov. 27, 2025 - Feb. 1, 2026                  |
| Purple & Common Gallinule       | Sept. 1 - Nov. 9, 2025                                               |
| Sandhill Crane                  | Dec. 7, 2025 - Jan. 31, 2026                                         |
| Crow                            | Sept. 1 - Nov. 7, 2025 and Jan. 4 - Feb. 28, 2026                    |

| OTHER SPECIES | Hunting                              |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Beulfrog      | Nov. May 16 - Midnight Oct. 31, 2025 |
| Groundhog     | Year-round                           |
| Turtles       | Year-round, day or night             |

NOT E: Seasons on Wildlife Management Areas and other public hunting lands not managed by Kentucky Fish & Wildlife may be different from those above. Go online to [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov) for details.



# WINTER HORSE HAY & DIET CONSIDERATIONS



**December 2, 2025  
6:30 PM**

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265 Ellis Road  
Owenton, KY 40359



Please call or email to RSVP

(502) 484-5703

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# SAVE THE DATE



KENTUCKY STATE  
UNIVERSITY  
College of Agriculture, Health,  
and Natural Resources



## LARGEMOUTH BASS FARMING CONFERENCE

*Advancing Largemouth Bass Aquaculture Together*

**DECEMBER 5, 2025**

**Benson Research Farm**

1525 Mills Lane  
Frankfort, KY 40601



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## HORSES AND HORSEMEN

**6:00 PM**



- ✓ October 30<sup>th</sup> - Morgan County  
General Management -  
Dr. Bob Coleman  
West Liberty Vet Clinic Guest Speaker
- ✓ November 13<sup>th</sup> - Breathitt County  
Nutrition - Dr. Bob Coleman
- ✓ November 20<sup>th</sup> - Wolfe County  
Facilities and Infrastructure -  
Dr. Bob Coleman

Contact Us



Call your Extension Office to register.

Morgan County Extension Office  
1002 Prestonsburg St.,  
West Liberty, KY 41472  
606-743-3292

Meal provided. Attend all 3 sessions and you  
will receive a metal farm sign! Space is limited.

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## EDEN SHALE OPEN HOUSE

OCTOBER 18, 2025 • 400 EDEN SHALE RD, OWENTON, KY

**New Winter Feeding Structure**  
Dr. Steve Higgins University of Kentucky

**Novel Endophyte Fescue in a Grazing System**  
Adam Probst Barenbrug Seed

**Environmental Health: Vector-Borne Diseases**  
Sarah Wilhoite Kentucky Department for Public Health



Call (859) 278-0899 to register or email [kbn@kycattle.org](mailto:kbn@kycattle.org)

Event begins at 10am • Lunch will be Provided





# HEALTHY HERDS:

PARASITE CONTROL AND NUTRITION FOR SMALL RUMINANTS



**NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
**6:30PM**

**OWEN CO EXTENSION OFFICE**  
265 ELLIS RD, OWENTON KY 40359

**CALL OR TEXT "SHEEP" 502-484-5703 TO RSVP BY 11/7**  
**MEAL PROVIDED**  
**CLASS SIZES CAPPED AT 20**

**LIMITED SPOTS**

# SMALL RUMINANT WORKSHOP

 **October 9, 2025**

 **5:00pm**

 **249 Industrial Park Rd. Louisa KY 41230**

**Guest Speaker, Dr. Jessie Lay**  
from University of Kentucky



**CALL TO REGISTER**

|          |                |                 |
|----------|----------------|-----------------|
| Boyd     | (606) 739-5184 | Meredith Hall   |
| Carter   | (606) 474-6686 | Rebecca Konopka |
| Elliott  | (606) 738-6400 | Jacob Ison      |
| Greenup  | (606) 836-0201 | Linda Hieneman  |
| Lawrence | (606) 673-9495 | Lane Hall       |



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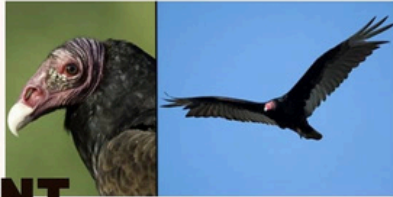
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**October 9, 2025**  
**6:30 pm**

# WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Methods for Promoting Beneficial Wildlife and Controlling Nuisance Animals



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**Guest Speaker - Dr. Matthew Springer,**  
UK Wildlife Extension Specialist



**Shelby County Extension Service**  
1117 Frankfort Road Shelbyville

**Call 633-4593 to Register**



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# Kentucky Annual PRODUCERS' CONFERENCE & Field Day



**London Community Center**  
529 S. Main Street London, KY 40741

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW**  
**CLICK HERE**  
& find out the all the details!

**• 25 OCTOBER 2025 •**

[kysheepandgoat.org/annual-producer-conference](https://kysheepandgoat.org/annual-producer-conference)



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# Department of Transportation Farm Talk & Regulations



**Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>  
6:30pm**

## Owen County Extension Office (265 Ellis Rd Owenton KY 40359)

**Call or Text "DOT" 502-484-5703 to RSVP by 11/10  
Meal Provided**

Join us as Sgt. Morris with the Kentucky State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement educates us on how to safely transport and avoid violations.

**Topics covered may include:**

- Exemptions with a farm plate
- Which farm plate do I need
- How to properly secure loads
- Who is classified as a farmer
- Do I need a CDL




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# BUFFALO TRACE AREA FARM SCHOOL

**OCTOBER 2**  
PLUMBING BASICS

**OCTOBER 9**  
PLANT DISEASES 2.0

**OCTOBER 16**  
BACKYARD POULTRY

**OCTOBER 23**  
CONTAINER GARDENING

**4 THURSDAYS IN OCTOBER**

**6:00PM** MEAL WILL BEGIN AT 5:30PM

**FLEMING CO. EXTENSION OFFICE**  
1384 ELIZAVILLE RD, FLEMINGSBURG

CALL YOUR LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE TO REGISTER BY 9/26/2025

- BRACKEN: (606) 735-2141
- FLEMING: (606) 845-4641
- LEWIS: (606) 796-2732
- MASON: (606) 564-6808
- ROBERTSON: (606) 724-5796



OR REGISTER USING THE QR CODE

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# North Central Homesteading and Preparedness Camp



**Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> 8 AM – 4 PM**

**Where**  
North Central 4-H Camp, Carlisle, KY

**Cost**  
1 Day -- \$85  
2 Day -- \$140

**Limited Spots Available  
Breakfast/Lunch Provided**

*Learn the basics of survival, homesteading, and outdoor living through a series of workshops led by professionals in the field!*

|                          |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Saturday Topics</b>   | <b>Sunday Topics</b>  |
| Gardening                | Beekeeping            |
| Tracking & Hunter Ethics | Water Purification    |
| Food Preservation        | HAM Radio Operation   |
| "Stop the Bleed"         | Land Navigation       |
| Maple Syrup Production   | Disaster Preparedness |
| Foraging                 | Outdoor Cooking       |

**For more information or to register for the event, contact Jake Farmer at [jake.farmer@uky.edu](mailto:jake.farmer@uky.edu), or call (859)289-5308**

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# Opening Day Cafe!

