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September 2025

Jessamine County Ag. Tour Friday, September 26, 2025

The 3rd Annual Jessamine County Agriculture Tour will be held on Friday, September 26. The tour will start at 8:30 am at the Jessamine County Extension Office and return at 4:30 pm. Participation is limited to 40 persons, so reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Lunch will be provided, thanks to a generous donation by the Jessamine County Farm Bureau and the grilling skills of the Jessamine County Cattlemen's Association members. There will be an optional wine tasting at the Ghost Fox Winery at \$10/person, paid directly to the winery. This activity will meet CAIP Education Requirements. Tour schedule will be as follows:

- Depart Jessamine County Extension Office
- Glynn Young Landscaping
- Clover Hilltop Farm
- Whitetail Heaven Outfitters
- C&J Miller Beef Cattle Farm
- Lunch Prepared by Jessamine County Cattlemen's Association
- Taylor Made Equine Farm
- Centerfield Egg Farm
- Ghost Fox Winery
- Return to Jessamine County Extension Office



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Upcoming Events in Agriculture

Sept 4	Youth Investment Livestock Sale 6:30p @ City/County Fairgrounds	Sept 25	6:00p @ Jessamine Extension Jessamine County Beekeepers
Sept 8	Feeder Calf Grading School 6:00p @ BG Stockyards (see flyer)		6:00p @ Jessamine Extension (see flyer for details)
Sept 16	2025 Horse Farm & Facilities Expo 6:00p @ Big Creek Livestock (see flyer)	Sept 26	Jessamine County Ag. Tour (see Page 1)
Sept 22	Jessamine County Cattlemen 6:30p @ Jessamine Extension	Aug 2	Nicholasville Farmers Market Harmony Harvest Lunch 11:00a-1:00p @ 201 Walnut St.
Sept 23	BQCA Training (see Page 3)		

For more information on any of these programs, please contact the Jessamine County Extension Office





**Cook Wild
KENTUCKY**

**Santa Fe
Rabbit Soup**



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Healthy Recipe From Cook Wild Kentucky

Santa Fe Rabbit Soup

- 1 (3 pounds) rabbit, cut up
- 1 (7 ounces) can chopped green chilies, drained
- 1.5 cups frozen or canned corn, drained
- 1 (28 ounces) can no-salt-added diced tomatoes
- 1 (15 ounces) can low-sodium black beans, rinsed
- 1 (14 ounces) can low-sodium vegetable broth
- 1 (32 ounces) box low-sodium chicken broth
- 3 tablespoons reduced-sodium chili seasoning mix

Place all ingredients in slow cooker. Simmer on low 6 to 8 hours. Remove rabbit and remove meat from bones. (Be careful, rabbit will be hot so use a utensil to help.) Return rabbit meat to soup. Stir to combine and serve. Freeze leftovers in freezer bags or freezer container.

Yield: 10 servings

Adapted from "2015 Food and Nutrition Calendar Kentucky Favorites"

Nutrition Facts

10 servings per container
Serving size 1 1/2 cups (441g)

Amount per serving
Calories 260

	% Daily Value*
Total Fat 3.5g	4%
Saturated Fat 1g	5%
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 110mg	37%
Sodium 320mg	14%
Total Carbohydrate 19g	7%
Dietary Fiber 4g	14%
Total Sugars 4g	
Includes 0g Added Sugars	0%
Protein 35g	

Vitamin D 0mcg	0%
Calcium 55mg	4%
Iron 6mg	35%
Potassium 668mg	15%

*The % Daily Value (DV) tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice.



Upcoming Opportunities:

Jessamine County Youth Livestock Investment Sale

September 4, 6:00p Dinner and 6:30p @ Jessamine County Fairgrounds
Come support Jessamine County 4-H and FFA Livestock and Country Ham project participants by bidding on their projects!

Feeder Calf Grading School

September 8, 6:00p @ the Bluegrass Stockyards, 4561 Ironworks Pike, Lexington.
Gain experience in evaluating and grading feeder calves. Improve your marketing success!
Meets CAIP Education Requirements. (See Flyer)

2025 Horse & Horsemen: Farm & Facilities Expo

September 16, 6:00p @ Big Creek Livestock, 1310 Thatchers Mill Rd., Paris
Topics: Arena Footing and Maintenance, Pasture Walk, Heavy Use Areas & Farm Infrastructure, Horsemanship Demo.
Dinner Included. Preregistration Required.
Meets CAIP Education Requirements. (See Flyer)

2025 UK Beef Bash

September 20, 9:00a—2:30p @ the UK Beef Research Unit, 1051 Midway Rd. Versailles, KY. \$15.00 registration, Lunch Included. See flyer for program and registration information. Meets CAIP Education Requirements.

Beef Quality and Care Assurance (BQCA) Certification Training

Tuesday, September 23rd @ Jessamine County Extension Office
BQCA is a program that provides systematic information to U.S. beef producers of how good husbandry techniques can be coupled with accepted scientific knowledge to raise cattle under optimum management conditions. Current certification is required for CAIP Large Animal cost-share projects. Dinner will be provided, please call ahead to reserve a meal. Meets CAIP Education Requirements.

2025 Central Kentucky Hay Improvement Program

Hay Testing provides nutritional value of hay to assist in balancing rations, and can result in reduced feed cost, increased animal performance, and information to improve forage stands. This is an opportunity to get your hay tested for free.
Awards Program in December Meets CAIP Education Requirements. (See flyer)



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A Soil Test - The Important First Step

“To maximize yield and economic return on every acre, begin with a soil test.”

To maximize yield and economic return on every acre, begin with a soil test. A current soil test from the University of Kentucky ensures you will receive more accurate fertilizer recommendations, optimized for your crop, field history and production methods.

