

Muhlenberg County Agriculture & Natural Resources Newsletter

Beef Production Field Day will be Monday, March 4, 2024 at John Day's farm, located at 1277 Carter Creek Road Greenville. The field day gets underway at 3:00 PM. The wagon leaves the shop site at 3:20 PM. Topics will include: hay feeding structure, *Body Condition Scores on the Beef Herd* with Dr. Katie VanValin, UK Beef Specialist and Dr. Josh Jackson, UK Ag Engineering will discuss using an unmanned aerial vehicle (drone) as well as other new technology that may be used with the beef cattle herd. There will be a free meal at the farm after the event. **Please contact the Extension Office at 270-338-3124 by Thursday, February 29 to register** so that I can get a head count for the meal and for transportation. **CAIP approved.**

Farmers Market meeting will be Monday, March 11, 2024 at the Extension Office. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM with a potluck finger food meal. The guest speaker will be Dr. Jonathan Larson, UK Entomologist. The topic will be *Introduction to Integrated Pest Management*. **CAIP approved.**

Market vendors and other produce growers selling at their own site will need to bring their scales to the Extension Office on Monday, March 11 so that the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Division of Weights and Measures can calibrate and certify the scales as legal for trade. Scales should be picked up the afternoon of Tuesday, March 12. Please identify your scales with a name and phone number attached to it.

Opening date for the Farmers Market for 2024 is April 13.

Beekeepers meeting will be Monday, March 18, 2024. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM at the Extension Office. There will be potluck meal. Please bring finger foods and drinks.

The Corn and Soybean Newsletter for February can be found by scanning the QR Code with your smartphone. There is an update on the status of dicamba



herbicide products as well as some updates on upcoming educational meetings.

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

Springtime in Kentucky is the perfect time to get outside and start your home garden. A few tasks will help you have a successful season.

Planning your garden on paper before you begin allows you to visualize the plants you want to grow and when they will be ready to harvest.

Next, select a good gardening site. Plan a site in full sun, relatively level, well-drained, close to a water source and dries quickly from morning dew. You may need to get a soil test to best prepare the soil. Add fertilizer according to soil test results.

Remember to only plan a garden as large as you can easily maintain. Beginning gardeners often overplant and fail because they can't keep up with the required tasks. You must manage weeds and pests and apply water so your plants will be ready to harvest on time.

A few other important tips:

- Grow vegetables that will produce the maximum amount of food in your available space.
- Plant during the correct season for the crop.
- Choose varieties recommended for Kentucky.
- Harvest vegetables at their proper stage of maturity. Consider how you will store them if you don't use them right away.

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