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### Trade vs. Common Names: **Know Your Pesticides**

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All pesticides sold in the United States have a trade name, common name, and chemical name. While this can be confusing to many, there are important distinctions among these as they are used in different ways. To add to this complexity, some pesticides with the same common name may be sold under numerous trade names, including a large number of generic products.

#### Trade Name

Trade names are the names that the manufacturing company chooses to use for marketing the pesticide. If a particular active ingredient is being phased out, the manufacturer may choose to replace it in the pesticide product and change the name only slightly to take advantage of its name recognition in the marketplace. Some trade names may have several descriptors, such as 'KillzAll Granules for Lawns' or just 'KillzAll for Lawns.' But minor differences in the trade name might indicate that the two products have different active ingredients. For

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example, there is a line of 'Sevin' products with slightly different trade names, but when you look at the active ingredients on their labels, they have several different active ingredients or mixtures of active ingredients. Why does this matter if they are all in the same chemical class (mode of action) as they are with the Sevin products? Different active ingredients are not necessarily labelled on the same crops. Additionally, the rates may be different between the different products. Both of these can be issues when a person purchases what they thought was a replacement for what they had and do not realize there could be substantial differences in patterns of use.

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#### Common Name

Each active ingredient has a common name. The common name is the name listed for the chemical in the active ingredients section of the label. The common name is the accepted name for the chemical and is used by all companies to describe the contents of their pesticide. Many different products sold by different companies may have the same active ingredient, hence the same common name of the pesticide. This is frequently the case when a pesticide goes off patent and generic versions become available.

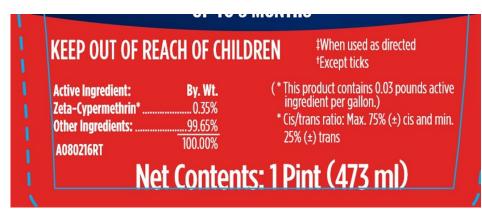


Figure 1. Common names of the pesticide must be listed in the 'Active Ingredients' portion of the label that describes the contents of the product.

#### **Chemical Name**

The chemical name usually follows the common name in the active ingredients section of the label. Chemical names can be complex and are often only used by specialists in the industry.

#### **Final Comments**

It is a good practice, when you purchase a pesticide, to quickly check the front of the label for the common name to be certain it contains the active ingredient that you expect. Different active ingredients may have different use patterns, use restrictions, pre-harvest intervals, or environmental considerations.

The 63<sup>rd</sup> Franklin County Farm City Field Day is July 13 in the Bridgeport community off Evergreen Road. This year we have two host farms, Firmly Rooted Flowers and the Harrod Family Farm.

Firmly Rooted Flowers is a seasonal specialty cut flower farm operated by a 5<sup>th</sup> generation farm family. The Harrod Family Farm is a beef cattle operation of multiple families and generations as well.

FARM HOSTS:
HARROD FARM - 645 EVERGREEN RD.
FIRMLY ROOTED FLOWERS - 650 EVERGREEN RD.

Tours will start at 9:00 and run

until lunch. Stops include cut flower production, heavy-use feed pad, tire waterers and the embryo-transfer process of artificial insemination. After our meal and short program, we'll be offering an in-depth tour of the flower operation for those interested.

Please join us for an informative, educational day of fellowship. Tickets available soon (free but required for the meal).





## Integrating Sustainability in a Solar Farmhouse and Organic Market Garden

June 20, 2023, 1-4pm ET Cedar Ring Greens, Frankfort KY

For nearly two decades, Cedar Ring Greens farm in Frankfort has operated with a commitment to sustainability, which includes improving the health of the land, encouraging biodiversity, working for food justice, and powering their home and farm with the sun. Join this OAK Field Day to tour the home and market gardens of Cedar Ring Greens with Andy McDonald and Mehera Baugher.

Andy will share their use of solar energy on the farm, along with their barn, packing shed, site-built walk-in cooler, and two small greenhouses they designed. He'll also walk participants through sustainable components of the on-farm home that he and Connie Lemley renovated using passive solar design, solar electric and solar hot water, a composting toilet and greywater systems.

Mehera will share the farm's certified organic market gardens, highlighting the minimal till systems of bed prep, seeding and harvesting used in their diverse vegetable production; covered crop protection with row covers and tunnels; cover cropping in rotations for soil health; and hedgerows for pollinator biodiversity.