**11/8 7AM - 2PM**

Come grab a bite during the first day of the modern gun hunting season!

**Breakfast**

- Biscuits & Gravy
- Sausage
- Pancakes
- Coffee/Juice/Tea/Water

**Lunch**

- Chili
- Cornbread
- Ham/Potato Soup
- Coffee/Tea/Lemonade/Water

*Breakfast will be served from 7AM – 11PM  
Lunch will be served from 11PM – 2PM*

**Owen County Extension Office  
265 Ellis Road, Owenton, KY 40359**

**\$15 per meal**

All proceeds go towards supporting local 4-H youth with registration costs for 4-H events!





## WHAT IS MAPLE SYRUP?

Maple syrup is made from the sap of sugar maple trees and red maple trees. In Kentucky, maple sap tends to be 1-2 percent sugar. This percentage is measured in Brix. The water is evaporated out of the sap, most often over a wood fire, using special pans until the sugar content is condensed to 66.5 Brix (percent). The boiling of the sap over the heat causes the sugars to caramelize into a golden brown color. Nothing is added to pure maple syrup, it is simply pure tree sap boiled down to the correct sugar content.



## HOW MUCH MAPLE SAP DOES IT TAKE TO MAKE A GALLON OF MAPLE SYRUP?

It really depends on the sugar content of the maple sap. The sugar content can vary tree to tree and season to season. If the sap measures 2 Brix or 2 percent sugar then it takes 43 gallons of sap to make a gallon of maple syrup. While Kentucky producers can see sap measuring 2 Brix we often experience a lower sugar content. If the sap measures 1 Brix then it will take 86 gallons of sap to produce a gallon of maple syrup.

# KENTUCKY MAPLE SYRUP 101

**Martin-Gatton**  
College of Agriculture,  
Food and Environment  
University of Kentucky

## STATEWIDE EDUCATIONAL CLASSES OCTOBER 2025



|                          |                                             |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| October 1 <sup>st</sup>  | -Kenton County Extension Office 6pm EST     |
| October 7 <sup>th</sup>  | -Calloway County Extension Office 6pm CST   |
|                          | -Shelby County Extension Office 6pm EST     |
| October 8 <sup>th</sup>  | -Metcalfe County Extension Office 6pm CST   |
| October 15 <sup>th</sup> | -Breathitt County Extension Office 5pm EST  |
| October 21 <sup>st</sup> | -Harlan County Extension Office 6pm EST     |
|                          | -Madison County Extension Office 6:30pm EST |
|                          | -Pulaski County Extension Office 6pm EST    |
| October 23 <sup>rd</sup> | -Henderson County Extension Office 6pm CST  |
|                          | -Bath County Extension Office 6pm EST       |
| October 28 <sup>th</sup> | -Letcher County Extension Office 5:30pm EST |
| October 29 <sup>th</sup> | -Nelson County Extension Office 9-11am EST  |

Perfect for  
beginners!

CONTACT EACH HOSTING EXTENSION OFFICE TO REGISTER!

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## FINANCIAL FOUNDATIONS

Practical financial management  
courses for farm businesses



**Henry County Extension**  
2151 Campbellsburg Rd. New Castle

**6:00pm - 8:00pm**

Meal and child supervision at  
each session

**MUST RSVP to**  
**(502) 845-2811 or online**

**October 16th**  
Building a Business  
Plan

**November 13th**  
What are Financial  
Records & Why They  
Matter

**November 20th**  
Record Keeping &  
Intro to Accounting  
Software

**December 11th**  
Budgets, Break-Even &  
Cash Flows

**December 18th**  
Deep Dive Into  
Accounting Software

**January 22nd**  
Farm Taxes 101

**February 5th**  
Farm Succession  
Planning

Registration fee \$40.00 per person

Includes seven dinners and supplemental course materials

## 2025 HABITAT MANAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM



This two-day event will bring together professionals, researchers and land managers to share projects and expert talks on habitat restoration and natural areas management.

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**  
SOUTHEASTERN GRASSLANDS INSTITUTE

**REGISTER:**



**Date:**  
December 2nd & 3rd

**Time:**  
9AM - 4PM

**Location:**  
Harold R. Benson Research  
and Demonstration Farm

CEU's Available!



## KENTUCKY SELLING FARMER TAX CREDIT

### KENTUCKY SELLING FARMER TAX CREDIT ENCOURAGES CONTINUED USE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND FOR FARMING



The Kentucky Selling Farmer Tax Credit program grants tax credits to selling farmers who agree to sell agricultural land and assets to beginning farmers or actively engaged farmers who commit to keep farmland in agricultural production.

Farmers wanting to sell agricultural land and assets may be eligible for a Kentucky income tax credit up to 5% of the purchase price of qualifying agricultural assets, subject to calendar year and lifetime credit caps.

- Sales to beginning farmers may qualify for enhanced tax credit incentives.
- Sales involving immediate family members do not qualify for tax credit consideration.

Prior to completing a sale of agricultural assets, applicants should review the Kentucky Selling Farmer Tax Credit Guidelines for more detailed program information and eligibility requirements.

### HOW DO I APPLY?

Visit

[newkentuckyhome.ky.gov/](http://newkentuckyhome.ky.gov/)

[Entrepreneurship/KSEFC](http://Entrepreneurship/KSEFC)

for complete details.

For more information or other  
assistance for small businesses

in Kentucky, please visit

[newkentuckyhome.ky.gov/](http://newkentuckyhome.ky.gov/)

[entrepreneurship](http://entrepreneurship),

email [cedsbsd@ky.gov](mailto:cedsbsd@ky.gov) or call

800-626-2930.



UP TO  
**\$50K**  
IN TAX CREDITS  
PER CALENDAR  
YEAR



The Cabinet's services, assistance, and activities are available to all without regard to race, color, gender or national origin.

## OFFICE OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION

Startup success and small business growth are vital for Kentucky's economy now and into the future. To support the entrepreneurial ecosystem and lead the way for small business development, the Cabinet brings together partners, backers, programs, opportunities and stakeholders from across the US.







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## Northern Kentucky Master Gardener Program

Join other gardeners for this 11-week volunteer training program. Subjects include botany, tree identification, soils, propagation, disease and insect identification and much more. Complete the program requirements and use your new knowledge by volunteering 40 hours at Extension-approved sites in order to become a *Certified Master Gardener*.

