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## FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

### Franklin County High School Tractor Day 2025



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Franklin County High School’s annual tractor day was on Friday April 25th. This tradition that brings the community together to celebrate agricultural heritage and the hard work of the students. The event saw a fantastic turnout, with students proudly showcasing their tractors and sharing their passion for farming with their peers.

**Support your local High School Greenhouses! Both the Western Hills and Franklin County greenhouses are open!**

# SHEEP & GOAT

## Educational Meeting & Lamb Dinner

### Thursday, May 22



#### Registration begins at 5:30pm

Who: The County Extension Offices of Mercer, Boyle, Lincoln, Garrard, Jessamine, Woodford, Franklin, and Anderson Counties; the Southeast Kentucky Sheep Producers Association (SEKSPA); Kentucky Sheep and Wool Producers Association (KSWPA) and the University of Kentucky's Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food & Environment.

Registration is from 5:30-6:00 pm EST. Lamb Dinner starts at 6:00 with the educational program to follow.

How: Round-Table discussion led by: Patrick Angel, SEKSPA; Harry Frederick, KSWPA and Winding Creek Farms; Dr. Jessie Lay DVM, UK Extension Animal Health Veterinarian.

**This meeting qualifies for CAIP Educational requirement.**

Mercer County Extension Office  
1007 Lexington Road—Harrodsburg, KY



#### Registration Required.

Please RSVP by May 20  
Call the Mercer County Extension Office at 859-734-4378

**\$10.00 per family**  
**(collected at the door)**

Your registration fee will include a delicious lamb dinner with sides and a One-Year Membership to SEKSPA.

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# 2025 CAEMG Lunch & Learns

Join the Capital Area Extension Master Gardeners for monthly educational talks to enhance your gardening skills. Bring your lunch and enjoy a casual atmosphere while learning from knowledgeable speakers.

**May 28** **Gardening with Climate Change**  
Discover how climate change is affecting gardens and learn practical strategies to help your plants adapt and thrive. Join us for an insightful discussion led by Dr. Amanda Gumbert, UK Faculty Extension Specialist.

**June 18** **Smart Irrigation Solutions for Your Garden**  
Join us for a dynamic session where you'll learn innovative techniques and smart solutions to efficiently water your plants, conserve resources, and create your own garden oasis.

**July 16** **Botanical Sleuthing: Expert Tips on Plant Identification**  
Dive into the fascinating world of plant identification and enhance your gardening skills. We'll discuss how tips and tricks to recognize plants, guided by Dr. Rick Durham, UK Faculty Extension Specialist.

**Classes begin at 11:30 AM**  
No registration required.  
101 Lakeview Court, Frankfort KY

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## Living with Alpha-gal Syndrome

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**When:** Thursday, May 29  
**Time:** 7:00 PM EDT/6:00 PM CDT  
**Where:** Zoom

**Presenters:** **Heather Norman-Burgdolf, PhD**  
**Associate Extension Professor**  
Department of Dietetics and  
Human Nutrition

**Register:** [ukfcs.net/AgS](http://ukfcs.net/AgS) or scan  
the QR Code below

**Jonathan Larson, PhD**  
**Assistant Extension Professor**  
Department of Entomology

**Hannah Tiffin, PhD**  
**Assistant Professor**  
Department of Entomology

**Heather Shaw**  
**Area Agent**  
Nutrition Education Programs



 **Martin-Gatton**  
College of Agriculture,  
Food and Environment

# Franklin County Cattlemen's Meeting May 29 6:00pm

Bring IDEAS for future  
speakers, sponsors &  
locations!

**Sponsored By:**

**Henry County Animal Clinic**  
**New Castle, KY**

**Presenter:**

**Dr. Clark Slone, DVM**

**RSVP to Crystal by May 26 - 502-330-5084**

KENTUCKY    
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

UK MARTIN GATTON COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT  
KSU COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, HEALTH AND NATURAL RESOURCES

# Farm City Field Day

# 07.10.25

## KSU Harold R. Benson Research Farm

## 5 PM- FREE MEAL 6-8 PM FARM TOURS

For more details visit  
<https://franklin.ca.uky.edu/field-day>



## 2025 KENTUCKY WOODLAND OWNERS SHORT COURSE

The WOSC, offered continuously since 2004, has always strived to:

Raise awareness of the importance of Kentucky woodlands, their owners, and issues facing them.

Educate woodland owners on how they can be good stewards of their woodland resources.

Connect woodland owners with the natural resource professionals, programs, and organizations available to support woodland stewardship.

