

Spencer County Agriculture & Horticulture Newsletter



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As I write this newsletter, we are just a few hours from getting the wind and rain remnants of Hurricane Helene. Although we did get some much needed rain before her arrival, we'll take what we can get.

I would personally like to invite each of you to our 100 Year Anniversary Celebration on October 24 (please see page 3 for more information). If you were in a 4-H club or a Homemakers group or was ever on a council or a board, we would love to have you here. The SCHS Culinary classes will be providing some great food during the event.

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 or you can **visit my website** to view archived newsletters and news articles. The web address is: www.spencerextension.com



Farmers Market Still Open

The Taylorsville/Spencer County Farmers Market is now open and will be open beginning at 9 a.m. until noon or so on Saturdays. **Please note that this is a new start time.** 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 26. It is located at 751 Taylorsville Road next to Fresh Take Market.

Beginning Producer Series

In conjunction with the Bullitt Co. Extension Office, we are once again offering some classes for our Beginning Producer Series. Please note that anyone that wants to come is more than welcome to. Here are the classes and locations:

Small Scale Poultry Production: Tuesday, October 29, 6 p.m. Bullitt County Extension Office, 384 Halls Lane, Shepherdsville.

<https://uky.info/Chickens24>

On Farm Water Quality: Wednesday, November 20, 6 p.m. Spencer Co. Extension Office. <https://uky.info/WaterQ24>

Meat Rabbit Production for Beginners Thursday, December 12, 6 p.m. Bullitt Co. Extension Office. <https://uky.info/Rabbits24>

For more information, please click on the links and to register. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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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.



Soil Sample Now

This is a reminder that once your crops or gardens are finished for this year, it is a good time to sample your fields, gardens, or lawns to see what type and how much fertilizer you need to make the soil as productive as possible. For each sample you want to submit, we need at least one pint (sandwich bag) of dry soil 4-8 inches below the soil surface. Please put your name and sample ID (north lawn, hayfield 2, etc.) on each bag.

This is a free service provided by the Spencer Co. Conservation District. Thanks to them for sponsoring the soil sampling program.

Our office is open normal business hours, but you have the option to drop off your samples anytime you like.

As you pull into our parking lot, please go to the right to the back of our building. You will then see our pavilion and on the pavilion, you will see a black tub with a yellow top to the right of the double doors. Inside the tub, you will find some paperwork that you will need to fill out so that we can properly test your soil. Place the paperwork and samples back into the tub.

I'll review the results and mail or email them to you in 2-3 weeks.

KCARD Meeting

The Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development will be hosting a "Growing Your Farm and Food Business Workshop" at the Washington County Extension Office on November 13 beginning at 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. At the Growing Your Farm and Food Business Workshops, you'll learn how to put together a comprehensive business plan and funding application. There will also be time to network with funders representing a wide variety of funding programs, including opportunities to ask questions specific to your farm operation. There is a \$20 and pre-registration is required. Register at: www.eventbrite.com/e/growing-your-farm-and-food-business-workshop-washington-county-tickets-995522182647?aff=oddtcreator

Master Gardener Program

We will be starting our next Master Gardener Program on January 6 and will be meeting every Monday night (except January 20) beginning at 6 p.m. and going through April 21.

Some of the topics include Soils, Botany, Woody Plants, Turf Care, Entomology, Plant Pathology, Fruits, Flowers, Indoor Plants, and Water Quality, among other topics.



**Kentucky Extension
Master Gardener**

Cost for the program will be \$75 and covers all course materials and supplemental materials that you may need.

As part of the program, you will be required to donate back the approximate 40 hours of the course time to our local extension programs and to the community within the year. We have plenty of projects to help you achieve these hours.

There is an application that must be filled out and returned to our office with your fee. **Registration deadline is December 6th.** Due to the amount of course material, no registrations will be accepted after December 6th.

If you are interested in participating in the Master Gardener Program class or have any questions, please contact Bryce Roberts at the Spencer County Extension Office at 502-477-2217 or broberts@uky.edu.

Beef Meeting

Please hold **Thursday, November 7**, as our next Louisville Area Beef Cattle meeting. Registration will be at 5:30 p.m., with the meal beginning at 6 p.m.

Speakers will be Dr. Jimmy Henning, UK Forage Specialist, discussing "Rejuvenating Hay and Pasture Fields." Kelly Baird, KY Beef Council, will be giving us an update from the Cattlemen's Association. Emily Jeffers with KCARD will also be in attendance to discuss what KCARD has to offer to producers. **Please call 502-477-2217 to RSVP by November 4.**



100 Years of Extension

Join us October 24, 2024

Open House: 4 - 7 PM

Program: 7 PM

Appetizers provided by the
SCHS Culinary Program



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R.S.V.P. by October 19!
Call at (502) 477-2217,
click here, or scan the QR code.



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Fall Harvest Salad

5 cups torn leaf lettuce	4 teaspoons lemon juice	2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
2 ½ cups spinach leaves	¼ cup dried cranberries	1 ½ teaspoons Dijon mustard
1 medium red apple, chopped	¼ cup feta cheese crumbles	2 teaspoons Kentucky honey
1 medium pear, chopped	½ cup chopped walnuts	½ teaspoon salt
	Dressing:	
	2 ½ tablespoons olive oil	

Combine leaf lettuce and spinach leaves in a large salad bowl. **Mix** apples and pears with lemon juice in a small bowl and add to lettuce mixture.

Prepare dressing by whisking together the olive oil, balsamic vinegar, Dijon mustard, honey and salt; **pour** over lettuce mixture and **toss** to coat.

Sprinkle salad with cranberries, feta cheese and walnuts. **Serve** immediately.

Yield: 8, 1 cup servings

Nutritional Analysis: 130 calories, 9 g fat, 1.5 g sat fat, 240 mg sodium, 12 g carbohydrates, 3 g fiber, 7 g sugar, 3 g protein.



Buying Kentucky Proud is easy. Look for the label at your grocery store, farmers' market, or roadside stand.