**Fridays –10:00 a.m.–Noon  
February 20 thru April 24, 2026**

**Classes will be held at:  
Kenton County Extension  
Durr Education Center  
450 Kenton Lands Road  
Erlanger, KY 41018**

**This class has limited space.**

**\$70.00\* fee for this program**

*\*this fee is due upon acceptance of your application, there will be an additional fee of \$30.00 for your background check. This is due mid-way through the course.*

**For more information contact:  
Campbell County Extension Office  
Terri Turner (859) 572-2600  
Email: [terri.turner@uky.edu](mailto:terri.turner@uky.edu)**

*Please note, completed forms and in-person interview does not guarantee acceptance to the program.  
Notifications will be sent via email by November 17th*

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# GROWING YOUR FARM AND FOOD BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Unlock new opportunities for your agribusiness by joining KCARD staff and partners at our upcoming workshops. Dive into funding strategies, business planning, and more – all designed to strengthen and grow your operation!

**October 1st**  
Pulaski County  
Extension Office  
Somerset, KY

**October 29th**  
Shelby County  
Extension Office  
Shelbyville, KY

**November 13th**  
Graves County  
Extension Office  
Mayfield, KY



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## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Unlock new opportunities for your agribusiness with KCARD staff and partners at our Growing Your Farm and Food Business Workshops!

- Learn how to create a strong business plan and funding application
- Network directly with funders representing a variety of programs
- Get answers to questions specific to your farm operation

Choose the workshop near you and register today:

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<https://tinyurl.com/Pulaski-GYFFBWorkshop>

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**Graves County on November 13th**  
<https://tinyurl.com/Graves-GYFFBWorkshop>

Don't miss this chance to grow your farm and food business!



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**HOME GROWER SUPPORT PROGRAM  
WORKSHOP SERIES:**

## Urban Organic Agriculture Workshop

August 9, 2025

## Winter Indoor Growing Workshop

September 6, 2025

## Herbs Gardening at Home Workshop

October 18, 2025



Scan me!

**TIME:** 10:00 – 12:00 pm.  
**VENUE:** 1300 Muhammad Ali Blvd.  
Louisville, KY 40203

**Free  
Event**

Snacks and coffee provided! 🍷☕

Take home **FREE** seeds to kick-start your growing journey!

**RESERVE SPOT: Call: (502) 597-6570 Email: [alhagie.cham@kysu.edu](mailto:alhagie.cham@kysu.edu)**

\*Accommodation requests related to a disability should be made at least 7 days prior to the event\*

## WOODLAND WEDNESDAYS ON THOROBRED TRAIL

Join KSU Forestry and Natural Resources each month for a special woodland topic and to work on trail restoration efforts.

**FALL 2025 DATES**

**9AM – 12PM**

**September 10:** Fall Bird Walk - Frankfort Audubon  
**October 15:** Invasive Plants 101  
**November 19:** Fall Tree Walk  
**December 10:** Woodpecker Box Build

Meet at the Thorobred Trail trailhead. Wear closed-toe shoes and weather appropriate clothing. Weather cancellations will not be rescheduled.

**SIGN UP HERE!**

by scanning the QR code or contact Anna Claire Rogers at [anna.rogers@kysu.edu](mailto:anna.rogers@kysu.edu) to sign up or for more details.



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## KSBA FALL CONFERENCE

Saturday, November 15, 2025  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Stock Up on Supplies with Vendors:

- Dadant
- Growing Success Bee Company

**Join the Honey Tasting Contest:** Bring a small jar of honey of any size or shape, and EVERYONE will get to judge and vote on their favorite.

**Join the Honey Swap:**  
Bring a jar to participate.



Coffee, donuts, snacks and lunch is included with registration.

\$20 for KSBA and CKHP Members  
\$30 for Non-Members

**Please Register:**

Scan the QR code or visit:

[2025 Fall Conference](#)



**Keynote Speaker Dr. Jim Tew**

### Grants & KQBBAI - Dr. Tammy Horn Potter

#### Advanced Beekeeping Track

- Hive to Shelf: The Beekeeper's Guide to Creating and Selling Everything Bee to Zee - L. Augustine
- The Honey Bee Immune System: Complex and Efficient - Jake Barker
- Improving Overwinter Survival - Steve Hahus

#### Beginner Beekeeping Track

- Introduction to Bees - Larry Stone
- Equipment & Tools - Destiny Hulsey
- Acquiring & Hiving Bees - Kent Williams
- 1st and 2nd Years - Curtis Simpson

### Location:

Owensboro Community & Technical College  
4800 New Hartford Rd., Owensboro, KY 42303

### Hotel Options:

- Green Field Inn & Suites, Standard \$79.99 + plus tax (270)685-2433
- Holiday Inn Riverfront, Standard \$119 + tax, Corner Suite \$134 + tax (270)683-1111 (Use code BEE)

**Cooperative Extension Service**



## Emergency Calf Care

Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 6:00 PM

Morehead State University Farm  
Classroom  
25 MSU Farm Drive  
Morehead, KY 40351

### Highlights:

- Guest Speaker – Dr. Phil Prater, Retired MSU DVM
- How to Tube Feed a Calf



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## 2025 KY GRAZING CONFERENCE

**GRAZING FOR PROFIT:  
OPTIMIZING RETURNS IN GRASS  
BASED OPERATIONS**

**FEATURING  
PRESENTATIONS BY...**

**JIM GERRISH  
DR. GREG HALICH  
DR. CHRIS TEUTSCH  
DR. RAY SMITH  
CODY RAKES  
DR. RICARDO RIBERIO  
& LOCAL PRODUCERS**

### TWO LOCATIONS IN KY



**Tuesday, October 28**  
Winchester, KY



**Thursday, October 30**  
Leitchfield, KY

**REGISTER TODAY!**

<https://2025GrazingConferenceEast.eventbrite.com>  
<https://2025GrazingConferenceWest.eventbrite.com>

Winchester, KY



Leitchfield, KY



## 2025 KY GRAZING CONFERENCE AGENDA

7:30 AM Registration & Refreshments

8:00 AM Welcome  
Dr. Ray Smith, University of Kentucky

8:15 AM Seven Things That I Have Learned About Profitable Ranching in the Last 45 Years, Jim Gerrish, American GrazingLands Services

9:15 AM Nutrient Cycling in Grassland Ecosystems  
Dr. Ricardo Ribério, University of Kentucky

10:00 AM Break & Visit with Sponsors

10:30 AM Forage Management for Shifting Weather Patterns  
Dr. Chris Teutsch, University of Kentucky

11:00 AM Breeding a Functional Cow that Works in Your Environment  
Cody Rakes, Loretto Motherhouse Farm

11:40 AM Kentucky Forage and Grassland Council Business Meeting & Awards

12:00 PM Lunch & Visit with Sponsors

1:00 PM Forage Spokesperson Contest/Local Producers

2:00 PM What We Have Learned About Bale Grazing  
Dr. Greg Halich, University of Kentucky

2:45 PM Managing Feed Costs in Ruminant Livestock Production Systems  
Jim Gerrish, American GrazingLands Services

3:30 PM Adjourn

**\*\*All times local\*\***



**SPACE IS LIMITED  
REGISTER TODAY**

### REGISTER BY MAIL

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State, City, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$60 per participant OR \$25 per student**

**\$75 per participant at the door**

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**Make checks payable to KFGC and mail to:**

KFGC c/o Caroline Roper, PO Box 469, Princeton, KY 42445  
(270) 704-6618



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**Kentucky Master Grazer  
Educational Program**







## Register Today!

October 8th, 2025

Pre-Conference Tour  
\$35

Check out the schedule on the next slide!

