

NEWSLETTER

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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A Word from the Agent . . .



We are still in the middle of winter, and the cold isn't making things easier on the farm. However, now is a good time to be planning for the upcoming year with soil testing, planting, weed control, and more. Our office can help with all of those!

We are accepting soil samples so you know exactly which soil amendments are needed. We can also help with information about those sewing pastures and hayfields or controlling weeds.

Also, we have a lot of great programming coming this month which will count towards CAIP education. Now is a good time to meet those educational requirements before things on the farm really start to be busy in the spring and summer.

As always, please give us a call (859-744-4682) if you have questions!

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Forage Management Tips for February

- Continue grazing stockpiled tall fescue if available.
- Assess grass stands. If thin, consider adding legumes.
- Begin frost seeding with at least 6 lb/A red and 1 lb/A white clover on closely grazed pastures.
- On pastures with lower fertility, consider adding 10-15 lb/A annual lespedeza to the above recommendation.
- Consider applying nitrogen in mid to late February on some pastures to promote early growth.
- Sign up for shared use drills for spring renovation.
- Service and calibrate no-till drills.

Private Pesticide Applicator Training

Thursday, February 27

9:00 am

Clark Co. Extension Office



Check your cards expiration date. If it has expired, then you need to attend this training to get it renewed. The training is also for those who want to get a card for the first time. The cards are good for 3 years.

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Disabilities accommodated with prior notification.

2025 Horses & Horsemen:

Join us for the 18th annual

PASTURES PLEASE!!

Thursday, February 27



Schedule:

5:30—Meal

6:00—Aerial Applications: Does a Drone Fit
– Brett Reese

6:30—Weeds to Watch Out For
– Dr. Bill Witt

7:00—Cost Share Opportunities for Horse Owners
– Krista Lea

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Lexington, KY 40504

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2025 WINTER SCHOOL

 Cooperative
Extension Service

FREE!

February 4, 6, 11 and 13

6:00 pm (A meal will be served each night)

Clark County Extension Service

Topics for each night:

(For details about each night, please see the back of this flyer)

4th Beef Night

6th Farm Night

11th Hort Night

13th All Property Owners



To register:

 **859-744-4682**

 **cynthia.carr@uky.edu**

****These classes will qualify for CAIP educational hours!****

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Topics for 2025 Winter School:

February 4: **Beef Night** *Meal provided by Clark County Cattlemen's Association*

- **Different Nutritional Needs for Different Ages of Cattle**
Dr. Jeff Lehmkuhler, UK Extension Beef Specialist
Not all cattle have the same nutritional needs depending on their age and use. Learn the nutritional differences needed between calves, cows, replacement heifers, bulls, and feeder cattle.
- **Clark County Hay Contest Results and Understanding Forage Testing**
Levi Berg, Clark County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources
Not all hay is created equal. Learn about the best hays in Clark County and understand how to utilize a forage sample in making hay feeding decisions.
- **Clark County Cattlemen's Association Update**

February 6: **Farm Night** *Meal provided by Clark County Farm Bureau*

- **Understanding the Carbon Credit Market**
Dr. Jordan Shockley, UK Extension Professor for Ag Economics
More than ever, agricultural producers and landowners are hearing about carbon credits with little information about what carbon credits actually are. Learn the ins and outs of this growing industry.
- **Animal Liability Laws in Kentucky**
Attorney John Hendricks, Rowady Hendricks Law
Laws about animal liabilities can be confusing whether the animals are yours or your neighbors'. Come learn from a local attorney on how to minimize potential animal liabilities with regards to accidents.
- **Different Pesticide Certifications**
Levi Berg, Clark County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources
There are many different certifications for those looking to apply pesticides. Learn about the different certifications within the state of Kentucky.

February 11: **Hort Night** *Meal provided by Clark County FFA Chapter*

- **Growing Oyster Mushrooms**
Adam Leonberger, Franklin County Extension Agent for Horticulture
Are you a mushroom connoisseur? Have you ever considered growing your own? Oyster mushrooms are one of the easiest to grow and we will cover the basics of the different ways to grow them.
- **Seed Starting**
Carrie Spry, Clark County Extension Agent for Horticulture
Starting seeds and growing your own transplants can be very rewarding, and sometimes disheartening. Come learn the basics of seed starting and what factors go into the process of growing your own transplants.
- **Clark County FFA Update**

February 13: **All Property Owners** *Meal provided by Clark County Extension*

- **Pollinator Support**
Dr. Ric Bessin, UK Extension Entomologist
Learn about some of the top things you can do to support the important pollinators and their habits. Whether you are a livestock farm, homeowner, small landowner, or apartment dweller, everyone can do something.
- **Tree Assessment**
Carrie Spry, Clark County Extension Agent for Horticulture
Putting up a new fence beside existing trees? Have a large tree beside a building, home, or barn? Learn the basics of properly assessing a trees health so that you can decide if the tree should stay or go before it potentially causes damage.

