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# Agriculture and Natural Resources Newsletter

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## Notes from the Agent

Faces in the office have started to change! Cheryl's last day was June 30th and we have now welcomed two new staff assistants! Kara and Melissa are excited to be in the office and can't wait to work with all of you!

I will be out of the office for the National Association of County Agriculture Agents Meeting in Texas July 14th - 18th. I will be available via email during this time. Then I will be on vacation from July 24th-27th and will respond to any phone calls or emails when I get back to the office on July 29th.

Planning to sell hay this year? We are hoping to create a local hay resource guide to connect sellers with buyers! Complete the form by scanning the QR code to be added to the list. Not comfortable with QR codes? Call the office and we will complete the form for you.



# IMPORTANT DATES

## July

- 9th: Central KY Sheep and Goat Meeting, Lebanon
- 18th: Third Thursday Thing, Kentucky State University
- 23rd: Corn, Soybean & Tobacco Field Day, Princeton
- 25th: Cattlemens Quarterly Meeting, Springfield

## August

- 1st: Good Idea Shop Talk, Zoom
- 8th: Good Idea Shop Talk, Zoom
- 13h: Forage and Grasslands Field Day, Lebanon
- 15th: Good Idea Shop Talk, Zoom
- 15th-25th: Kentucky State Fair

### July Herbicide Weed Control

- Pigweed
- White Heath Aster
- Cocklebur
- Dogbane
- Goldernrod
- Ironweed
- Sida
- Spurge
- Tickclover
- Horsenettle
- Jimsonweed
- Lespedeza
- Milkweed
- Mint
- Marshelder (Sumpweed)
- Pokeweed
- Ragweed
- Sneezeweed

# GOOD IDEA SHOP TALKS

A free meet-up series for row crop and livestock producers to exchange ideas for improving on-farm soil and water resources, while protecting profitability.

Thursdays, August 1st, 8th, and 15th, 2024 at 11:30 am CT / 12:30 pm ET via Zoom

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER:  
[HTTPS://GOODIDEAFARM.ORG/SHOP-TALKS](https://goodideafarm.org/shop-talks)



# **Corn, Soybean & Tobacco Field Day**

**UKREC, Princeton KY 42445**

**Wagons roll: 8:00am CT**

## **Topics include:**

**Corn Disease Concerns For 2024**

**Familiar and New Soybean Diseases to Look Out for in 2024**

**Insect Update**

**Corn and Soybean Variety Trials**

**Weed Control in 2024 And Beyond**

**“Weather Alert”**

**Maximizing Corn Yields Following a Cover Crop**

**Soybean yield and economic response to irrigation**

**Corn and Soybean Outlook**

**The Fundamentals of Soil pH Management for Production Agriculture**

**Changes To Agr-1 Fertilizer Rate Recommendations for Kentucky Grain Crops**

**UKREC Dark Tobacco Infrastructure and Research Update**

**Tobacco Research Update from University of Tennessee**

**Sulfur Fertility in Tobacco**

**Registration: <http://tiny.cc/m9jlyz> Or scan the QR Code**



**Thanks to our lunch sponsors!**



# WASHINGTON COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S QUARTERLY MEETING

## BULL EVALUATION



# Thursday, July 25th, 2024

Location: Lynn Creek Farms 2184 Bardstown Rd, Springfield, KY 40069

## Time: 6:30 PM

- **6:30 PM:** Meal
- **7:00 PM:** Dr. Darr Bullock will discuss evaluating bulls genetically and phenotypically to make the correct selection for your herd.



*SEATING IS LIMITED SO PLEASE  
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# Timely Tips

## Grazing

- If drought conditions limit pasture growth, close off pastures and feed hay in a sacrifice area.
- Identify pastures for stockpiling. Choose pastures that are well-drained, have a strong sod, and have not been overgrazed.
- Continue grazing available summer annuals and apply 40-60lbs N/A to stimulate regrowth.
- Soil test pastures to determine fertility needs.



## Small Ruminants

- Expect market prices for all classes of sheep and goats to be lower during the summer and fall months.
- Plans to breed this summer? Don't forget to nutritionally flush females 2 weeks prior to breedings and continue 3 weeks into the breeding cycle.

## Cattle

- Continue to watch for and prevent/control pinkeye
- Maintain a clean water supply and check it routinely.
- Work cattle in the early morning to avoid heat stress.
- Monitor ponds, streams, and riparian areas throughout the grazing season to assess cattle impact.
- Ensure access to shade for scorching and humid days.

# GREAT OUTDOOR QUESADILLA

## Ingredients

- 4 (8-inch) whole wheat tortilla
- 1 cup reduced-fat shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 cup diced vegetables
- Non-stick cooking spray
- Salsa

## Directions:

1. Tear off four squares of heavy-duty aluminum foil and spray the shiny sides with cooking spray.
2. Place one tortilla on each square. Sprinkle  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup cheese and  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup vegetables on half of each tortilla. Fold tortilla in half.
3. Fold foil to make packets. Cook on a hot campfire, grill or tin can stove until the cheese is melted, 3 to 5 minutes, turning once. Or, to bake the quesadillas in the oven, preheat the oven to 375° F. Put the foil packets on a baking sheet and bake until warmed through and the cheese is melted, about 10 minutes.
4. Slice quesadillas into wedges and serve with salsa.



**Note:** For vegetables, good choices include black beans, whole kernel corn, black olives, tomatoes, bell peppers, onions, spinach, and mushrooms; sauté vegetables ahead of time, if desired.

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*Taylor Graves*

*Wheelbarrow Series*  
**Thursdays @ 10:00 am**

18th: Fall Vegetable Gardening  
25th: Horticulture How To: Windchimes

**Register by calling the  
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*Bee Club*

1st: Monthly Meeting @ 6:00 PM