The 2025 WOSC consists of 6 online sessions followed by two optional field sessions. Participants can select online only (\$10) or online and 1 field session (\$30). Discount for couple registration (\$45). Participants will receive a resource binder, lunch, water throughout the day, and access to insect repellants. UK FNR Extension will handle registration. All partners assist with advertising!

**WOSC Online Sessions:** Prior to the field sessions, online sessions will prepare woodland owners for stewardship. Online sessions include:

1. **Why and How to Manage Your Woodlands + Tree Identification: June 10**
  - A. Billy Thomas/Laurie Thomas
2. **Comprehensive Woodland Management: June 12**
  - A. KDF—Clay Turner
  - B. KACF—Mike Silliman or KACF Rep.
3. **Woodlands and Water Quality: June 17**
  - A. Amanda Gumbert
4. **Wildlife Management in Kentucky: June 19**
  - A. KDFWR—Jacob Stewart — Mention the wildlife work of WTF, RGS, Others
5. **Woodland Health: June 24**
  - A. Ellen Crocker
6. **Woodland Owner Related Organizations and Programs: June 26**
  - A. NRCS/FSA—30 minutes: Jon Shultz
  - B. County Extension Offices
  - C. County Conservation Districts
  - D. KWOA

**WOSC Field Sessions:** Over the next 3 years, we plan to rotate the two annual field sessions to different KDF Field Office Areas. KDF Field Office rotations for the next 3 years: 2025—Frankfort & Pineville; 2026—Morehead & Madisonville; and 2027—Campbellsville & Hazard.

### 2025 Kentucky Woodland Owners Short Course Field Session Agenda

*Two Concurrent Tracks: 1) Conservation Tour and 2) Woodland Owner Resource Extravaganza. Groups switch in afternoon.*

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|-----------|--|
| 9:9:30 AM | Onsite Registration, apply insect repellent  |
| 9:30 AM   | Welcome (Billy); Greetings from County Extension (Stacy/Lindie); Quick overview of day and instructions (Billy)  |
| 9:45 AM   | Spilt Group in Half. Half will load up in vehicles to travel to field site. Other half will stay at the Extension office to participate in the Extravaganza. |
| 10:00 AM  | Field Group Arrives for Field Tour. Plan for two groups in the field too.  |
| Noon      | Field Group returns to Extension Office. Begin wrap-up of morning Extravaganza.  |
| 12:15 PM  | Lunch  |
| 1:00 PM   | Groups switch. Half will load up in vehicles to travel to field site. Other half will stay at the Extension office to participate in the Extravaganza.       |
| 1:15 PM   | Field Group Arrives for Field Tour. Plan for two groups in the field too.  |
| 3:15 PM   | Field Group returns to Extension Office. Begin wrap-up of afternoon Extravaganza.  |
| 3:30 PM   | Adjourn  |

Whitley County Date: July 19, <https://maps.app.goo.gl/bCu3eXYfAXsLoA8h7>

Pendleton County Date Options: August 16 <https://maps.app.goo.gl/7w1Qs9Qv4iRi86kv9>

# KENTUCKY WOODLAND OWNERS SHORT COURSE



This program aids Kentucky woodland owners in forest resource management, offering online and in-person options. Live session recordings will be available, with participants able to choose between online-only or online plus a field session, each featuring a regional Woodland Owner Resource Extravaganza.