NUISANCE WEED SPRAYING PROGRAM

This program consists of weed spraying demonstration plots. The department will provide the sprayer and enough chemical for the treatment of 10 acres of agricultural land or 100 gallons of spot spraying mix to be used on agricultural land. The department's representative will demonstrate proper mixing and application techniques. A number of nuisance weeds can be treated under this program depending on the needs of the participant. This program is limited to broadleaf weeds.

Broadcast Spraying demonstration plots consist of:

- 10 acres of agricultural land will be treated with chemical provided by the department.
- Application is performed with a two-wheeled trailer type sprayer equipped with boomless nozzles.
- If additional chemical is provided by the participant, an additional 10 acres can be treated.

Spot Spraying demonstration plots consist of:

- 100 gallons of broadleaf chemical mix which is applied until sprayer is empty.
- Application is performed with a two-wheeled trailer type



sprayer equipped with a handheld spray wand used by the tractor operator.

- If additional chemical is provided by the participant, an additional 100 gallons can be sprayed.

For each demonstration:

- The participant must provide water source.
- The participant must provide tractor and operator.
- All chemical products must be labeled and the product label will be strictly followed.
- A maximum of 7 participants per county.

This program is designed to target weeds that have a negative impact on the participant's agricultural production. There will be an annual online application period to participate in this program. You may submit an application using our [on-line services](#) from February 1 to February 28 of each year.



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~ YAIP INFORMATION ~

Youth Agricultural Incentives Program (YAIP) is a cost share program designed for applicants that are enrolled in elementary, middle, high school or home school, that are at least 9 years of age at the time of the application, and are actively engaged in agriculture. Starting **Monday, February 24**, until **Friday, March 14**, during the hours of 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday the applications will be available at:

Clark County Conservation District Office
667 Tech Drive; Winchester, Kentucky
(also available at ccccky.com under forms)

For more information:
Angie Embry: 859-744-2322
angela.embry@ky.nacdnet.net

~ YAIP INVESTMENT AREAS ~

- Agricultural Diversification
- Supervised Agriculture Experience
- Forage & Grain Improvement
- Showmanship
- Animal Production
- Country Ham Projects

Maximum local cost share is \$1,500.00 on a 50/50 matching basis upon the investment area completion. Submit Student Report & Certification form, project invoices, and proof of payment for cost share reimbursement. **(NO cash receipts).**

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 line and your county in the message to receive a Zoom link and password. You will receive an invitation and password the morning of the presentation.

February 11 MARKETING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPRING

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

March 11 PREPARING FOR A SUCCESSFUL 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 questions or need additional information, please email dbullock@uky.edu.
If you have already registered, you will get a Zoom invitation the morning of each session with the link and password.

Mark your **Calendar** Important Date

Beef Quality Care and Assurance Training



Wednesday, February 26

9:00 am
Extension Office



Spring Soil Testing

Don't get behind on production this spring waiting on soil sample results. Get your samples into the Extension Office early, so we can get your sample results back to you in a timely manner!

As always, soil sampling is a free service we offer our clientele here at the Clark County Extension Office. Current wait time on sample results is approximately two to three weeks.

RECIPE



Fiesta Potatoes

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| 8 small to medium russet potatoes, peeled and diced | 1 medium onion, chopped | parsley, chopped |
| 1 green bell pepper, chopped | 1 cup Mexican blend cheese, shredded | 1 tablespoon dried basil, crushed |
| 1 red bell pepper, chopped | ½ cup margarine, melted | ¾ teaspoon salt |
| | ½ cup low-fat milk | ¼ teaspoon black pepper |
| | 2 tablespoons fresh | |

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. **Place** the potatoes, bell peppers and onion in a medium pan and cover with water. **Place** over high heat and bring to a **boil**. **Reduce** heat and **simmer** 12-15 minutes, or until vegetables are tender. **Drain** the vegetables and **place** in a mixing bowl. **Stir** in the cheese, margarine, milk and seasonings until combined. **Spread** the mixture in a

9-by-13-inch baking pan that has been sprayed with a non-stick coating. **Bake** for about 20 minutes or until bubbly.

Yield: 12, ½ cup servings

Nutritional Analysis: 200 calories, 9 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 5 mg cholesterol, 370 mg sodium, 24 g carbohydrates, 3 g fiber, 3 g sugar, 9 g protein.



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