Any interested farmer or allied professional is encouraged to attend.

Participation is limited, so register today!

Pre-registration is required - \$5 OAK Member; \$10 Non-Member



#### oak-ky.org/field-days or (502) 218-7378 to register

The Organic Association of Kentucky's (OAK) Field Days are on-farm and virtual learning opportunities offered monthly for farmers, ag professionals and local food system advocates. OAK welcomes farmers from all types and scales of farms - large and small scale, organic and conventional, urban and rural.

## A Tale of Two Invasives: European Hornets vs. Murder Hornets

By Jonathan L. Larson, UK Entomology Extension Specialist



**Figure 1:** European hornets are large wasps; workers are about an inch long and queens an inch and half. They have a red, yellow, and dark brown coloration. (Photo: Jon Yuschock, Bugwood.org)

As April turns into May, there is an increase in Kentuckians catching hornets that seem to be inspecting their homes or outbuildings. These are most likely European hornet queens, who are waking up from their overwintering and are searching for a suitable site to build their nest. These large wasps prefer to use hollows inside of trees but have also been observed to use cavities in soil and wall voids in human-made structures. The sight of these hornets has always inspired a little bit of fear but ever since the discovery of Northern giant hornet (aka the murder hornet or Asian giant hornet) in the Pacific northwest, European hornets have been commonly misidentified as this other more infamous non-native wasp.

#### How to tell them apart

As with most social insects, there are large numbers of "worker hornets" in the nests of these species. Both are quite large; European hornet workers are about 1 inch long while Northern giant hornet workers are around 1.25 inches long. There are also reproductive members of the colonies, which are called "queens." European hornet queens are almost 1.5 inches long, which contributes to their misidentification, while Northern giant hornet queens can be over 2 inches long. Other similarities include their abdominal coloration; both species sport a yellow abdomen with black bands.

Luckily, there are some key differences you can easily see, even if you haven't killed the hornet in question. It boils down to coloration on the thorax and head. European hornets in the U.S. usually have a distinct dark red coloration to much of the thorax (the middle section) and most of their head. The dark red on the head usually covers the top and sides of the head, while the lower front of the head is yellow. Northern giant hornets, on the other hand, have a mostly uniform yellow-orange color to their head, thorax, and abdomen.

So, if you see red on the front of the insect, it is most likely a European, not a Northern hornet.



Figure 1: European hornets are large wasps; workers are about an inch long and queens an inch and half. They have a red, yellow, and dark brown coloration. (Photo: Jon Yuschock, Bugwood.org)

#### Should you be concerned?

The European hornet is non-native, like the Northern giant hornet, but has been in the U.S. and Kentucky for over 150 years at this point. They are a stinging pest, particularly when their nest is threatened. Worker hornets will vigorously defend the colony and each individual hornet can sting multiple times. They can be commonly encountered in the woods, but they are attracted to perimeter lights at night, and sometimes queens may construct their nest in an attic or wall void. Turning off outside lights can result in less attraction to your property and pest proofing, as has been previously described, can keep them from attics and wall voids.

If you end up with a hornet infestation in your home or outbuildings, it is best to work with a pest control professional to deal with the nest. If you absolutely must manage it on your own, you need to use an aerosol wasp and hornet product and ensure that you can spray it into the entrance of the nest. Soaking the outside of the nest won't work, and you should not breach the exterior of the nest to make a treatment hole. This will result in hornet-filled chaos. You should use the aerosol product at night, you should wear long sleeves tucked into gloves (preferably leather or other tough material) and long pants tucked into socks, you should have an escape route to a safe place in mind as well. Treating at night minimizes the chances of attack, and the aerosol products work quickly, but it is always better to be safe rather than stung.

If you have seen and killed a queen hornet, you have cut the problem off at its source! Keep an eye out for others, and make note of where they were inspecting to see if you need to do some pest proofing in that spot. UK entomologists appreciate that everyone is on the lookout for Northern giant hornets. It is unlikely that one will be found in Kentucky any time soon, but it is good to know that people are monitoring for a potentially invasive species. If you want someone to double check the identification of the hornet you catch, you can always submit a photo sample to our Facebook page, Kentucky Bugs.