October 9-10th, 2025

1451 University Dr.  
Lexington, KY 40503

E.S. Good Barn

bit.ly/kycompostingconference



## KENTUCKY COMPOSTING CONFERENCE

Recycling

LEXINGTON  
Environmental Quality  
& Public Works

COMMUNITY  
FARM ALLIANCE

KCARD  
Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development

SMITH CREEK  
QUALITY WORTH SPREADING

Dining

# MRTF Herbicide Workshop

Midwest Regional Turf Foundation

This one-day workshop is designed for beginners and more experienced professionals who want more information on herbicide use principles and a discussion of how to control common green industry weeds. This workshop offers training in weed identification, integrated weed management, selecting the right herbicides, enhancing weed control, and updates on the latest weed research findings.

This workshop is offered in KENTUCKY again this year!

November 25, 2025

Boone County Enrichment Center  
1824 Patrick Drive  
Burlington, KY 41005



In  
Conjunction  
with

University of  
Kentucky

### Agenda: *New content for 2025!*

8:00 – 8:30 am  
8:30 – 9:30 am  
9:30 – 10:35 am  
10:35 – 10:45 am  
10:45 – 11:45 am  
11:45 am – 1:00 pm  
1:00 – 2:40 pm  
2:40 – 2:50 pm  
2:50 – 3:40 pm  
3:40 – 4:00 pm

Registration  
2025 Herbicide Update  
Picking a Non-Selective Herbicide  
Break  
Goosegrass Biology and Control  
Lunch (on your own)  
Learning to ID Common Weeds (Hands-On)  
Break  
Bermudagrass Control  
Closing remarks, survey, CCH/CEU sheets



See over 70  
LIVE plants!

Same great  
workshop with new  
content each year

Attendees will receive  
Purdue's Turfgrass  
Weed Control for  
Professionals book:  
FULL COLOR  
WEED ID



KSU Aquaculture Research Center updated their status.

Yesterday at 7:00 AM · 🌐

### October Aquaponics Bootcamp: Harvest & Processing

Join us on Saturday, October 18th, 2025 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM for a FREE event packed with hands-on learning and expert guidance! Lunch will be provided. 🍽️🌱

We're excited to welcome special guest Angela Caporelli from the KY Department of Agriculture, who will share her expertise on:

- ✓ Food safety & storage
- ✓ Harvesting and processing fish & crops
- ✓ Sanitation practices
- ✓ HACCP principles
- ✓ Regulatory requirements

📍 Location: Kentucky State University

🕒 Class begins at 9:00 AM.

👉 Don't miss this chance to build your knowledge and skills in aquaculture and agriculture practices!

📅 Be sure to register by Monday, October 13th!



## Rinse & Return Chemical Container Program

Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>

10am-12pm

Owen Co. Transfer Stn., 208 E. Blanton St., Owenton  
Questions? Call (502) 330-2199



Owen County Extension Council

Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>

6pm Meal

6:30 Program

at the Owen County Cooperative  
Extension Office.

Please call on text "CEC" to  
502-484-5703 to RSVP

Owen County District Board  
typically meets the 3rd Tuesday at  
at 5:00 PM  
at the Owen County Cooperative  
Extension Office.

All Extension District Board  
meetings are open to the public.  
Please call ahead of time to ensure  
meeting hasn't be rescheduled

## CAEMG Lunch & Learn

### DISCOVER KENTUCKY'S UNUSUAL PLANTS WITH DEB WHITE

OCTOBER 22, 2025  
11:30AM-1:00PM

JOIN THE CAPITAL AREA EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS FOR AN ENGAGING LUNCHE TIME PRESENTATION WITH RETIRED KENTUCKY STATE NATURE PRESERVE BOTANIST, DEB WHITE. GUIDING US THROUGH THE FASCINATING WORLD OF KENTUCKY'S MOST UNUSUAL NATIVE PLANTS. FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR LUNCH AND ENJOY IT BEFOREHAND—JUST BE SURE TO HAVE IT FINISHED BY THE START OF THE PRESENTATION AT 12:00 PM.

Franklin County Cooperative Extension Office  
101 Lakeview Court  
502-695-9035

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## Eden Shale Update

**Dan Miller** Industry Coordinator, Kentucky Beef Network

We always wean our calves in September whenever the sign is right. This year that fell early on Sept. 5. This is the earliest we have ever weaned, and I was nervous that it would still be blistering hot right after Labor Day. However, a blast of fall air showed up that week, and we enjoyed well below normal temperatures for that early in the season.

The process that day went extremely well. Greg and I had plenty of help to go along with the good weather. KBN Facilitators Jacob Settles and Cody Burke helped run the chute and work the cows. Becky Thompson and Alex Scott recorded data and labeled blood tubes. Jake Harrod and Danny Coy stayed busy videoing new BQCA modules as we worked through the day's tasks. I owe a huge Thank You to all these folks for helping make the day go nice and smooth!

I was pleased with our weaning data. The calves weighed 457 lbs. While a bit lighter than in years past, that is right on track had we weaned later in the month. The calves averaged 2.2 lbs./day of gain, therefore 21 more days on the cow would have made them weight 503 lbs., which would be our second heaviest weaning weight ever.

The cows had an average weight of 1,226 lbs. with a body condition score of 5.5 and a hair coat score of 2 (measured 1=slick; 5=hairy). The cows, on average, weaned 37% of their weight, which is also on track with our previous five-year average.

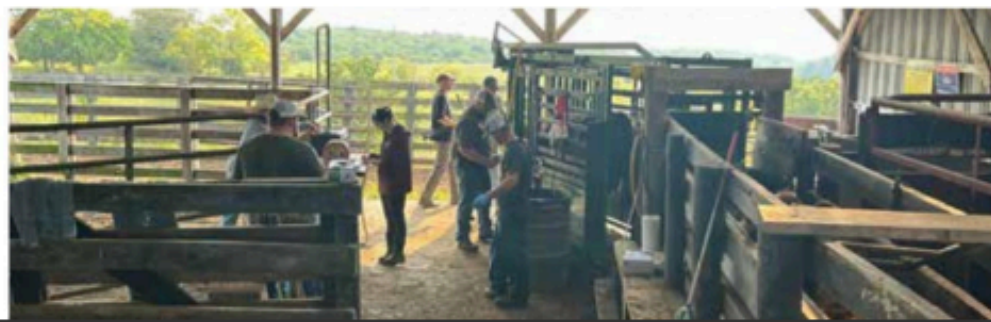
We also pulled blood to do a pregnancy check on all the cows and replacement heifers. The heifers had a good conception as 22 of 25 (88%)

were bred. The problem was with the cows. We had 19 open cows, or 55 of 74 (74%) bred.

