

September 2025

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES NEWSLETTER



WASHINGTON COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

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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!



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IMPORTANT DATES

September

- 8th: Rinse and Return
8th: BQCA Trainings
9th: Sheep and Goat Meeting, Lebanon
18th: Third Thursday Thing, Frankfort
20th: Beef Bash, Versailles
22nd: Goat Health and Care, Webinar
23rd: Mechanical Weed Control Field Day, Lexington
30th: Fall Fencing School, Elizabethtown

October

- 3rd: Farm to City Breakfast
6th: Goat Farm Business and Management, Webinar
13th: Pesticide Trainings
27th: Country Ham Cooking



All programs listed on this page qualify for a Cost-Share educational hour. Check out the Washington County Extension Office Facebook or Website for more information.

At the Extension Office



Bee Keepers Meeting

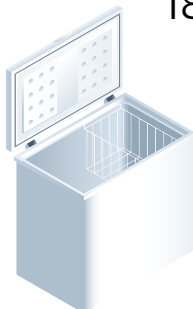
September 8th at 6:30 PM

Wheelbarrow Series

11th: Growing Ginger

18th: Overwintering Tropical Plants

25th: Fall Flower Arrangements



Stock The Freezer

September 22nd at 1:00 PM

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Sheep and Goat Considerations

- A new guide developed by the University of Missouri Extension and Lincoln University Extension offers insights into controlling gastrointestinal parasites in sheep and goats through forage-based management.
- Topics in the guide include:
 - Survival of larvae in the pasture.
 - Condensed tannin-rich forages.
 - Multi-species grazing.
 - Rotational grazing.
 - Dung beetles.



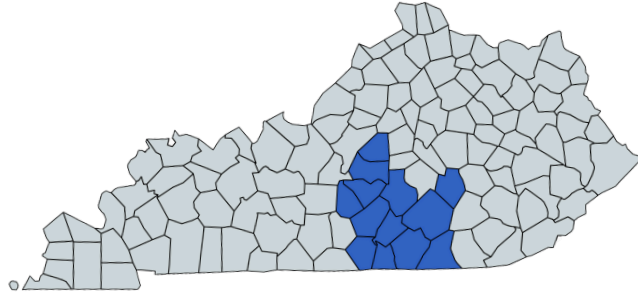
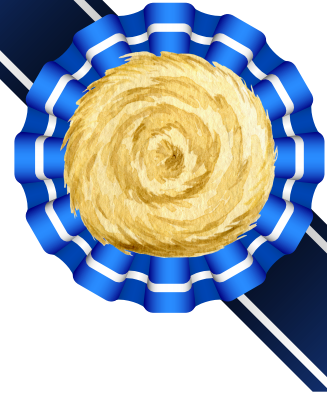
Timely Forage Tips

- If not already done, soil sample and apply fertilizer as needed.
- Plant perennial grasses and legumes. Consider using a novel endophyte tall fescue.
- Harvest hay as needed. Do NOT harvest alfalfa after mid-September.
- Scout pastures. Identify perennial weeds and woody brush. Consult an agricultural professional to determine the control strategy.
- Closely monitor livestock and do NOT overgraze. Pasture plants accumulate energy reserves in the fall that help them overwinter and regrow in the spring.
- Feed hay to allow pastures to stockpile for winter grazing.
- Rest native warm-season grass fields until after frost for better winter survival.

Beef Timely Tips

- Keep a good mineral mix available at all times. The UK Beef IRM Basic Cow-Calf mineral is a good choice.
- Do not give up on fly control in late summer, especially if fly numbers are greater than about 50 flies per animal. You can use a different "type" of spray or pour-on to kill any resistant flies at the end of fly season.
- Avoid working cattle when temperatures are extremely high—especially those grazing high-endophyte fescue. If cattle must be handled, do so in the early morning.
- Provide shade and water! Cattle will need shade during the hot part of the day. Check water supply frequently – as much as 20 gallons may be required by high-producing cows in very hot weather.
- Plan the winter-feeding program. Take forage samples of hay you will feed this winter. Request protein and TDN analysis so that supplemental feed needs may be estimated. Don't wait until you run out of feed in February to purchase extra feed. Plan to minimize hay storage and feeding losses because feed is too expensive to waste.
- If you have adequate moisture, stockpiling fescue might be a viable option. Nitrogen application to fescue pastures can be made now and allow them to grow and accumulate until November, or when other sources of grazing have been used up. To make best use of this pasture, put fall-calvers, thin spring-calvers, or stockers on this pasture and strip graze.
- Don't graze sorghum or sudan pastures between the first frost and a definite killing frost because of the danger of prussic acid poisoning. Johnsongrass in stalk fields can also be a problem after a light frost. Grazing can resume after the sorghum-type grasses have undergone a killing frost and dried up.

