

Muhlenberg County Agriculture & Natural Resources Newsletter

Note: All meetings will be held at the Muhlenberg County Cooperative Extension Office unless noted otherwise.

Upcoming office closures: May 27, 2024—Memorial Day; June 19, 2024—Juneteenth; July 4, 2024—Independence Day.

Beef Production/ Cattlemen's Association Meeting will be Monday, April 1, 2024 at 6 PM. The meal is potluck.

Farmers Market meeting will be Monday, April 8, 2024. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM with a potluck finger food meal. The guest speaker will be Dr. Ric Bessin, UK Entomologist. The topic will be *Utilizing Trap Crops*. The program meets the CAIP educational requirement.

Beekeepers meeting will be Monday, April 15, 2024 at 6 PM. There will be potluck meal. Please bring finger foods and drinks.

Beef Quality Care and Assurance Recertification can be completed online by going to www.kybeefnetwork.com to access the online training platform. The training is free from April 1-30, 2024 and September 1-30, 2024.

The Kentucky Sheep and Goat Association is offering a new production and management training called the *Small Ruminant Quality Assurance Program*. This program is for owners of sheep and goats who want to learn more about their small ruminants as well as be able to participate in the County Agriculture Investment Program (CAIP). Producers will attend an educational meeting at their Extension Office and take a pre-test, watch three videos, and then take a post-test. There is a \$5 registration fee for the training and a check should be made payable to KSGDO. I have not set a date for a training yet but am thinking about hosting one on May 7. I am

interested in knowing if producers would be interested in this training. Please contact the Extension Office by April 12 to let me know if you are interested in attending a program.

Special thanks to Bro. John "Butch" Day III and his family for hosting the beef cattle field day and providing the meal on March 4. Those in attendance were treated to great weather, an informative educational program and a delicious meal.

Horticulture Wednesday Webinars are back for a fifth season! You can follow the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/UKYHortWedWeb> to learn more. You can watch all four previous seasons on their YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@HorticultureWebinarWednesday>. There are some great topics for gardeners and plant enthusiasts alike.

Farm to Fork is slated for Saturday evening, August 3, 2024. Save the date and stay tuned for more details on ticket prices and all of the festivities.

Rinse and Return Farm Chemical Container Recycling Program will be Wednesday, August 7 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM at the Muhlenberg County Cooperative Extension Office parking lot. All pesticide containers must be triple rinsed and all lids and labels must be removed before being brought to the site.

For more information on topics in this newsletter contact Darrell Simpson, Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources Education at 270-338-3124 or email me at roger.simpson@uky.edu.



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