There are a few things to note about this year's breeding season. The cows were in good condition throughout the summer due to plenty of rainfall and good grass despite the heat. Eden Shale had 5 inches of rain in July, and it did not start to get dry until later in August, well after we had pulled the bulls. The bulls all stayed sound and there were three bulls with each group of cows to ensure the girls all got covered.

The biggest concern of the breeding season was the heat. Early summer was cooler than normal, and it was 67° when we Aled the cows on May 30. When the cows were cycling again, 18 to 21 days later, the heat had arrived. Those four days had an average heat index of 88 degrees followed by seven days with heat indexes over 100 degrees. Again, 18 to 21 days later we still had the same conditions with a four-day window averaging 95 degrees and the following seven days at 97 degrees. This is awfully hot to expect cows to breed and settle. I am honestly happy with the fact that we got 74% bred.

In tough seasons like these, I am thankful for our infrastructure at the farm. We were blessed with enough moisture to have good grass. We have plenty of natural shade in our pastures and abundant sources of clean water throughout the farm. I would imagine if we did not have adequate shade, our pastures were burnt up, and the cattle had to drink out of ponds, our conception rates would have been much lower. ☒



## SMALL FARMERS CONFERENCE

Save The Date



**November 18-20, 2025**

Harold Benson Research and Demonstration Farm  
1625 Mills Lane/Frankfort, KY 40601  
For more information please contact  
Edwin Chaves@kysu.edu and Savanna Miller@kysu.edu



Scan to register



THE KY INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL PRESENTS

## 2025 INVASIVE PLANT CONFERENCE

NOV 18, 9-3-30 ET  
EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY  
PERKINS CENTER  
822 HALL DR, RICHMOND, KY 40475  
\$75, LUNCH & CEUS INCLUDED

MORNING TALKS  
POSTER SESSION (SIGN UP TO PRESENT)  
AFTERNOON FIELD TRIPS



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#forestry.kysu.edu/  
invasive-plant-conference

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Discover your family's history

### Interested in your family history?

Though a grant we were able to get an account with ancestry.com for a limited time. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity you may schedule a time to stop by the Owen Co Extension Office and access it on our computer.



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### THIRD THURSDAY THING

**Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>**

10am

KSU Farm

Topic: Small Ruminants

questions: savanna.miller@kysu.edu







**Foxhollow Farm: 8905 KY 329,  
Crestwood, KY**

Sponsors: Oldham, Shelby, Henry, Trimble  
County Extension and Cattlemen's Assns



**Topics Include:**

- Cattle Health
- Grass Finished Cattle
- Rotational Grazing & Watering
- Cattle Handling & Facilities

**With Special Guests:**

- Dr. Jennifer Way
- Derek Lawson
- Dr. Chris Teutsch
- Chris McBurney



\*Register by Scanning the QR Code or Calling the  
Oldham County Extension Office at 502-222-9453



**October 7th, 2025**  
**Registration 4:00 pm**  
**Tours 4:30 pm**  
**Meal 7:00 pm\***

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# Kentucky Beef Conference

## October 21, 2025

**3:00 — Welcome & Sponsor Recognition**  
Allison Tucker, Fayette County Agriculture & Natural Resources Extension Agent  
**University of KY Remarks & Welcome**  
Dr. Craig Wood, Ast. Director of Extension for Agriculture, Natural Resources & Horticulture  
**Marketing Update & Outlook**  
Dr. Kenny Burdine, UK Beef Economic Extension Specialist  
**4:00 — Bull Management & Selection**  
Dr. Saulo Zoca, University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture Beef Reproduction Extension Specialist  
**5:00 — Emerging Insect Pests**  
Dr. Hannah Tiffin, UK Extension Entomologist  
Dr. Jessie Lay, UK Extension Animal Health Veterinarian  
**6:15 — Questions/Wrap up**  
**6:30 — Meal**

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

**2:00-3:00**  
Registration, visit  
sponsors

**RSVP by October 17th  
to Fayette County  
Extension Office  
859.257.5582**

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**October 21<sup>st</sup> | 6:30 PM**

**OLDHAM EXTENSION OFFICE**

# NAVIGATING THE CATTLE MARKET



**PRESENTATION BY  
DR. KENNY BURDINE,  
UK EXTENSION  
PROFESSOR AND  
LIVESTOCK  
MARKETING  
SPECIALIST**

Grab a bite to eat, listen and  
learn as Dr. Burdine shares his  
wealth of knowledge regarding  
our cattle markets



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# MASTER CATTLEMAN PROGRAM



PRESENTED BY THE BUFFALO TRACE COUNTIES COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICES

## THURSDAYS: JANUARY 8-FEBRUARY 12

• 1/8/26: GENETICS (AT MASON COUNTY)

• 1/15/26: MARKETING & PROFITABILITY (AT BRACKEN)

• 1/22/26: HERD HEALTH (AT FLEMING COUNTY)

• 1/29/26: NUTRITION (AT MASON COUNTY)

• 2/5/26: REPRODUCTION & RECORDS (AT LEWIS CO.)

• 2/12/26: FACILITIES & WINTER FEEDING (AT ROBERTSON)



CALL TO REGISTER OR USE  
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- LEWIS COUNTY: (606) 796-2732
- MASON COUNTY: (606) 564-6808
- ROBERTSON CO.: (606) 724-5796

**\$100 per person  
OR  
\$125 per couple**

**MEAL  
BEGINS AT  
5:30PM**  
we will serve until a  
little after 6pm

**PROGRAM  
6PM-9PM**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY: 12/1/25**

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# FALL CATTLE MARKET OUTLOOK

KENTUCKY   
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Join us as Dr. Kenny Burdine discusses recent market trends and cattle futures



Date: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Time: 8:30 AM

United

**Producers, Inc.**  
86 Bramblett Ln.  
Owenton, KY 40359



**RSVP NOW!**  
**502-484-5703**



## BQCA

*Beef Quality & Care Assurance*

OCTOBER 24TH 10 AM  
DECEMBER 1ST 3 PM

\$10 FEE  
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OWEN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE  
MUST RSVP 502-484-5703  
MAY ALSO COMPLETE ONLINE

[kybeefnetwork.com/beef-quality--care-assurance-bqca.html](http://kybeefnetwork.com/beef-quality--care-assurance-bqca.html)

OWEN COUNTY  
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THE EBONY  
AT SLIPPERY ROCK FARMS



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THE EBONY ON SLIPPERY ROCK  
1370 SLIPPERY ROCK ROAD  
OWENTON, KY 40359

**October 23rd**  
**6:00 PM**



## SURVIVING HIGH PRICES

WEBINAR SERIES



WEDNESDAYS: 2-3 P.M. ET | 1-2 P.M. CT | 12-2 P.M. MT | 11-12 P.M. PT

Join us for a 6-week series to learn about & discuss the uniqueness of the current cattle cycle so we can better understand how to help our producers manage their operations through record-high prices!

