

Muhlenberg County Agriculture & Natural Resources Newsletter



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Note: The Muhlenberg County Cooperative Extension Service will be closed Monday, May 29 for the Memorial Day holiday and Monday, June 19 for the Juneteenth holiday.

The **Farmers Market Plant Swap** will be Saturday, April 29 at 8:00 AM at the Muhlenberg County Farmers Market pavilion.

Cattlemen's Association meeting will be Monday, May 1 beginning at 7:00 PM. Hamburgers, buns, and chips will be provided by the Association. Members are asked to provide condiments, drinks and side dishes. The program will start at 7:30 PM.

Beginning Farmer High Tunnel Production Basics Program will be held Wednesday, May 10. The program will be from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Abbott Acres located at 1128 Jess Winn Road Belton, Kentucky. Scan the QR Code with your smartphone to visit the registration page for this in-person workshop. **PRE-**

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED in order to get an accurate headcount for our host farm. If you would like to watch recordings from previous workshops, you can visit the Kentucky Vegetable Crops Extension & Research YouTube channel.

Beekeepers meeting will be Monday, May 15. The meeting will be at the Farmers Market honey kitchen and will begin at 6:00 PM.

Beef cattle minerals need to be switched from a high magnesium mineral to a medicated mineral once the daytime temperatures are consistently above 60 degrees Fahrenheit. **Be sure to read the label on the mineral bag.** Beef producers that have had confirmed cases of anaplasmosis in the past should consult with their veterinarian to design a mineral program that meets their needs. The Veterinarian Feed Directive is now in place

and producers will have to consult with a veterinarian if they plan on utilizing medicated minerals containing chloro-tetracycline.

The Office of the State Entomologist and Dr. Jonathan Larson, UK Entomologist are looking to continue their work with citizen science and invasive species. There are two main projects that volunteers can help with. The first is the spongy moth trapping program; I will receive sets of spongy moth traps and help distribute them to volunteers. This helps us to make sure this destructive moth doesn't set up shop in Kentucky any time soon. The second project involves using Survey 123 to log locations of the *Tree of Heaven*. This can also be done by me or adult volunteers. It helps us to know possible hot spots where spotted lanternfly might occur in the future (*Tree of Heaven* is their preferred host). Please let me know if you are interested in helping by allowing traps to be placed on your property.

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