

Agriculture & Natural Resources Newsletter

The Old Farmhand: Part II

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A Note from Jessica

Happy April everyone! This has been an interesting month so far to say the least and we are only barely into the second week. We started out with some nasty storms then moved into rainy/snowy weather, and dreary days. I am hopeful that the sun will pop out for the rest of the month and make for a nice planting season for us all.

I wanted to let everyone know that I will be out on maternity leave to welcome our 3rd little one into the world. I will not be available to answer questions during this time but we have several agents in surrounding counties that are more than happy to help you out when needed. Just give our office a call at 859-234-5510 and Lorie or Whitley will direct you to the appropriate agent for the questions that you may have. If you do have my cell phone and try to call just be mindful I may not be able to return your call very promptly.

The CAIP program will be coming available in late June/ early July so be on the lookout for my next newsletter that will have those details. In the meantime, if you plan to apply, it would be beneficial for you to try to complete your educational course ASAP. Be watching for classes that we are offering or classes that other counties are offering that are CAIP eligible. I will be off for several weeks so there will not be as many in-person classes offered as in the past, so please try to get that taken care of when you see something is available.

If you are able, you can go to the following link <https://anr.ca.uky.edu/caip-training> and follow the instructions on completing your CAIP education on-line. I will receive a notification once you have completed the appropriate trainings.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
Harrison Co. Conservation District
Annual Banquet**

FRIDAY APRIL 19, 2024
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
McCauley Building @ HC fairgrounds
~2849 US Hwy 27 S, Cynthiana, KY

Free Meal Provided! Pulled Pork, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Chips, Cookies, Water, Tea, & Lemonade!

If you can not access the QR code,
you can call 859-298-5932

SCAN ME **Please RSVP!**

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Disabilities
accommodated
with prior notification.

County Ag Investment Program (CAIP) Changes for 2024

I have already been getting a lot of CAIP cost share related questions so I wanted to touch on a few changes that are taking place for 2024 before the applications are even available so that you are aware. The CAIP program is no longer solely a 75/25 cost-share as it has been for the past several years. It is now on a tier system of either 75%, 50%, or 25% cost-share depending on what investment area project you choose to do. You can find that information at <https://www.kyagr.com/agpolicy/2024-Program-Guidelines-and-Applications.html>. You can scroll about halfway down the page and you will find the CAIP section that looks like the image below. Here you can click on each of the green investment areas to see exactly what qualifies along with the reimbursement tier that item is in.

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM (CAIP)

Guidelines

- 2024 CAIP Standard Guidelines
- Ag Diversification
- AgTech & Leadership Development
- Large Animal
- Standard EPDs (updated 1/30/2023)
- Small Animal
- Farm Infrastructure
- Fencing & On Farm Water
- Forage & Grain Improvement
- CAIP Forage Seedlist
- Innovative Ag Systems
- On Farm Energy
- Poultry and Other Fowl
- Value Added Marketing
- Sample CAIP Producer Application (2024) - For informational purposes only; this is not a valid application. Administrators must use the application provided directly by KOAP, and producers must use the Producer Application provided by the local administrative entity. Use of the Sample Producer Application, other than as intended, may impact the eligibility of the producer or administrative entity.

Please do not bombard the office with questions regarding CAIP at this time! There will be an informational meeting once we get closer to the application period in late June/ early July, but since I have been receiving so many questions I wanted to put this out there for those interested to look at in the meantime.

Another change is that **EVERY** applicant must turn in a copy of their valid KY Driver’s License along with a utility bill that matches the name and address on the license to have a complete and valid application.

Another change to note is that Ag Lime is no longer a reimbursable cost-share item for the CAIP program, so if you were planning to purchase lime for cost-share you will need to think about another project.

As always each application must have a valid up to date Ag Water Quality plan on file as well so if you have not completed that or haven't updated yours in a few years then it would be good to go ahead and do so before the application period to get ahead of the game. If you need a copy of the AWQP to fill out please stop by our office or the Soil Conservation Office for a copy.

Again, there will be an in-person informational meeting that will be held in late June/ early July so don't be too overwhelmed by this information, I just wanted to go ahead and get some of the changes out to everyone to read over before I am out for maternity leave.

Community Corner

Spanish Resources

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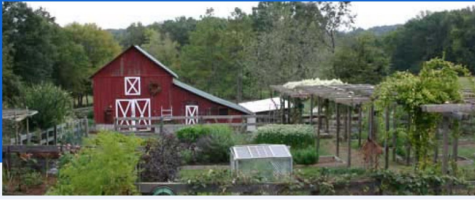
LIBRARY

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HC EXTENSION

Check out what's happening in our community! Use your smart phone camera to scan the QR codes to be directed to the organization's separate website.

Homesteading Series



Join us on the 4th Tuesday of each month, starting in January and going through May to learn more about homesteading on your very own property! These courses are suited for those who are interested in home-grown products and self-sufficiency, whether you are just beginning or have an established operation and just need a few more resources.

CAIP ELIGIBLE COURSE

5 Courses Available

Maple Syrup 101

Learn the basics of how to tap your own trees and make maple syrup from an expert right here in Harrison County. Class also includes a field trip on February 16.

(Class attendance is required to participate in field trip)

January 23
6:00pm

Fodder Systems

Discover how to create an inexpensive system to easily grow fodder for your small livestock.

February 27
6:00pm

Dehydrating

Dehydrating is one of the oldest methods of food preservation. Learn how to use a modern day dehydrator as a dehydrating food method.

March 26
6:00pm

Chopping Block: Chicken

Whether you are raising your own chickens or buying whole birds, knowing the skill to break down a whole chicken is a skill that can save you money.