Speakers will include Extension economists and specialists from across the United States.

| DATES        | TOPICS                                                            |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| September 10 | Industry Margin & Profit Overview                                 |
| September 17 | Differences in this Cattle Cycle & Market Dynamics                |
| October 1    | Risk Management & What To Do With Profits                         |
| October 8    | Operation Resiliency & Contract Grazing                           |
| October 22   | Integrated Crop-Livestock Systems & How Not to Need a Hay Baler   |
| October 29   | Defining "Better Genetics" & Economics of Reproduction Strategies |

Visit this link or scan the QR Code to register: [bit.ly/register-for-SHPwebinar](http://bit.ly/register-for-SHPwebinar)



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**Saturday,  
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Enrichment Center  
**8:00am - 4:00pm**

Address: 1824 Patrick Drive - Burlington, KY 41005



Cost: \$40 Registration Fee  
includes lunch & refreshments

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[tristatehomesteadersconference.com](http://tristatehomesteadersconference.com)  
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The Business of the Homestead  
Choosing the Right Equipment for  
the Homestead  
Meadow Making for Pollinators  
Food Preservation

& Much more as we help you  
homestead one acre at a time...



Hay probes and a moisture tester are available at the Extension Office for forage testing. Each are available for your convenience at no charge for one week. 6 FREE hay samples each year!

## SHARED USE EQUIPMENT

**EXTENSION OFFICE**  
**502-484-5703**



**Battery Powered Fence Staple Gun**  
Available For 1 Week  
\$150 Refundable Deposit  
Staples Available For Purchase

**Soil Probe**  
Available For 2 Weeks  
6 Free Samples A Year

**Electric 4-8 Comb, Honey Extractor,  
Electric Knife, & Bucket**  
Available For 1 Week  
\$150 Refundable Deposit

**Hay Probe**  
Available For 2 Weeks  
6 Free Basic Samples A Year

**Digital Moisture &  
Temperature Probe**  
Available for 2 Week

**Gas Powered Auger with 2" & 6" Bit**  
Available For 1 Week  
\$50 Refundable Deposit

**Gas Powered Post Driver**  
Available For 1 Week  
\$50 Refundable Deposit

**Presto 23 Quart Pressure Canner with Induction  
Compatible Base, Presto 7 Function Canning Kit**  
Available for 1 Week \$100 Refundable Deposit

**SOUTHERN STATES**  
**502-484-3482**

**7' & 10' Great Plains Seed Drill**  
\$100 per day.  
Saturday & Sunday count as a day.



**Lime Buggy**  
\$100 per day, \$60 ½ day.  
Saturday & Sunday count as a day.  
-Lime \$25 per ton @ the store.  
-Or order your own lime from the quarry.



**Fertilizer Buggies:**  
\$25 per load or up to 4 hours.  
\$50 pickup fee if buggy kept over 4 hours.

**300g Sprayer**  
\$100 per day.

-Customer must purchase tank cleaner and  
clean the sprayer before and after use.



**OK Corral/Chute**  
\$100 per day.



## Sump Pump Rental

Owen County Cooperative  
Extension Service has two  
sump pumps available for  
rent. A \$50 (Cash or  
Check) refundable  
damage deposit is  
required.

Must return within 5 business days.



Owen County Extension Office  
265 Ellis Road  
Owenton, KY 40359  
(502) 484-5703

## NEW EQUIPMENT TO CHECK OUT!

**Seeders and transplanter**  
**1 week check out**  
**\$50 refundable deposit**



Don't Forget To Test Your Soil



# Selling Black Walnuts in Kentucky - 2025

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Black walnuts can be sold to commercial hullers in Kentucky (see Table 1). Bring the whole seed to the huller locations and they will run them through a machine to remove the hulls. They will weigh the walnuts after the hulls have been removed and pay you a specific amount per 100 lbs. Normally, they accept walnuts throughout the fall. However, it is recommended that you contact your local huller prior to gathering nuts.

**Table 1. Commercial Huller Operations in Kentucky – 2025**

| Huller Operator          | City (County)               | Phone #      | Address                                          |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Hertzler, Henry          | Owingsville (Bath)          | 859-404-4243 | 1972 Mt. Pleasant Rd., Owingsville, KY 40360     |
| Benneman, Alvin          | Campbellsville (Taylor)     | 270-937-4377 | 3050 Barney School Rd., Campbellsville, KY 42718 |
| Graber, David            | Carlisle (Nicholas)         | 859-405-5615 | 4600 Burris Rd., Carlisle, KY 40311              |
| Martin, Laverne          | Cerulean (Trigg)            | N/A          | 1015 Buffalo Cerulean Rd., Cerulean, KY 42215    |
| Ottenheim Country Store  | Crab Orchard (Lincoln)      | 606-355-7464 | 5920 Kentucky 643, Crab Orchard, KY 40489        |
| Yoder, Samuel            | Cynthiana (Harrison)        | 859-588-1211 | 1013 Salem Pike, Cynthiana, KY 41031             |
| Coblentz, Tim            | Flemingsburg (Fleming)      | 606-748-2219 | 1591 Maddox Pike, Flemingsburg, KY 41041         |
| Yoder, Paul              | Hardyville (Hart)           | 270-303-0351 | 2440 Whickerville Road, Hardyville, KY 42746     |
| Miller, Cristie          | Harrodsburg (Mercer)        | 859-407-9787 | 855 Mt. Pleasant Rd., Harrodsburg, KY 40330      |
| Grayson County Implement | Leitchfield (Grayson)       | 270-259-0075 | 3363 Owensboro Rd., Leitchfield, KY 42754        |
| Burkholder, Paul         | Liberty (Casey)             | 270-787-7996 | 9431 KY 501 S, Liberty, KY 42539                 |
| Martin, Daniel           | London (Laurel)             | 606-312-8641 | 11200 East Laurel Rd., London, KY 40741          |
| Byler, Roy               | Marion (Crittenden)         | 870-692-6962 | 2865 Mt. Zion Church Rd., Marion, KY 42064       |
| Farmwald, Delbert        | Monticello (Wayne)          | 606-348-6281 | 3521 St. Hwy 1009, Monticello, KY 42633          |
| Fisher, Daniel           | Mount Sterling (Montgomery) | 859-274-8888 | 908 Gibson Ln., Mt. Sterling, KY 40353           |
| Raber, Roman             | Pleasureville (Henry)       | 502-878-4211 | 10712 Castle Hwy., Pleasureville, KY 40057       |
| Derstine, Justin         | West Liberty (Morgan)       | 606-495-8280 | 207 Crockett Loop, West Liberty, KY 41472        |

If you need directions, please go to Hammons Products Company's website (<http://www.black-walnuts.com/>) and click on the *Locate a Buying Station* where you will find the hulling locations.