**JUNE 10 - 26**  
7 PM - 8:30 PM ET



**JULY 19 - WHITLEY CO.**  
**AUGUST 16 - PENDLETON CO.**

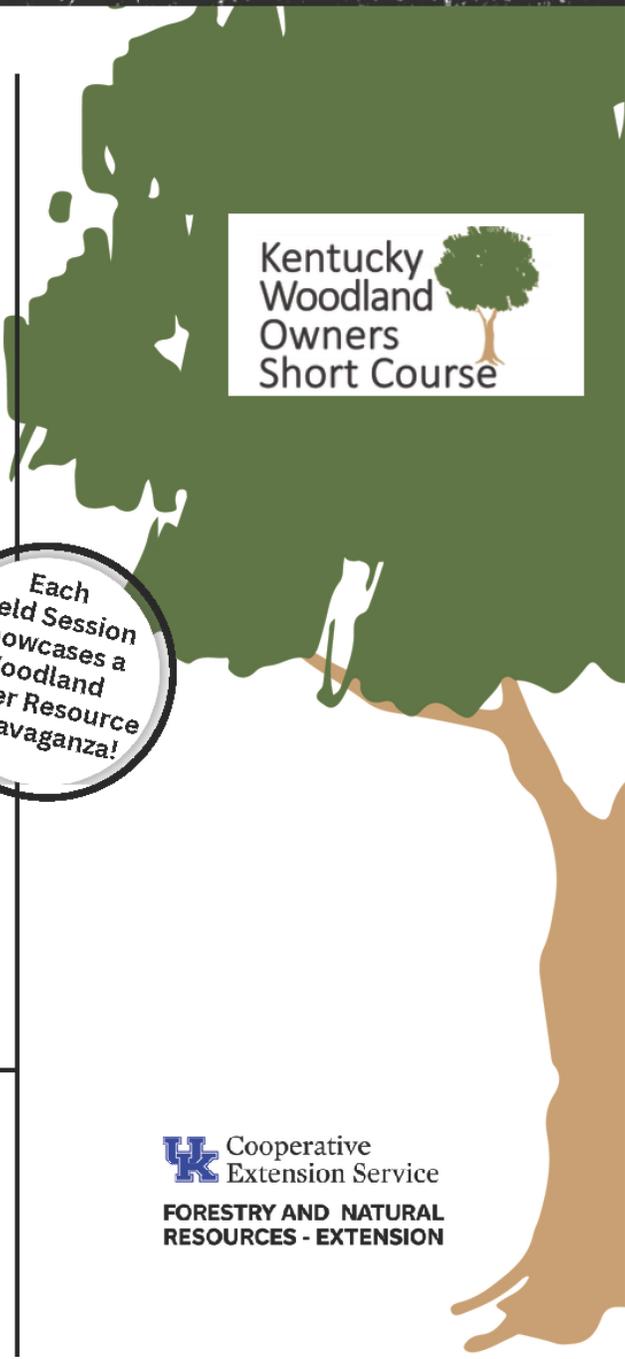
Field Session and Extravaganza

Each Field Session showcases a Woodland Owner Resource Extravaganza!

Online only: \$10/person  
Online & 1 Field Session: \$30/single \$45/couple

**[www.KYWOSC.org](http://www.KYWOSC.org)**

Meet the WOSC Partners  
<https://wosc.ca.uky.edu/partners>



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# Franklin County Junior Cattlemen's Association



The Franklin County Junior Cattlemen's has been busy! They worked ReForest Frankfort, Master Gardner's Plant Sale, FCHS Tractor Day and attended the Feeder Calf Grading School. They are gearing up for the state cattle working competition on Friday, May 2nd in Elizabethtown. Good Luck!



## **DID THE FLOOD LEAVE TIRES IN YOUR FIELDS?**

The next closest opportunity to take advantage of the state's Waste Tire Collection Program is in Nelson County May 8, 9, 10 at the Fairgrounds 2391 New Haven Rd. Bardstown, KY 40004.

After that it will be Washington County May 15, 16, 17 at State DOH 1007 Hwy 555 Springfield, KY 40069.

Franklin County's turn will come again in the fall of 2027.

# BEEF PASTURE

## Workshop



*Join us for a hands-on field day with new research and information about NovaGraz and DuraCor*



**Tuesday, May 13th**  
5:30p.m.



**Golden Age Farm**  
2335 Old Lemons Mill Rd.  
Lexington, KY 40511



**RSVP by May 2nd**  
Call: 502-695-9035  
Email: [keenan.bishop@uky.edu](mailto:keenan.bishop@uky.edu)

**DURACOR &  
NOVAGRAZ PLOTS**

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MANAGEMENT**

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IDENTIFICATION**

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Disabilities accommodated with prior notification.

## JOIN US ALL YEAR FOR THIRD THURSDAY THING

~~January 16th: Farm Safety & Disaster Recovery~~

~~February 20th: Organic Agriculture~~

~~March 20th: Natural Resource Management~~

~~April 17th: Grow, Buy, Eat Local~~

May 15th: Aquaculture

June 19th: Juneteenth/ Business Planning

July 17th: Cattle & Poultry

August 21st: Agri-technology & Vertical Farming

September 18th: Horticulture & Urban Agriculture

October 16th: Small Ruminants

November 20th: Small, Limited-Resource, Minority Farmers Conference



# Request for Proposal - Restroom Remodel

The Franklin County Cooperative Extension Office is seeking proposals from qualified contractors for a restroom remodel project on the first and lower floors of our building. Interested parties can find the full RFP on [franklin.ca.uky.edu](http://franklin.ca.uky.edu).

Save the Date

## Twilight Tour

Horticulture Research Farm



July 22, 2025  
6-8pm

4321 Emmert Farm Ln,  
Lexington, KY 40514

Details and registration info to come.



