

## Agriculture and Natural Resources Newsletter

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events!



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Agents go LIVE  
each Tuesday on  
100.9 at 8:20ish or  
you can listen for  
timely tips  
throughout the  
week!

## Notes from the Agent

Spring is almost here! I know I have been counting down the days. Spring brings warmer weather and plenty of farm chores! Cleaning up from the winter can make for a busy schedule, but don't forget to make time for things like weed spraying that needs to happen this month!



Do you feel like you are missing out on some of the programs offered at the Extension Office? Sign up for our e-blasts! These will be short emails reminding you about upcoming events and how to sign up!



# IMPORTANT DATES



## March

28th - 2nd: Kentucky Beef Expo

3rd - 5th: State Extension Conference, Agents out of Office

6th: Novel Endophyte Tall Fescue Renovation, Leitchfield

9th: Time Springs Forward

11th: Ag Development Board

13th: Area Tobacco Meeting, Lancaster

17th: District Board Meeting

19th: Ag Credit Lunch and Learn, Lebanon

22nd: Washington County Livestock Judging

24th: BQCA Trainings

24th-28th: M-GCAFE National Ag Week

31st: County Extension Council Meeting

## April



26th: Small Ruminant Field Day, Nelson County

29th-30th: Beginning Grazing School, Logan County

# Beef Management Webinar Series

If you are interested and would like to be registered send an email to [dbullock@uky.edu](mailto:dbullock@uky.edu) with **Beef Webinar Series** in the Subject and your name and county in the message to receive a Zoom link and password. You will receive an invitation and password the morning of the presentation.

### March

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#### Preparing for a Successful Spring Breeding Season

Dr. Les Anderson, Extension Professor, University of Kentucky

### April

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#### Health Update and Internal Parasite Field Study Results

Dr. Michelle Arnold, Extension Veterinarian, and  
Dr. Jeff Lehmkuhler, Extension Professor.

# Beef Quality and Care Assurance Trainings



## Washington County Extension Office

245 Corporate Dr., Springfield, Ky



**March 24th**

10:00 AM OR 5:30 PM



**(859)336-7741**

Call to let us know what session you want to attend or scan the QR code below!



# Small Ruminant Bootcamp

## Topics Include:

- Parasite Management, Control, & Prevention
  - FAMACHA Certification & Body Condition Score training
- Preparing for Lambing and Kidding



**April 26th, 2025**

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



**Nelson County Fairgrounds**

2389 New Haven Rd, Bardstown



**\$20**

The cost includes a FAMACHA card and lunch!



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Call if you have any questions!



**Register through the Kentucky Sheep and Goat Office.**

Scan the QR to be taken to registration.

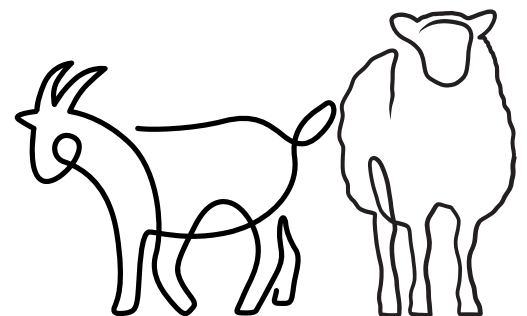


# Beef Timely Tips

- We have made a muddy mess this winter, so be prepared to reseed bare spots. Our forage group has some excellent information on restoring heavy-traffic areas.
- Make plans to improve hay feeding areas to avoid muddy conditions like we have faced this winter. Consider geotextile fabric with gravel or concrete feeding pads.
- Prepare for the grazing season. Check fences and make necessary repairs. Check your corral, too.
- Get everything ready to make high-quality hay in May! Have equipment serviced and spare parts on hand. Order baler twine now. Be prepared to harvest an adequate supply of hay when you have the opportunity. Re-supply the extra hay that you fed out of the barn. This past winter caused most producers to exhaust their hay supply, so it is time to re-stock.
- Plan now for fly control ... decide what fly control program that you will use but do not put insecticide ear tags on cattle until fly population appears.

# Sheep and Goat Considerations

- Market prices for slaughter goats are typically strong in the Spring as supply is low.
- A peak in demand for kids and lambs, especially light weights, may occur around Easter.
- Be prepared for a potential market drop in late May, especially on kids and lightweight lambs.
- Always observe proper withdrawal times on dewormers, antibiotics and other drugs.



# WEEDS TO SPRAY: FEB - MAR

For more information check out AGR-207  
Broadleaf Weeds of Kentucky Pastures



BUTTERCUP



HENBIT



BURDOCK



CHICORY



THISTLES:  
BULL, MUSK, PLUMELESS



DOCK  
CURLY OR  
BROADLEAF



POISON  
HEMLOCK



PURPLE  
DEADNETTLE

## Timely Forage Tips

- Continue pasture renovation by no-till seeding legumes (1/4 to 1/2 inch seeding depth).
- Continue feeding hay until adequate forage exists in the pasture for grazing.
- Spring seeding of grasses should be done in early to mid-March (but fall is preferred)
- Begin smoothing and re-seeding hay feeding and heavy traffic areas.
- Graze pastures overseeded with clover to reduce competition from existing grasses.
- Pull animals off as clover seedlings start to be grazed.
- Provide free choice of high-magnesium minerals to prevent grass tetany on lush spring growth.



# Southern Fish in a Foil

## Ingredients

- 1 pound white fish, cut into 4 servings
- 1 medium lemon, cut half into thin slices
- and save the other half
- 1 tablespoon hot sauce
- 2 tablespoons Italian spices
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon olive oil



## Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 550 degrees F. Cut 4 (12-by- 20-inch) sheets of foil.
2. Combine Italian spices, garlic powder, salt and pepper into a small bowl. Squeeze lemon and rub a couple of drops of hot sauce onto each fish filet. Then, rub the spice mixture on the fish filet.
3. Place each piece of fish on one sheet of foil. Drizzle the remaining oil on the fish and top with lemon slices.
4. Fold foil over fish, crimping edges tightly to seal packets. Remember to leave enough room for packets to expand.
5. Place packets on a large baking sheet. Bake in oven for 9-11 minutes. Fish should be just opaque in center. You can test doneness by sticking a toothpick through the packet. It should slide through the fish easily. Carefully open packets; hot steam will escape.



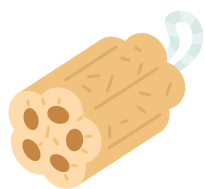
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## Wheelbarrow Series

The 2025 Wheelbarrow Series has begun! You can pick up a full catalog at the Extension Office.



# MARCH



6th: Growing Luffas in Kentucky

13th: Spice Apple Grafting

20th: Growing Potatoes

27th: Oddball Edibles