#### **CALL FSA NOW TO:**

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) has announced that Anderson, Franklin, and Woodford Counties is accepting applications for the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) to address damages from the Severe Storms that occurred on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. ECP Signup will begin on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and end on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

#### **CONTACT US TODAY!**

Versailles Service Center 182 Beasley Drive, Versailles Ky 40383 859-873-3411 Ext 2





Champion Gilt - \$50.00 Reserve Gilt - \$25.00 Thursday 7/20 - Market Goat Show @ 6:00 PM

Champion Market Goat - \$100.00 Reserve Market Goat - \$50.00

Friday 7/21 - Beef Show @ 6:00 PM

Supreme Market Animal - \$200.00 Supreme Heifer - \$200.00

Supreme Bull - \$200.00



## Franklin County Conservation District

Backyard Conservation Program
Urban Cost Share Program

April 1, 2023 to August 1, 2023

<u>Raised Garden Beds, Rain Barrels, Compost Bins,</u> Pollinator Gardens and Behives

- First come, first serve
- Franklin County Residents only
- One application per household
- 50% cost share up to \$250 maximum

## Must have approval before you begin project

Franklin County Conservation District 103 Lakeview Court Frankfort, KY 40601 502-352-2701

# Publication of the Month: Managing Legume-Induced Bloat in Cattle (ID-186)

Posted on May 2, 2023 KY Forage News

Incorporating legumes into pastures to reduce the impact of fescue toxicosis, provide nitrogen for forages, and improve pasture quality leading to increased animal performance is still sound management even though legume bloat is a risk to livestock. Individual animal performance is greater on grass/legume pastures compared to performance on similar monoculture grass stands. If one considers the number of cattle grazing

pastures containing legumes worldwide, the fear of bloat leading to low incorporation of legumes into grazed swards will give rise to greater economic losses compared to establishing a mixed sward of grasses and legumes. Find this publication on the UK Forage Extension website under the livestock disorders tab.



# Recipe



# Italian Turkey Sausage and Peppers

3 red bell peppers2 green bell peppers1 yellow bell pepper2 large tematees

2 large tomatoes
1 large sliced red onion

6 cloves garlic, chopped2 tablespoons olive oil, divided

2 teaspoons garlic powder, divided

2 tablespoons Italian seasoning 8 4-ounce links of Italian turkey sausage

1/4 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Wash and slice the peppers and tomatoes; place in a large bowl.

Place sliced onions and chopped garlic cloves in a small bowl and set aside. In a separate small bowl, combine

1 tablespoon of olive oil, 1 teaspoon of garlic powder, and Italian seasoning.

Drizzle oil mixture over peppers and tomatoes, and lightly toss. Slice each sausage link into 5 or more pieces.

Heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil and the remaining garlic powder in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add sausage and cook until browned. Add peppers

and tomatoes. **Reduce** heat to medium-low; **cover** and **simmer** 15 minutes; **stir** as needed. **Add** onions and chopped garlic; **cover** and **cook** an additional 5 minutes. **Sprinkle** with mozzarella cheese. **Cover** and **simmer** until cheese melts.

Yield: 6 1-cup servings

#### **Nutritional Analysis:**

380 calories, 21 g fat, 5 g saturated fat, 110 mg cholesterol, 730 mg sodium, 17 g carbohydrate, 3 g fiber, 8 g sugars, 0 g added sugars, 32 g protein.



#### **SAVE THE DATES:**

June 3 Kiko Goat Sale, Lakeview Park

**June 5** County Extension Council Open House, Extension Office

**June 10** FC Dairy Show, Lakeview Park

June 10 Unity in the Community—First Baptist Church

June 13 Getting Started—A Farming Series, Extension Office

June 19 Juneteenth Holiday—Extension Office Closed

June 27 Scott Co. Agronomy Field Day

July 4 4th of July Holiday—Extension Office Closed

**July 13** Farm City Field Day, Harrod Family Farm & Firmly Rooted Flowers

**July 18-22** Franklin County Fair Week, Lakeview Park

July 18 Sheep Show
July 19 Swine Show

July 20 Meat/ Market Goat Show

July 21 Beef Show

The Franklin County Extension Office will be closed on June 19th in observance of the Juneteenth Holiday.

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Keenan Bishop, County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources Education Be sure to follow our Facebook page for all the up-to-date information and articles.

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