

Muhlenberg County Agriculture & Natural Resources Newsletter

December 2023

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

The Muhlenberg County Extension Service will be closed December 25, 2023 through January 1, 2024 for the Christmas and New Year holidays. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. We will be closed Monday, January 15, 2024 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Beef Production and Cattlemen's Association meeting will be Monday, December 4, 2023. The meeting will start at 6:00 PM with a soup, sandwich and dessert potluck meal. The guest speaker will be Dr. Ray Smith, UK Forage Specialist. He will present a program on the new Grasslands Partnership Project and the UK Forage Variety Trial Program. **The Cattlemen's Association will NOT meet in January.**

The Farmers Market will NOT meet in December or January.

UK Beef Webinar Series restarts in December. These sessions are open to any beef producers, but a one-time registration is required. If you have received notices in the past then you are registered and should get the notification, if not, you can register by sending an email with your name and county to dbullock@uky.edu with the topic heading of "UK Beef Webinar Registration." The first date and topic is December 12, 2023 – Shooting the Bull. UK Beef Specialists will provide information on a hot topic in the beef industry and answer any questions posed by the attendees. The webinar starts at 8:00 EST/7:00 CST. All registered members will receive a Zoom invitation the morning of the presentation with the link and password. For more information contact Darrah Bullock at dbullock@uky.edu.

Grain Crops Market Outlook meeting will be Thursday, January 11, 2024. The program will begin at 9:30 AM. Dr. Grant Gardner from the UK Ag Economics Department will be the guest speaker.

Topics include market updates on corn, soybeans, and wheat. This will be a CAIP education certified meeting.

Private Pesticide Certification/re-certification will be Thursday, January 11 at 6:00 PM and Friday, January 12 at 9:30 AM. License holders whose card expires on December 31, 2023 will be notified via a letter.

Fall-Calving Herd Tips: Continue to watch fall-calving cows. Catch up on processing of calves, including identification, castration, and vaccinations. Cows that have calved need to go to the best pastures now! Help them maintain body condition prior to breeding in December. Vaccinate the cows while they are open and prior to the breeding season. Move cows to accumulated pasture or increase feed now. If at all possible, try to get animals vaccinated 45 days or longer before the breeding season. Start the breeding season in late November or early December for calving to begin in September. If you are using AI and/or estrous synchronization, get your supplies together now and schedule your technician. Don't forget Breeding Soundness Evaluations (BSE) on your bulls. Make final selection of replacement heifers now.

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