

News Around the Knobs

Agriculture and Natural Resources Newsletter



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View from the field

By Nathan Rider

What makes you most excited about your farm, garden, homeplace, or community? Are you finally in a production groove this season or trying something new? Are you honing your focus or diversifying your farm and garden? Upon returning to work this summer after a few weeks of parental leave, I started reflecting more on questions like these. What keeps us going every day? Why do we do what we do?

Similarly, last year, we asked you to reflect in the UK Cooperative Extension Statewide Community Needs Assessment. This was conducted to identify and prioritize community needs, issues, and opportunities that Extension can address through education and engagement. The results are now available on a [public dashboard](#). Starting this fall, we will make decisions about the future of extension programming based on those results.

In Bullitt County, the top five "needs" identified in the agriculture and natural resources space were:

1. Sustainability of family farms
2. Preserving/managing agricultural land
3. Strengthening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry
4. Market support for locally grown and produced foods
5. Access to high-speed internet

Check out the results for yourself here. <https://uky.info/CNA24>. If you missed the opportunity to share or have any more reflections you'd like to offer, I created another simple, open-ended survey. It's a space for you to tell us what excites and concerns you about the future of our community. <https://uky.info/ShareMore>

In the meantime, enjoy the many upcoming programs listed on the following pages and keep your eyes open for more programs on Facebook and our website! As always, while summer comes to a close, consider utilizing our free soil and hay testing services. Bring your soil samples to our office or email me to schedule a hay testing appointment on your farm.

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BULLITT COUNTY EVENTS



Poultry and Rabbits for Eggs and Meat: Come learn to diversify your small farm in the ongoing Beginning Producer Series. Open to landowners, farmers, gardeners, and aspiring producers in Spencer, Bullitt, and nearby counties. Missed an earlier class? No problem! Join any upcoming sessions! All welcome, not just beginners!

- **Date and Time:** Light dinner provided at 6:00 PM, class begins soon after.
 - **Oct 29, 2024** - Small to Medium Scale Chicken Production - Bullitt County
 - **Nov 2024** - Topic and Date TBD - Spencer County
 - **Dec 12, 2024** - Meat Rabbit Production for Beginners - Bullitt County/Zoom
 - **Jan 2025** - Topic and Date TBD - Spencer County
- **Location:** Bullitt County Extension, 384 Halls Lane, Shepherdsville, KY or Spencer County Cooperative Extension 100 Oak Tree Way, Taylorsville, KY
- **RSVP:** <https://uky.info/Chickens24> or <https://uky.info/Rabbits24> call 502-543-2257

BC Cattlemen's Association Monthly Meeting: Join local beef producers every second Tuesday of odd numbered months to learn new techniques in herd management and earn educational credits to meet KY Ag Development Fund and Beef Quality and Care Assurance requirements. All are welcome.

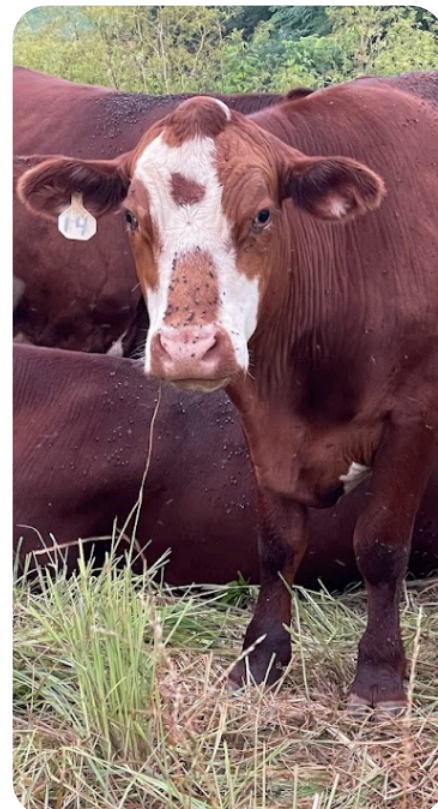
- **Date and Time:** Second Tuesdays at 7:00 PM
 - **Nov 12, 2024** - Dr. Jimmy Henning on Reading Hay Sample Results and Adjusting Winter Feeding
 - **Jan 14, 2025** - Beef Quality and Care Assurance (BQCA) Training 12:00 PM/3:00 PM/7:00 PM
 - **Mar 11, 2025** - Tax Time on the Cattle Farm
- **Location:** Bullitt County Extension, 384 Halls Lane, Shepherdsville, KY
- No RSVP required

