

# Muhlenberg County Agriculture & Natural Resources Newsletter

October 2023

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

**Cattlemen's Association/Beef Production meeting** will be Monday, October 2. The meal will begin at 7:00 PM. Hamburgers will be provided. Please bring a side dish/dessert. The program and business meeting will begin at 7:30 PM.

**Beekeepers meeting** will be Monday, October 16 at 6:00 PM at the Muhlenberg County Farmers Market Honey Kitchen.

**Muhlenberg County Homemakers Annual Bean Supper** from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$8 per person. All funds raised will go to ovarian cancer research at the University of Kentucky.

**Fall Grazing Conference on October 31** in Elizabethtown and November 1 in Lexington. Attendees will hear from Curt Pate, owner and operator of Curt Pate Stockmanship, a nationally renowned expert on low-stress livestock handling. Pate specifically focuses on reducing livestock stress in grazing systems, making his expertise perfect for Kentucky grazers. Participants will also hear from University of Kentucky faculty, staff, and fellow grazers on a variety of topics, including: optimizing resources with multi-species grazing, designing flexible watering systems and fencing, as well as constructing livestock handling facilities in existing structures. You can register by email at: [info@kfgc.org](mailto:info@kfgc.org) or you can register by phone at (513) 470-8171. Tickets are \$45 advance, \$60 onsite, \$15 for students.

**Kentucky Fencing Schools** will be held on November 7 in Georgetown and November 9 in Princeton. These high-quality fencing workshops will focus on the proper construction of fixed knot woven wire and electrified smooth high tensile fencing. Participants will learn from fencing experts in the classroom in the morning and then experience fencing in the field with hands on exercises and demonstrations following lunch. The cost is \$35 per participant. You can register by sending a check for \$35 payable to KFGC to Christi Forsythe, UK Research and Education Center, PO Box 469 Princeton, KY 42445.

**Cattle management tips include:** Pregnancy check and possibly market open cows and heifers, treat herd for external parasites, evaluate body condition score of cows, castrate and implant Fall born commercial calves. Evaluate feed inventory for the Winter months, hay test and feed according to the animals' nutritional needs. Switch to a good free choice two to one mineral for the Spring herd after the biting insects are gone. Provide a high magnesium mineral for the fall calving herd especially if stockpiled grass is being grazed. There needs to be at least two killing frosts before grazing johnsongrass. Keep in mind that a light frost on johnsongrass may cause prussic acid poisoning in cattle.

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](mailto:roger.simpson@uky.edu).

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