April 23
6:00pm

Creating Natural Dyes

Discover the basics of using flowers and foliage to naturally dye materials and the sustainability potential involved with it. Participants will learn the supplies needed to get started, which plants create which colors, the steps involved in naturally dyeing fabrics and see a natural dyeing demonstration.

May 28
6:00pm

To register for the courses or for more information, contact the Harrison County Extension Office at 859-234-5510

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Harrison County Extension Presents:

2ND ANNUAL GIANT PUMPKIN CONTEST

How to Participate:

- Beginning on June 3, Harrison County residents can pick up free Giant Pumpkin seeds at the Harrison County Extension Office (668 New Lair Road)
- Take home seeds and grow your giant pumpkin!
- In October (date TBD) pumpkins will be weighed-in in downtown Cynthiana and stay on display through Halloween.

Stay tuned for more information!
Call 859-234-5510 with questions



BEGINNING

Farmer Bootcamp

COME JOIN US



KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY
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1 Record Keeping & Business Planning

KCARD will go over business planning and development as well as record keeping.

Date: April 18th
Place: KSU Farm, 1525 Mills Lane, Frankfort, KY
Time: 6:00pm

2 Legal and Tax Information

Join Clint Quarles and Jonathon Shepherd as they talk about legal and tax information.

Date: May 28th
Place: Scott County Extension Office, 1130 Cincinnati Rd, Georgetown, KY
Time: 6:00pm

CAIP Eligible

To RSVP call the Scott County Extension Office at 502-863-0984. RSVPs need to be made at least a week before the program! Supper will be provided.

Questions? Reach out to one of the following:

- brittany.brewer@uky.edu
- keenan.bishop@uky.edu
- nathaniel.colten@kysu.edu

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College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, 1130 Cincinnati Rd, Georgetown, KY 40325



HARRISON COUNTY BEEF CATTLE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL BEEF DAY

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 10:00AM TO 2:00PM

HARRISON COUNTY COURTHOUSE LAWN

FAMOUS BURGERS & RIBEYES HALF PRICE, THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!



COME CELEBRATE NATIONAL BEEF MONTH WITH US!

Harrison County Homemakers will be on-site with desserts along with other booths and vendors related to the beef industry & agriculture!



BREEDING SOUNDNESS EXAMS



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CAIP Eligible



Come get your bulls evaluated at a breeding soundness exam clinic at a discounted price. Exams will be April 27th at Bluegrass Stockyards Lexington starting at 8am **by appointment only**. Appointments must be scheduled by **April 19th 2024 before 4:30pm**.

To make an appointment call

502-863-0984

Questions? Email: brittany.brewer@uky.edu

Bluegrass Stockyards Lexington: 4561 Iron Works Pike, Lexington, KY 40511

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Broccoli Brunch Casserole

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| Nonstick cooking spray | 1 1/2 cups shredded, part skim mozzarella cheese, divided | 1 teaspoon ground black pepper |
| 8 ounces ground turkey sausage | 8 eggs | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| 3 1/2 cups broccoli florets, chopped | 1 cup part skim ricotta cheese | 1 Roma (Plum) tomato , thinly sliced |
| | 1/4 cup skim milk | |

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. **Spray** a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. **Place** a medium-sized skillet over medium heat. **Sauté** sausage until evenly brown, **drain** well, **crumble**, and **cool slightly**. In a medium bowl, **mix** cooked sausage, broccoli, and a 1/2-cup of mozzarella. In a separate bowl, **whisk** eggs until frothy and then **combine** with a 1/2-cup of mozzarella, ricotta cheese, milk, pepper, and salt. **Spoon** the sausage mixture into the prepared baking dish. **Spread** the egg mixture over the sausage mixture. **Sprinkle** with the remaining mozzarella,

and **arrange** the tomato slices on top. **Cover** with foil, and **bake** 30 minutes. **Uncover**, and **bake** for an additional 15 minutes. Let **stand** for 10 minutes before serving.

Yield: 8 slices

Nutritional Analysis:

260 calories, 16g total fat, 7g saturated fat, 0mg cholesterol, 550mg sodium, 7g total carbohydrate, 1g fiber, 1g total sugars, 0g added sugars, 20g protein, 6% DV vitamin D, 25% DV calcium, 10% DV iron, 6% DV potassium.

Soil Testing

If you haven't already it is time to start taking soil samples for the 2024 growing season. Drop by the office to pick up a soil probe and bags for all your sampling needs! Soil testing is FREE through the Harrison County Extension Office!

Countryside Industries Dead Animal Removal 859-421-1867

If you have livestock that die on your farm please call Countryside Industries to have that animal picked up and disposed of. This is a free service to anyone in Harrison County.



FAIR ENTRY REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is required! Online registration window will be open June 3rd- July 11, 2024 using the website:

<https://harrisoncountyfairky.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/20429>

Fair Exhibit Check-in will be assigned by appointment only which you select during online registration. All entries must be completed online. No walk-up or day-of entries will be accepted.

We have three help days for those needing assistance entering items online. Times will be between 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m:

- Thursday, June 24th
- Thursday, June 26th
- Monday, July 9th

Help days are scheduled by appointment only. Please call **859-234-5510** to reserve your spot.

DEADLINE TO ENTER all fair exhibits online is Thursday, July 11th @noon.

Tag Instructions:

We will print your tags. Tag pick up will be Friday, July 12th at the Harrison County Extension Office (668 New Lair Road, Cynthiana, KY 41031). Or you can pick up tags earlier at the office if you call (859-234-5510) to let us know you are done entering items into the online system.

****Fair entry drop off is Sunday, July 14 from 1-5pm****