## MOBILE PROCESSING UNIT TRAINING

This training is required to use the KSU Mobile Processing Unit. The MPU can be used to process chickens, rabbits, some aquaculture species and other non-amenable species. Space is limited to 20 people for each training, but another training will be scheduled if needed.

May 7th or May 16th  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm**  
1525 Mills Lane Frankfort, KY 40601

**Cost: \$75**



TO REGISTER CONTACT: MEGAN GOINS  
([MEGAN.GOINS@KYSU.EDU](mailto:MEGAN.GOINS@KYSU.EDU) 502-597.6528)



**BEEF CATTLE WORKSHOP**

**May 28, 2025 at 6 P.M. ET**

@ 6pm: Meal

Topics:  
 @ 6:30pm: Marketing Your Beef Cattle (Jim Akers-Bluegrass Stockyard)  
 @ 7pm: Pasture Planning 101: Grazing and Forage Selection (Dr. Abigail Hines-KSU)

Meal will be provided. No registration required.

**CAIP APPROVED**

Join us in person: Harold R. Benson Research & Demonstration Farm  
 1525 Mills Lane, Frankfort, KY  
 Kentucky State University is an equal opportunity provider.

FRANKLIN & WOODFORD

**2025 MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM**

**AUGUST 21 - DECEMBER 11**  
**9 AM - 12 PM**

EVERY THURSDAY

**TOPICS INCLUDE:**  
 Botany, Entomology, Plant Pathology, Proper Care and Maintenance, and Disease Diagnosis

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE JUNE 2  
 APPLICATION DEADLINE JULY 25

Franklin County 502-695-9035 franklin.ext@uky.edu  
 Kentucky Extension Master Gardener  
 Woodford County 859-873-4601 woodford.ext@uky.edu

**RECIPE**



Zunicotti

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <b>1 cup</b> ricotta cheese                         | <b>2 cups</b> whole spinach, roughly torn | Freshly ground black pepper to taste    |
| <b>1 cup</b> finely grated Parmesan cheese, divided | <b>½ teaspoon</b> Italian seasoning       | <b>4</b> medium zucchini                |
| <b>1</b> large egg, lightly beaten                  | Salt to taste                             | <b>1 cup</b> marinara sauce             |
| <b>1</b> clove garlic, minced                       |   | <b>¾ cup</b> shredded mozzarella cheese |

**Preheat** oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. **Spray** 13-by-9-inch baking dish with cooking spray. In a medium bowl, **combine** ricotta, ½ cup Parmesan cheese, egg, garlic, spinach, and Italian seasoning. **Add** salt and pepper to taste, and **mix** until well combined. **Set** aside. **Wash** zucchini and **cut** off ends. Use a mandolin or sharp knife to **slice** zucchini thinly lengthwise. To reduce water, **place** zucchini on a microwave-safe plate lined with paper towels and **cover** with a paper towel. **Microwave** 1 minute. **Pat** excess moisture away with paper towels. On a clean work surface, **place** three slices of

zucchini so they are slightly overlapping and place a spoonful of ricotta mixture on top. **Roll up** and **place** in baking dish. **Repeat** with remaining zucchini and ricotta mixture. **Spoon** marinara on top of zucchini. **Sprinkle** with remaining Parmesan and mozzarella cheese. **Bake** until zucchini is tender and cheese has melted, about 30 minutes.

**Yield:** 10 servings

**Nutritional Analysis:** 130 calories, 7 g fat, 4 g saturated fat, 40 mg cholesterol, 410 mg sodium, 8 g carbohydrate, 1 g fiber, 3 g sugars, 0 g added sugars, 9 g protein

**SAVE THE DATES:**

<b>May 4</b>	<b>Bridgeview Angus Production Sale</b>
<b>May 4</b>	<b>Derby Showcase Sale</b>
<b>May 10</b>	<b>Capital City Rabbit Show</b>
<b>May 13</b>	<b>Beef Pasture Workshop</b>
<b>May 22</b>	<b>Sheep &amp; Goat Meeting</b>
<b>May 28</b>	<b>KSU Beef Cattle Workshop</b>
<b>May 29</b>	<b>Alpha-Gal Syndrome Zoom</b>
<b>June 7</b>	<b>Bluegrass Kiko Sale</b>
<b>June 14</b>	<b>FC Dairy Show</b>

**2025 Livestock Events at  
Lakeview Park**

May 4– Derby Showcase– Dairy Sale  
 May 10– Capital City– Rabbit Show  
 June 7– Bluegrass Invitational—Kiko Goat Sale  
 June 14– Franklin County Dair Show Inc.  
 September 27– Rabbit Show



**Keenan Bishop, County Extension Agent  
for Agriculture and Natural Resources  
Education**



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