## KEY:

CES- County Extension Service

UPI- United Producers Stockyard

Y- Yes it counts for CAIP education credit

N- No it doesn't count for CAIP education credit

P- Prior approval needed to count for education credit ([Kendal.Bowman@uky.edu](mailto:Kendal.Bowman@uky.edu) or (502) 484-5703 and you will need to contact the sponsoring entity to RSVP

| Date          | Time       | Program                                                         | CAIP | Location                                                                          |
|---------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10.1.2025     | 6 PM       | Kentucky Maple Syrup 101                                        | P    | Kenton CES (10990 Marshall Road, Covington, KY)                                   |
| 10.1.2025     | 9 AM       | Growing Your Farm & Food Business Workshop                      | P    | Pulaski CES (90 UK Extension Blvd., Somerset, KY)                                 |
| 10.2.2025     | 7:30 AM    | Fall Fencing School                                             | P    | Russell CES (2688 S. HWY 127 Russell Springs, KY)                                 |
| 10.2.2025     | 6 PM       | Farm School: Plumbing Basics                                    | P    | Fleming CES (1384 Elizaville Rd. Flemingsburg, KY)                                |
| 10.7.2025     | 4 PM       | Regional Beef Field Day                                         | P    | Foxhollow Farm (8905 KY 329, Crestwood, KY)                                       |
| 10.7.2025     | 6 PM (CST) | Kentucky Maple Syrup 101                                        | P    | Calloway CES (93 Extension Way, Murray, KY)                                       |
| 10.7.2025     | 6 PM       | Kentucky Maple Syrup 101                                        | P    | Shelby CES (1117 Frankfort Road, Shelbyville, KY)                                 |
| 10.8.2025     | 6 PM (CST) | Kentucky Maple Syrup 101                                        | P    | Metcalfe CES (422 East Street Edmonton, KY)                                       |
| 10.9.2025     | 9 AM       | Kentucky Composting Conference                                  | P    | E.S. Good Barn (1451 University Drive, Lexington, KY)                             |
| 10.9.2025     | 5 PM       | Small Ruminant Workshop                                         | P    | 249 Industrial Park Road, Louisa, KY                                              |
| 10.9.2025     | 6 PM       | Farm School: Plant Diseases 2.0                                 | P    | Fleming CES (1384 Elizaville Rd. Flemingsburg, KY)                                |
| 10.9.2025     | 6:30 PM    | Wildlife Management Strategies                                  | P    | Shelby CES (1117 Frankfort Rd, Shelbyville, KY)                                   |
| 10.10.2025    | 9 AM       | Kentucky Composting Conference                                  | P    | E.S. Good Barn (1451 University Drive, Lexington, KY)                             |
| 10.11.2025    | 8 AM       | North Central Homesteading & Preparedness Camp                  | P    | Contact Jake Farm at <a href="mailto:jake.farmer@uky.edu">jake.farmer@uky.edu</a> |
| 10.12.2025    | 8 AM       | North Central Homesteading & Preparedness Camp                  | P    | Contact Jake Farm at <a href="mailto:jake.farmer@uky.edu">jake.farmer@uky.edu</a> |
| 10.15.2025    | 8:30 AM    | Brunch & Learn: Fall Cattle Market Outlook                      | Y    | UPI (86 Bramblett Rd, Owenton, KY)                                                |
| 10.15.2025    | 5 PM       | Kentucky Maple Syrup 101                                        | P    | Breathitt CES (1155 Main Street, Jackson, KY)                                     |
| 10.16.2025    | 10 AM      | KSU Third Thursday Thing: Small Ruminants                       | P    | KSU Farm (1525 Mills Lane, Frankfort, KY)                                         |
| 10.16.2025    | 4 PM       | Field Day at Ashbourne Farms                                    | P    | Ashbourne Farms (3801 Old Westport Road, LaGrange, KY)                            |
| 10.16.2025    | 6 PM       | Farm School: Backyard Poultry                                   | P    | Fleming CES (1384 Elizaville Rd. Flemingsburg, KY)                                |
| 10.16.2025    | 6 PM       | Financial Foundations: Building a Business Plan                 | P    | Henry CES (2151 Campbellsburg Rd. New Castle, KY)                                 |
| 10.18.2025    | 9 AM       | October Aquaponics Bootcamp: Harvest & Processing               | P    | Kentucky State University                                                         |
| 10.18.2025    | 10 AM      | Eden Shale Open House                                           | P    | 400 Eden Shale Road Owenton, KY 40359                                             |
| 10.21.2025    | 3 PM       | Kentucky Beef Conference                                        | P    | 1140 Harry Sykes Way, Lexington, KY                                               |
| 10.21.2025    | 6 PM       | Kentucky Maple Syrup 101                                        | P    | Harlan CES (519 South Main Street, Harlan, KY)                                    |
| 10.21.2025    | 6:30 PM    | Kentucky Maple Syrup 101                                        | P    | Madison CES (230 Duncannon Lane, Richmond, KY)                                    |
| 10.21.2025    | 6 PM       | Kentucky Maple Syrup 101                                        | P    | Pulaski CES (90 UK Extension Blvd., Somerset, KY)                                 |
| 10.21.2025    | 6:30 PM    | Navigating the Cattle Market                                    | P    | Oldham CES (207 Parker Drive, LaGrange, KY)                                       |
| 10.23.2025    | 6 PM       | Owen County Cattlemen's Meeting                                 | N    | The Ebony at Slippery Rock Farms                                                  |
| 10.23.2025    | 6 PM (CST) | Kentucky Maple Syrup 101                                        | P    | Henderson CES (3341 Zion Road, Henderson, KY)                                     |
| 10.23.2025    | 6 PM       | Kentucky Maple Syrup 101                                        | P    | Bath CES (2914 East HWY 60, Owingsville, KY)                                      |
| 10.23.2025    | 6 PM       | Farm School: Container Gardening                                | P    | Fleming CES (1384 Elizaville Rd. Flemingsburg, KY)                                |
| 10.24.2025    | 10 AM      | BQCA                                                            | N    | Owen CES (265 Ellis Road, Owenton, KY)                                            |
| 10.25.2025    | 8:30 AM    | KY Annual Producer's Conference & Field Day                     | P    | London Community Center (529 S. Main Street, London, KY)                          |
| 10.28.2025    | 7:30 AM    | 2025 KY Grazing Conference                                      | P    | Winchester, KY                                                                    |
| 10.28.2025    | 5:30 PM    | Kentucky Maple Syrup 101                                        | P    | Letcher CES (478 Extension Drive, Whitesburg, KY)                                 |