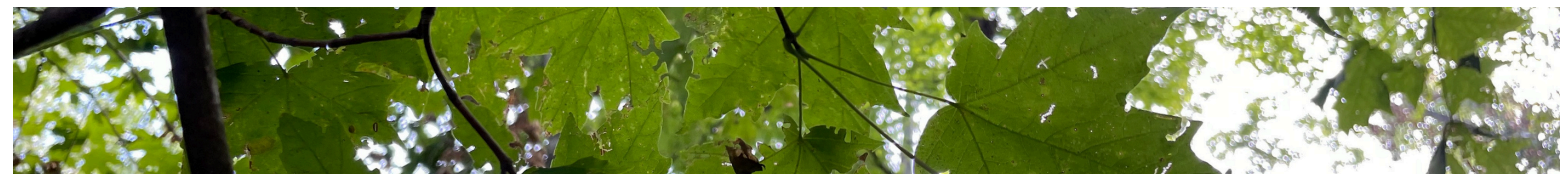
Pop-Up Veterinarian Clinic: Finding a veterinarian is hard. Getting an affordable farm visit is even harder! Bullitt County Extension and Cedar Creek Beef Company are working together to bring Dr. Alex Hagan of Ironsides Animal Health to Bullitt County on Sept 27, 2024. We can accommodate approx. 25 head of livestock per hour using Cedar Creek's excellent handling facilities for easy unloading, handling, and loading. You only pay \$200/hr. plus usual charges per head for services performed. Services include deworming, vaccination, ultrasounds, pregnancy checks, bull breeding soundness exam, castration, dehorning, ear tagging, hoof checks, and more. Cattle, Sheep, and Goats welcome. Call Bullitt County Cooperative Extension to reserve a time slot or express interest in this or upcoming 2025 clinics at 502-543-2257.

- **Date and Time:** Sept 27, 2024, All Day
- **Location:** 936 Forest Hill Road, Shepherdsville, KY
- **RSVP:** Call 502-543-2257 to reserve a time or express interest

Regional Beef Field Day: Bullitt County Cattlemen's Association invites you to come learn new ideas from your neighbors in Shelby County. Topics Include a practical approach to regenerative grazing, converting grain ground to pasture, beef cattle market update and outlook, and the challenges and opportunities of direct marketing beef. All are welcome. This program is hosted by Shelby, Henry, Oldham, and Trimble County Extension and Cattlemen's Associations. You must RSVP to attend. Please call 502-543-2257. We will rent a van and provide transportation from the Bullitt County Extension Office for anyone who would like to ride together!

- **Date and Time:** Oct 1, 2024, Registration at 4:30 PM, Tours at 5:00 PM, Meal at 7:15. Van will leave Bullitt County Office at 3:30 PM; please meet at 3:15 PM or plan to drive yourself.
- **Location:**
 - Transportation provided from and returns to Bullitt County Extension, 384 Halls Lane, Shepherdsville, KY
 - Field Day located at Bluegrass Beef, 996 Grover Blaydes Rd. Bagdad, KY
- **RSVP:** Call 502-543-2257 to reserve your seat and dinner!





