

Muhlenberg County Agriculture & Natural Resources Newsletter



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Note: All meetings will be held at the Muhlenberg County Cooperative Extension Service unless noted otherwise.

Beef Production and Cattlemen's Association meeting will be Monday, March 6. The guest speaker will be Dr. Katie VanValin and the topic will be: *Getting the Cow Herd into Breeding Shape*. The meal will be potluck and will start at 6 PM. The program will start at 6:30 PM. Please contact the Muhlenberg County Cooperative Extension Service to register by Friday, March 3 2023.

Farmers Market meeting will be Monday, March 13 at 6 PM. The guest speaker will be Dakota Moore and the topics will include a Kentucky Horticulture Council program update and *Promoting your Products*. The meal is finger food potluck. Please register by Friday, March 10, 2023.

Farmers Market Scale Certification will be Tuesday, March 14. Producers may leave your scales in the small conference room at the Muhlenberg County Extension Service while attending your meeting on Monday, March 13. Please have your name and your telephone number affixed to the scales. **Producers will need to pick their scales up from the Extension Service the afternoon of March 14 (after 12 PM).** Scales must be legal for trade to be certified.

Tomato Grafting Workshop will be Tuesday, March 14 from 10 AM until 12 PM. Dr. Rachel Rudolph, University of Kentucky Vegetable Specialist will lead the discussion on this topic as well as demonstrate the grafting process. Class participants will graft four plants each that they will be able to take home with them. Please register by March 10 as the class is limited to forty participants.

Please scan the QR code with your smartphone to register via a pre-program survey.



There is no fee for this class. ****The tomato grafting program will not meet the criteria for the CAIP educational requirement. All other meetings held here will qualify.***

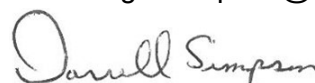
Beef Quality Care and Assurance (BQCA) program will be Tuesday, March 14 at 3 PM. If you plan to purchase herd sires or replacement heifers through the County Agriculture Investment Program (CAIP), you will need to be certified. Please make your \$5.00 check payable to KBN. Plan on an hour and a half for the program. If you cannot attend this program and prefer to do the program online, please contact me at roger.simpson@uky.edu and I will email you the instructions for the online self certification process.

Kentucky Agriculture Training Schools (KATS) is offering several educational training programs. Go to <http://kats.ca.uky.edu/> to see a full list of classes and to register. *Soil Fertility and Assessment* will be March 9 and a drone sprayer workshop will be March 27. These classes will be at the Caldwell County Extension Service Office. Class participants will have to register and pay through the Eventbrite website provided when the specific class is selected.

ARC vs PLC sign up ends March 15. Please contact the Farm Service Agency at (270) 338-3741 ext. 2 to make your program selection.

Topdressing cool season perennials such as fescue and orchardgrass with nitrogen can continue through mid March. Farmers can apply 50-60 actual pounds of nitrogen per acre to increase hay tonnage. Urea can be used this time of year since the temperatures typically do not exceed 70 degrees Fahrenheit and there is little to no volatilization.

For more information on topics in this newsletter contact Darrell Simpson, Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources Education at 270-338-3124 or email me at roger.simpson@uky.edu.



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