SOUTH-CENTRAL KY *Hay Contest*



Entries are due September 30th, 2025 to the Washington County Extension Office.

Hay & Silage Classes:

- Alfalfa
- Alfalfa/Grass: Samples in this class must contain 20-80% grass.
- Mixed: Samples in this class must contain 10-80% legume.
- Grass: Samples in this class must contain less than 10% legume.
- Small Grain: Winter wheat, winter rye and oat.
- Summer Annual: Sorghum/sudangrass, millet, teff, annual lespedeza, and soybean.

Each producer may submit as many samples as they wish in as many categories as they wish. However, only their best sample in each category will be considered for awards.

NEW THIS YEAR: Samples will be sent to Ward by the Extension Office for FREE. Results take 1-2 weeks to return.

Washington County scored very well in several categories last year and placed in the top three in four different categories! We hope to have a repeat of this again this year!



BEEF BASH 2025

20 SEPTEMBER,
2025

9:00 AM - 2:30 PM ET

1051 Midway Rd
Versailles, KY 40383

ADULT REGISTRATION -
\$15.00

CHILD REGISTRATION -
\$5.00

RUN
DOWN

9 AM

REGISTRATION

Don't wait! Scan the QR code to register today!



10 - 2:30 PM

YOUTH EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Youth Educational Sessions - Join at any time! Sessions offered continuously throughout the day.

10 - 10:50 AM

ADULT EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS 1-2

Adult Educational Sessions 1-2 Options: KBC + Food Group, Dr. Renfrow, or Bale Grazing, Dr. Halich & New AFS Research Programs

11 - 11:50 AM

ADULT EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS 3-4

Adult Educational Sessions 3-4 Options: Forage, Dr. Teutsch, or Reproduction, Dr. Bridges

12 - 1:20 PM

LUNCH BREAK, TRADE SHOW, & AWARDS

Fueling the day with great food and celebrating excellence with well-deserved awards!

1:30 - 2:30 PM

ADULT EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS 5-6

Adult Educational Sessions 5-6 Options: Precision Agriculture, Dr. Vanzant, or Fescue Toxicosis, Dr. Davis



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STATEWIDE EVENTS

If you are interested in any of the state wide events more information can be found on Facebook, the University of Kentucky Animal Sciences Website, or by contacting the office!



**KENTUCKY STATE
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THIRD THURSDAY THING Horticulture & Urban Agriculture

September 18, 2025 10:00 AM

**Harold R. Benson Research and
Demonstration Farm**
1525 Mills Lane Frankfort, KY 40601

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All About Goats! Webinar

JOIN EXTENSION AND INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS FOR THE FALL 2025 SERIES



Goat Health and Care Sept. 22

During this session, Extension Specialist, Dr. Brady Campbell, will review proper care for goats of all ages and explain how to help keep them healthy and continue production.

Farm Business and Management Oct. 6

Extension Specialist, Eric Richer, and Extension Educator, Pressley Buurma, will help guide participants in farm management strategies and provide options for enterprise budgeting and record keeping as it relates to goat production.

Goat Processing Oct. 20

Throughout this presentation, Extension Specialist, Dr. Lyda Garcia, will explain the cuts of a carcass and how to process a goat at home.

Livestock Marketing Nov. 3

Join us as Extension Specialist, Garth Ruff, discusses the ins and outs of the goat market. He will also discuss how to market goats to fill the current wants and needs of the customers.

Hay and Grain Production Nov. 17

Throughout this session, Extension Educator, Jordan Penrose, will present tips and tricks on hay and grain production for goats as well as what type of crops would work best for your production system.

Coyote Management Dec. 1

This session is going to focus on how to manage interactions between coyotes and goats. Experts will also explain the current status of coyote research in Ohio.

Open Forum: Ask Me Anything Dec. 15

Have a burning question that was not answered during one of our past webinar sessions? Join Extension Educators and Specialists to get your questions answered!