University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service publication AGR-1, Lime and Nutrient Recommendations, was recently updated for the 2025-2026 crop seasons, and new recommendations are a result of a review of soil fertility research and soil test data collected across the state. It covers nutrient recommendations for grain crops, forages, tobacco and several specialty crops.

To get reliable recommendations, it is important that the submitted soil sample accurately represents the field or area from which it was taken. Analytical results provided on the soil test report form are for the sample submitted, and the listed recommendations are based on those results. All recommendations are made on the assumption that a representative soil sample was taken. If soil sampling procedures are questionable, accurate nutrient and lime rate recommendations for the sampled field or area cannot be assured. Because results can vary between fall and spring sampling, it is better to consistently sample a given field at the same time of the year.

When sampling untilled fields in the fall, an equal number of cores should be collected from both between and close to the rows. For tilled areas, take soil cores to the depth of primary tillage (plow, chisel plow, big disc, etc.), usually six to eight inches. With pastures, lawns, no-tilled areas and turf, take soil cores to a depth of four inches.

With changing fertilizer and commodity prices, each production field should be sampled every two years. Annual sampling is preferable for high-value crops or rotations that remove large amounts of soil nutrients, such as alfalfa, tobacco and double-crop silage. Sampling each year after manure application is also recommended.

Recommended nitrogen additions are made with an expectation of a yield response as measured for that crop under Kentucky soil and weather conditions. Yield responses to phosphate and potash rate recommendations are more likely when soil test levels “very low,” “low” and “low-medium.” When the soil test value is “medium” or higher, associated phosphate or potash rate recommendations are mostly intended to ‘maintain’ sufficient soil phosphorus and potassium availability.

Field research yield and soil test relationships measured by the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station were used to establish the phosphate and potash recommendations contained in AGR-1. Those recommendations strive to enable each soil/field to supply a sufficient level of available plant nutrients, regardless of seasonal weather and assuming good management practices.

Soil Testing is FREE to Jessamine County residents. 2 for homeowner or 6 for farmers.

View UK Publication AGR-1 at <https://publications.ca.uky.edu/agr-1>

By: John Grove, research and extension soils specialist; and Edwin Ritchey, extension soils specialist, UK Research and Education Center at Princeton, University of Kentucky



Horticulture Highlights!

Here is the first instalment of the Horticulture page from Naomi Howell for y'all!

Plant Pun of the month: *Why couldn't the flower ride his bike? Because he lost his petals!*

Composting

Now is a great time to start your own backyard compost pile or spruce up your current one. With the leaves falling soon and Autumn up ahead, now is the perfect time for shoring up your garden for fall.

Reducing household waste by composting instead of throwing away plant matter can turn your trash into treasured soil amendments.

Here are some useful publications on composting:

Hot or Cold composting: What will work best for you (pub ID:192)

<https://publications.ca.uky.edu/sites/publications.ca.uky.edu/files/id192.pdf>

Home composting: A guide to managing yard waste (pub HO-75)

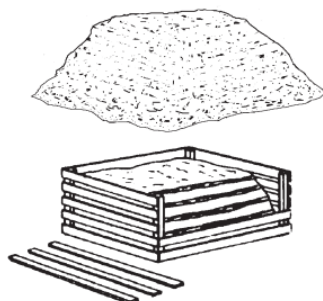
<https://publications.ca.uky.edu/sites/publications.ca.uky.edu/files/ho75.pdf>

Beginner's guide to gardening: Composting (pub NEP-233)

<https://publications.ca.uky.edu/sites/publications.ca.uky.edu/files/NEP233.pdf>



Tumbling compost bin.
Image by Rachel Rudolph, University of Kentucky



Left to Right: Tumbling compost bin, compost pile, pallet compost bin

Image via Unsplash

Fall Fertilization

You have done your soil test. Now what? Now is the perfect time to fertilize your cool season grass lawn!

These grasses: Kentucky bluegrass, Tall Fescue, Perennial Ryegrass, and Fine Fescue, will do best with a fall fertilization to help prevent the need of spring fertilization. Overall helping your root system and reducing disease.

For the full publication and more information go to Fertilizing your Lawn (pub AGR-212)

<https://publications.ca.uky.edu/sites/publications.ca.uky.edu/files/AGR212.pdf>

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Harmony Harvest

NICHOLASVILLE



FARMERS'
MARKET

27 | SEPTEMBER
SATURADAY
11:00AM-1:00PM

A MARKET MEAL DAY WITH HOT
SOUP SERVED IN HANDMADE
BOWLS MADE WITH FRESH LOCAL
INGREDIENTS AND LIVE MUSIC!

FOR MORE DETAILS CHECK OUT THE
NICHOLASVILLE FARMERS MARKET FACEBOOK
PAGE



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JESSAMINE COUNTY
BEEKEEPER'S CLUB
SEPTEMBER MEETING

**Laura Sparkman Presents:
Intro to Queen Bee Breeding**

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2025 CENTRAL KENTUCKY HAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Testing provides nutritional value of hay to assist in balancing rations, and can result in reduced feed cost, increased animal performance, and information to improve forage stands.

Free analysis to determine hay quality and livestock needs.

Call your local
Extension Office to
sign up.

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DEADLINE TO REGISTER:
September 29

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FEEDER CALF GRADING SCHOOL

Join us for an engaging feeder calf program where you will gain experience in grading and evaluating feeder calves. Learn key strategies to improve your marketing success and maximize profits.

REGISTER NOW

September 8th

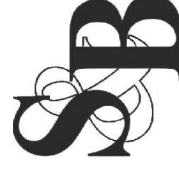
6:00pm at Bluegrass Stockyards
Please RSVP by Friday August 29th
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RSVP



Call your county
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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