Introduction to Backyard Maple Syrup Production: Learn the basics of tapping maple trees and boiling maple syrup ahead of the 2024-25 syruping season this winter. We will walk out into the Extension "Sugar Bush" (grove of Sugar Maples) to try tapping first hand before taking a bucket, tube, and tap home to try on your own. Take note of the timing though. If you hope to tap maple trees this winter, start identifying a few potential trees (10" in diameter or larger) and marking them with surveyors tape or a mark of spray paint before the leaves fall this autumn. We will discuss tapping sugar maples, red maples, box elders, and black walnuts. The class is free and each registrant will take home one tap, tube, and bucket to use at home this winter.

- **Date and Time:** Oct 17, 2024, at 5:30 PM
- **Location:** Bullitt County Extension, 384 Halls Lane, Shepherdsville, KY
- **RSVP:** <https://uky.info/BullittMaple2024>

Community Seed Exchange: Save the date and join us for a communal gathering and seed exchange. Bring your vegetable, annual, and perennial seeds to give away or trade with others. You never know what you may end up with! All garden enthusiasts welcome. If you would like to reserve a table for this event, please call 502-543-2257 or email tme234@uky.edu

- **Date and Time:** Oct 19, 2024, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- **Location:** Bullitt County Extension, 384 Halls Lane, Shepherdsville, KY



County Agriculture Investment Program

CAIP provides cost share assistance for practices that will help generate farm income, add value to products and diversify agricultural operations. Interested in applying next year? More info: <https://uky.info/CAIP24>

If you were approved for the County Agriculture Investment Program (CAIP) in 2024, the deadline to turn in all completed paperwork and the receipts for reimbursement is Feb 28, 2025. This is a firm deadline. Questions? Contact Vickie Porter at Bullitt County Soil Conservation District at 502-538-0628.

If you need to complete your educational requirement or get the paperwork signed by Nathan Rider, County ANR Agent, please contact him at 502-543-2257 or nathan.rider@uky.edu.

Check out more local events at:

- Bullitt County Cooperative Extension: <https://bit.ly/BullittCountyExtEvents>
- Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest: <https://bit.ly/BernheimEvents>
- Jefferson Memorial Forest/Wilderness Louisville Events: <https://bit.ly/WildLouEvents>
- Bullitt County Tourism: <https://travelbullitt.org/local-events-info/>
- Bullitt County Chamber of Commerce: <https://bit.ly/BullittChamberEvents>



Sample Your Soil

Before the ground freezes, start thinking about sampling your soil for fertility analysis. Soil fertility analysis is FREE for any Bullitt County resident, and sampling now will allow plenty of time to follow recommendations before the spring. Whether you are a backyard gardener, hobby farmer, or commercial producer, sampling soil in your gardens, fields, and pastures can save you time and money.



Watch How to Sample Soil...



...on your farm



...in your garden

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Apple Spinach Salad



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| 5 ounces fresh spinach | ½ cup golden raisins | 1 tablespoon olive oil |
| 4 large Gala apples | | 1 tablespoon cider vinegar |
| 2 ounces sharp white cheddar cheese, shredded | Dressing: | ¼ teaspoon dry mustard |
| ½ cup slivered almonds, toasted (see directions below) | 2 tablespoons honey | ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon |
| | | ¼ teaspoon finely chopped garlic |

Wash and dry fresh spinach. **Tear** into small pieces. **Core and chop** apples into bite sized pieces. Do not peel. **Mix** together spinach, apples, cheese, almonds and raisins. In a small bowl, **stir** together dressing ingredients and pour over salad mixture. **Toss and serve.** **To toast almonds:** **Spread** almonds evenly in a small saute pan, over medium high heat for about 30 seconds, **stir.** Continue to **heat** almonds for an additional

3-5 minutes, **stirring** often for even browning. **Remove** from heat when almonds are fragrant and turning golden brown around the edges. Immediately **pour** almonds into a dish to cool.

Yield: 10, 1 cup servings.

Nutritional Analysis: 150 calories, 6 g fat, 1.5 g saturated fat, 5 mg cholesterol, 50 mg sodium, 22 g carbohydrate, 3 g fiber, 17 g sugar, 3 g protein.



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