Webinars are hosted via Zoom (7-8 p.m. EST). Register at:

go.osu.edu/allaboutgoats25

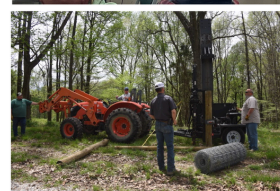
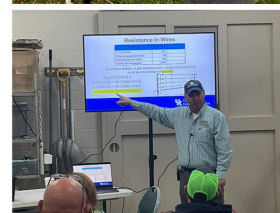


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2025 UKY Fall Fencing School Agenda

- 7:30 Registration and Refreshments**
- 8:15 Welcome and Overview of the Day – Chris Teutsch, UK**
- 8:30 Fencing Types and Costs – Chris Teutsch, UK**
- 9:00 Fence Construction Basics – Eric Miller and Payton Rushing, Stay-Tuff**
- Perimeter fences vs. cross fences
 - Fencing options on rented farms
 - Proper brace construction
 - Line posts and fence construction
- 9:45 Break – visit with sponsors and presenters**
- 10:15 Electric Fencing Basics – Jeremy McGill, UK Extension**
- Proper energizer selection and grounding
 - Proper high tensile fence construction and wire insulation
 - Electric offset wires for non-electric fences
 - Underground wires and jumper wires
- 11:00 Innovations in Fencing Technologies – Nick Chism, Gallagher**
- Wireless fences, fence monitoring, fence mapping
- 11:30 Overview of Kentucky Fence Law – Clint Quarles, KDA**
- 12:15 Catered Lunch – visit with sponsors and presenters**
- 1:00 Hands-on Fence Building**
- Safety, fence layout, and post driving demo – Jody Watson and Tucker LaForce, ACI
 - H-brace construction – Jeremy McGill, UK Extension & Eric Miller and Payton Rushing, Stay-Tuff
 - Knot tying, splices, and insulator installation – Jeremy McGill, UK Extension & Eric Miller and Payton Rushing, Stay-Tuff
 - Installation of Stay-Tuff Fixed Knot Fence – Eric Miller and Payton Rushing, Stay-Tuff
 - Installation of High Tensile Fencing – Jeremy McGill, UK Extension & Nick Chism, Gallagher
- 4:30 Questions, Survey and Wrap-up**



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STEP INTO FALL

WALKTOBER AND SCARECROW SHOWDOWN

WALKTOBER

Track your steps through October and submit the total for a free camo cooling towel!



Sign Up - Complete the QR code or call the WC Extension Office at (859) 336-7741 to register. All ages are welcome to participate - this could be a fun family competition.

Walk & Log Your Steps - log steps on paper, use an app, smart watch, tracker - whatever works for you.

Turn In Your Steps & Claim Your Prize - Turn in your total number of steps during the first week of November & pick up your free camo cooling towel! Steps can be submitted at the Extension Office, by phone, or email to cabrina.buckman@uky.edu.



SCARECROW SHOWDOWN



SEPT 19TH Registration Due
Complete the QR Code or Call the WC Extension Office at (859) 336-7741



Entry Categories:
1. Business
2. Family/Individual
3. Club/Organization



SEPT 24-26 Set Up - Set up your Scarecrow at Idle Hour Park.

NOV 1ST Tear Down - Collect your Scarecrow from Idle Hour Park.

Awards: Awards will be given in each entry category. Additionally, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd overall People's Choice awards will be presented, based on votes from the community.

Scarecrows will be set up from September 24th to 26th and will remain in place until voting is concluded on November 1st. The Washington County Extension Office will provide each entry with one bale of straw to use in their display.



Jalapeno Poppers

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F.
2. In a small bowl, mix together the cream cheese, Parmesan cheese, garlic powder and mozzarella cheese.
3. Wash peppers and cut off stems.
4. Cut peppers lengthwise to make 16 halves. You may want to wear plastic gloves while handling hot peppers.
5. Scrape out the seeds and membrane of each pepper.
6. Stuff each pepper half with the cream cheese mixture and wrap each stuffed pepper with a half piece of bacon.
7. Lightly grease a broiler pan or pan with a rack. This will allow any grease to fall away from the poppers.
8. Bake for 20 minutes or until poppers are hot and juicy and the bacon is browned.



Ingredients

- 4 ounces reduced fat cream cheese
- 1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 3/4 cup shredded reduced fat mozzarella cheese
- 8 large jalapeno peppers
- 8 pieces, thinly sliced bacon, cut in half

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