

# Spencer County Agriculture & Horticulture Newsletter

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June 2025

Welcome to June! It is hard to believe that 2025 is nearly half over.

As I write this, severe weather caused major damage and loss of life in Laurel and Pulaski Counties.

With the weather that we've had in the past few years, I hope everyone has a plan in place in case we have severe weather in our area. Make sure all of your family members know what that plan is...you just never know.

Summer officially begins this year on June 20. I want to wish everyone a safe and happy summer.

As always, feel free to call or email me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Bryce Roberts,  
Spencer County Extension Agent for  
Agriculture and Natural Resources

## More Information

As always, if you need more information, feel free to **call me** at 477-2217.

You can also **email me** at [broberts@uky.edu](mailto:broberts@uky.edu) or you can **visit my website** to view archived newsletters and news articles. The web address is: [www.spencerextension.com](http://www.spencerextension.com)

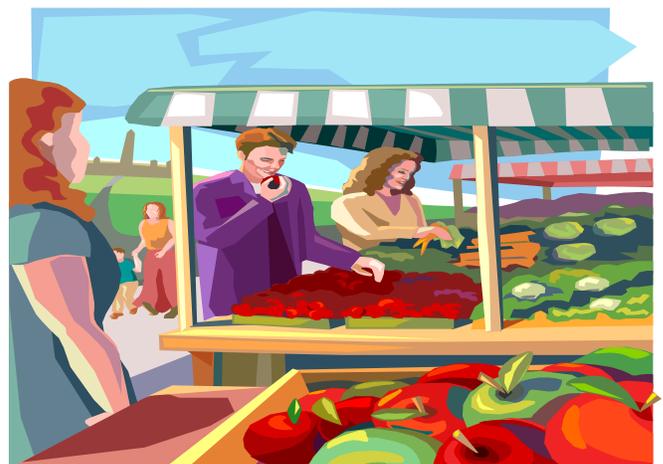


## Farmers Market Now Open

The Taylorsville/Spencer County Farmers Market will be open beginning at 8 a.m. until noon or so on Saturdays. Some of the vendors may stay past noon if there is a crowd. The market will be open every Saturday (rain or shine) until October 25. It is located at 751 Taylorsville Road next to Fresh Take Market.

There are several vendors selling a wide variety of products, including meats, cheeses, jams, jellies, honey, breads, goat milk soaps and lotions, candles, and other produce. Make sure you support our local producers...they are the ones that are growing what you're buying.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor (small producers are welcome), please contact me or stop by our office for an application. For more information on the market, feel free to contact Sandi Deutsch at 502-252-1400.



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## Beginning Producer Sessions

We, along with the Bullitt Co. Extension Service, are continuing our Beginning Producer Sessions in 2025. Please note that these sessions are for anyone, but for those especially with 10 years or less ag production experience.

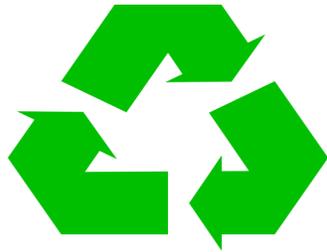
### **Small to Medium Scale Backyard Chicken Production**

**Tuesday, June 24, 2025 | 6:00 PM at Bullitt Co. Extension.**

Interested in raising chickens? This class will cover everything you need to know to start and maintain a small to medium scale backyard chicken operation, from breed selection to egg production. To register, please click on this link: <https://uky.info/Chickens25>

## Rinse and Return Program

Our office will once again be a drop off location for the Rinse and Return program. It will be held on **August 11 from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.** Please collect and hold onto your containers until then. More information on this program will be in my next newsletter.



## Conservation Cost Share

Spencer Co. Conservation's 2025 District Cost Share will be taking applications June 2 thru June 13 each day until 4:00 p.m. at 207 W. Main Street. **This is their new office location.**

You must enter in person so you can place your name in the drawing box. No email entries will be accepted. This is still an every other year program, meaning if you were approved last year, you cannot apply this year. If you have questions, please call Doloras at 502-477-1157.

USDA Shelbyville Farm Service Agency

## Farmer Appreciation Lunch

June 11, 2025 11:00AM-2:00PM

65 Brighton Blvd Shelbyville, KY 40065



Come enjoy lunch and complete your crop reports



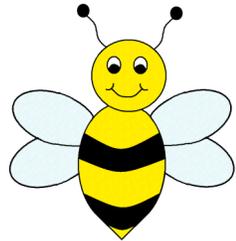
Lunch provided by:

Shelby County Conservation District



## Beekeepers Association Meetings

Just a quick reminder that the Spencer Co. Beekeepers Association holds monthly meetings at our office on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. They begin at 6:30 p.m.





# CAIP Information Meeting

CAIP: County Agricultural Investment Program

Come learn about the upcoming 2025 CAIP Program and Application Process.

## When?

Monday, June 16th, 2025 @ 6:00 pm

## Where?

Spencer Co. Extension Office  
100 Oak Tree Way  
Taylorsville, KY 40071

## How?

R.S.V.P. by June 13<sup>th</sup> by calling the Extension Office at: (502) 477-2217

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## Smashed Potatoes

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<b>6</b> large baking potatoes	<b>6 ounces</b> fresh spinach	<b>1 cup</b> 2% Cheddar cheese,
Cooking spray	<b>1 tablespoon</b> canola oil	shredded
<b>1½ cups</b> sliced, fresh mushrooms	<b>2 teaspoons</b> Dijon mustard	<b>½ teaspoon</b> salt
<b>4</b> green onions, thinly sliced	<b>¾ cup</b> light sour cream	<b>½ teaspoon</b> black pepper

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**Preheat** oven to 400 degrees F. **Wash** and dry potatoes. **Spray** the skins with cooking spray and **pierce** potatoes in several places with a fork. **Place** on a 13- by-18-inch baking sheet. **Bake** until tender, about 1 hour. **Wash** mushrooms, green onions and spinach. **Heat** oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. **Add** mushrooms and **sauté** for 6 minutes. **Add** the green onions and fresh spinach, **sauté** for 1 minute. **Slice** off the top inch of each potato, leaving a ¼ inch border around the edge. **Scoop** out the flesh into a mixing

bowl and **mash**. **Add** mushroom mixture, Dijon mustard, sour cream and ½ cup cheese. **Mix** well and season with salt and pepper. **Scoop** mixture into potato shells and **sprinkle** with the remaining cheese. **Return** the potatoes to the baking sheet and **bake** until heated through and golden brown on top, about 20-25 minutes.

**Yield:** 6 servings

**Nutritional Analysis:** 410 calories, 9 g fat, 4.5 g saturated fat, 20 mg cholesterol, 400 mg sodium, 70 g carbohydrate, 9 g fiber, 4 g sugars, 15 g protein.



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