| 10.29.2025    | 9 AM       | Kentucky Maple Syrup 101                                        | P    | Nelson CES (317 S 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street, Bardstown, KY)                          |
| 10.29.2025    | 9 AM       | Growing Your Farm & Food Business Workshop                      | P    | Shelby CES (1117 Frankfort Road, Shelbyville, KY)                                 |
| 10.30.2025    | 7:30 AM    | 2025 Grazing Conference                                         | P    | Grayson CES (64 Quarry Road, Leitchfield, KY)                                     |
| 10.30.2025    | 6 PM       | Horses and Horsemen: General Management                         | P    | Morgan CES (1002 Prestonsburg St., West Liberty, KY)                              |
| 11.11.2025    | 6:30 PM    | Healthy Herds: Parasite Control & Nutrition for Small Ruminants | Y    | Owen CES (265 Ellis Road Owenton, KY 40359)                                       |
| 11.13.2025    | 6 PM       | Horses and Horsemen: Nutrition                                  | P    | Breathitt CES (1155 Main Street, Jackson, KY)                                     |
| 11.13.2025    | 6 PM       | What are Financial Records & Why They Matter                    | P    | Henry CES (2151 Campbellsburg Rd. New Castle, KY)                                 |
| 11.13.2025    | 6:30 PM    | DOT Farm Talk & Regulations                                     | Y    | Owen CES (265 Ellis Road, Owenton, KY)                                            |
| 11.13.2025    | 10 AM      | Growing Your Farm & Food Business Workshop                      | P    | Graves CES (4200 State Route 45 N, Mayfield, KY)                                  |
| 11.15.2025    | 8 AM       | KSBA Fall Conference                                            | P    | 4800 New Hartford Road, Owensboro, KY                                             |
| 11.18.2025    | 6 PM       | Emergency Calf Care                                             | P    | 25 MSU Farm Drive, Morehead, KY                                                   |
| 11.18-20.2025 | TBA        | Small Farmers Conference                                        | P    | 1525 Mills Lane, Frankfort, KY                                                    |
| 11.18.2025    | 9 AM       | 2025 Invasive Plant Conference                                  | P    | Eastern KY University Perkins Center                                              |
| 11.20.2025    | 6 PM       | Horses and Horsemen: Facilities & Infrastructure                | P    | Wolfe CES (20 N Washington St. Campton, KY)                                       |
| 11.20.2025    | 10 AM      | Small Farm Conference                                           | P    | KSU Farm (1525 Mills Lane, Frankfort, KY)                                         |
| 11.20.2025    | 6 PM       | Record Keeping & Intro to Accounting Software                   | P    | Henry CES (2151 Campbellsburg Rd. New Castle, KY)                                 |
| 11.25.2025    | 8 AM       | MRTF Herbicide Workshop                                         | P    | Boone County Enrichment Center (1824 Patrick Drive, Burlington, KY)               |
| 12.1.2025     | 3 PM       | BQCA                                                            | N    | Owen CES (265 Ellis Road, Owenton, KY)                                            |
| 12.2.2025     | 9 AM       | 2025 Habitat Management Symposium                               | P    | Harold R. Benson Research & Demonstration Farm                                    |
| 12.3.2025     | 9 AM       | 2025 Habitat Management Symposium                               | P    | Harold R. Benson Research & Demonstration Farm                                    |
| 12.2.2025     | 6:30 PM    | Winter Horse Hay & Diet Considerations                          | Y    | Owen CES (265 Ellis Road, Owenton, KY)                                            |
| 12.4.2025     | 8 AM       | KFB Commodity Edu. Sessions                                     | P    | Galt House (140 N Fourth Street, Louisville, KY)                                  |
| 12.5.2025     | TBA        | Largemouth Bass Farming Conference                              | P    | Benson Research Farm (1525 Mills Lane, Frankfort, KY)                             |
| 12.10.2025    |            | <b>CAIP Receipts Due</b>                                        |      | <b>Owen CES (265 Ellis Road, Owenton, KY)</b>                                     |
| 12.11.2025    | 6 PM       | Budgets, Break-Even & Cash Flows                                | P    | Henry CES (2151 Campbellsburg Rd. New Castle, KY)                                 |
| 12.18.2025    | 6 PM       | Deep Dive into Accounting Software                              | P    | Henry CES (2151 Campbellsburg Rd. New Castle, KY)                                 |
| 1.8.2026      | 5:30 PM    | Master Cattlemen Program-Genetics                               | P    | Mason CES (800 US HWY 68, Maysville, KY)                                          |
| 1.15.2026     | 5:30 PM    | Master Cattlemen Program-Marketing & Profitability              | P    | Bracken CES (1120 Brooksville Germantown Rd. Brooksville, KY)                     |
| 1.22.2026     | 5:30 PM    | Master Cattlemen Program- Herd Health                           | P    | Fleming CES (1384 Elizaville Road, Flemingsburg, KY)                              |
| 1.22.2026     | 6 PM       | Farm Taxes 101                                                  | P    | Henry CES (2151 Campbellsburg Rd. New Castle, KY)                                 |
| 2.5.2026      | 5:30 PM    | Master Cattlemen Program- Reproduction & Records                | P    | Lewis CES (284 Second Street, Vanceburg, KY)                                      |
| 2.5.2026      | 6 PM       | Farm Succession Planning                                        | P    | Henry CES (2151 Campbellsburg Rd. New Castle, KY)                                 |
| 2.12.2026     | 5:30 PM    | Master Cattlemen Program- Facilities & Winter Feeding           | P    | Robertson CES (39 East Walnut Street, Mount Olivet, KY)                           |



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Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent



## QUICK UPSIDE-DOWN HUNTER'S PIE

### Ingredients:

Prepared Mashed potatoes (Easy mashed potatoes recipe) - 5 medium potatoes (5 cups diced potatoes).

- 4 cups water
- 2 tablespoons cream cheese
- 1 tablespoon butter
- Reserved potato/starch water
- Stew: 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 pound ground venison (or ground beef or other ground meat)
- 2 cups water, divided
- 1 large onion, diced
- 1 bag (12 ounces) frozen carrots
- 1 bag (12 ounces) frozen peas
- 2 tablespoon tomato paste
- 2 tablespoon flour
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper

### Directions:

Easy Mashed Potatoes or use instant prepared mashed potatoes or grits.

1. Put potatoes in a pot, cover with water, bring to a simmer and cook until potatoes are tender, 12-15 minutes. Drain potatoes and return to the pot.
2. Stir in cream cheese, butter, reserved potato water, until the potatoes are the consistency you like. Season with salt and pepper.

For STEW recipe visit <https://www.planeatmove.com/recipes/recipe/quick-upside-down-hunters-pie/>