





## Summer 2025 Issue

## **Agriculture & Natural Resources Newsletter**



I wanted to keep you updated on a few important things. I spoke with the CAIP Cost Share Administrator recently, and approval or denial letters should be arriving in the coming days, so keep an eye on your mailbox. If you're planning to enter hay or non-perishable items into the fair before the official entry day, please give us a call to schedule a time to submit your entries early.

This will likely be the last newsletter I send out until late summer or fall, so be sure to save this issue for future reference. Mark your calendars for upcoming programs and opportunities, and don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need assistance in the meantime. We're here to help you succeed!

4-H/Ag Program Assistant - Alissa Scheidt

Owen County District Board typically meets the 3rd Tuesday at at 5:00 PM at the Owen County Cooperative **Extension Office.** 

All Extension District Board meetings are open to the public. Please call ahead of time to ensure meeting hasn't be rescheduled

Hello Owen County, my name is Alissa Scheidt. I recently started as the Program Assistant for 4-H and Ag. I am from Kenton County and in my free time I enjoy trying new things or just relaxing with my friends and family. I am so excited to be at this location and get to meet everyone!

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#### FARM CROPS DEPARTMENT

#### **OWEN COUNTY FARM BUREAU TOBACCO EXHIBIT**

001. Stick of cut tobacco (5 stalks)

002. Stick of stripped tobacco (3 grades, 2 hands each grade)

#### OWEN CO. FARM BUREAU

For classes 003-016, Hay Contest-bring full bale, tied. If available, hay will be tested. Hay will be judged on nutrient values (if available) & visual appearance. Banner will be awarded to Champion of each class.

- 003. Alfalfa (10% grass), full square bale
- 004. Alfalfa/Grass, full square bale
- 005. Red Clover-grass hay, full square bale
- 006. Timothy hay, full square bale
- 007. Grass hay, full square bale
- 008. Mixed hay other, full square bale
- 009. Orchard grass, full square bale
- 010. Alfalfa (10% grass), full round/large square bale
- 011. Alfalfa/Grass, full round/large square bale
- 012. Red Clover-grass hay, full round/large square bale
- 013. Timothy hay, full round/large square bale
- 014. Grass hay, full round/large square bale
- 015. Mixed hay other, full round/large square bale
- 016. Orchard grass, full round/large square bale
- 017. Yellow-ear, from the previous year's crop, 10 ears shucked, and labeled with variety and yield
- 018. Yellow-ear, from the current year's crop, 10 ears shucked, and labeled with variety and yield
- 019. Yellow-shelled, from the previous year's crop, 0.5 gallon in a container, and labeled to show variety and yield
- 020. White-ear, from the previous year's crop, 8 ears shucked, and labeled with variety and yield
- 021. White ear, from the current year's crop, 8 ears shucked, and labeled with variety and yield
- 022. White-shelled, from the previous year's crop, 0.5 gallon in a container, and labeled to show variety and yield
- 023. Soybeans from the current year's crop, three stalks tied together below leaves, with roots intact, but free of soil, and labeled to show variety
- 024. Soybeans from the previous year's crop, 0.5 gallon in a container, and labeled to show variety and yield
- 025. Wheat (soft, red, winter) from the current year's crop, 0.5 gallon in a container and labeled to show variety and yield
- 026. Rye from the current year's crop, 0.5 gallon in a container and labeled to show variety and yield

#### **GARDEN CROPS**

- 020. Apples, red, plate of 3
- 021. Apples, yellow, plate of 3
- 022. Asparagus, plate of 5
- 023. Bush beans, 1 doz.
- 024. Cranberry beans, 1 doz.
- 025. Pole beans, 1 doz.
- 026. Wax beans, 1 doz.
- 027. Bush limas, in pod, 1 doz.
- 028. Blackberries, 1 doz.
- 029. Berries, other 1 doz.
- 030. Blueberries, 1 doz.
- 031. Beets, any variety, 3 topped
- 032. Broccoli, 3 bunches
- 033. Brussels Sprouts, 1 doz.
- 034. Cabbage, drum head, 1
- 035. Cabbage, flat head, 1
- 036. Cabbage, pointed head, 1
- 037. Cabbage, red, 1
- 038. Best Large Cabbage
- 039. Cantaloupe
- 040. Carrots, 3 with tops
- 041. Cauliflower, 1 head
- 042. Cucumbers, for slicing, 3
- 043. Cucumbers, pickles for pickling, 3
- 044. Cushaw
- 045. Elderberry, 1 doz
- 045. Endive, green curled, small sample
- 046. Collard, Greens, small sample
- 047. Garlic, 3 bulbs
- 048. Grapes
- 049. Kale, Scotch, small sample

- 050. Mustard, Greens, small sample
- 051. Spinach, small sample
- 052. Lettuce, leaf, small sample
- 053. Lettuce, Bibb, 1 head
- 054. Lettuce, head, 1 head
- 055. Melon, Other, 1
- 056. Onions, green, plate of 3
- 057. Onions, red, plate of 3
- 058. Onions, white, plate of 3
- 059. Onions, yellow, plate of 3
- 060. Okra, any variety, plate of 3
- 061. Ornamental Gourds, plate of 3
- 062. Eggplant, any variety, 1
- 063. Parsley, plain, small sample
- 064. Parsnips
- 065. Peaches, plate of 3
- 066. Peas, in pod, 1 doz.
- 067. Pears, plate of 3
- 068. Peppers, green large type, 3
- 069. Peppers, red, large type, 3
- 070. Peppers, Banana, 3
- 071. Peppers, Jalapeno, 3 072. Peppers, any other variety, 3
- 073. Plums, plate of 3
- 074. Radishes, round, red, 3
- 075. Radishes, long, white, 3
- 076. Raspberries, 1 doz.
- 077. Potatoes, white, any variety, plate of 3
- 078. Potatoes, red, any variety, plate of 3 079. Potatoes, sweet, plate of 3
- 080. Potatoes, other, plate of 3

- 081. Pumpkins, (best and largest)
- 082. Rhubarb, any red variety, 3 stalks
- 083. Rhubarb, any green variety, 3 stalks
- 084. Squash, white bush, 1
- 085. Squash, Zucchini, 1
- 086. Largest Zucchini
- 087. Squash, Acorn, 1
- 088. Squash, Butternut, 1
- 089. Squash, Yellow Summer, Straight Neck, 1
- 090. Squash, Yellow Summer, crook neck, 1
- 091. Squash, any other variety, 1
- 092. Sweet corn, white, 5 ears in husk (table use)
- 093. Sweet corn, yellow, 5 ears in husk (table use)
- 094. Swiss Chard, 3 stalks
- 095. Tomatoes, heirloom
- 096. Tomatoes, red, large variety, 3
- 097. Tomatoes, yellow, large variety, 3
- 098. Tomatoes, paste (Roma)
- 099. Tomatoes, salad, 3
- 100. Tomatoes, any other variety, 3
- 101. Turnips, plate of 3
- 102. Watermelon
- 103. Largest Watermelon
- 104. Potted vegetable plant with vegetables attached

#### **GARDEN EXHIBIT**

- 105. 6 or more different vegetables (must be arranged by exhibitor. Judged 50% on appearance and 50% on quality. To be exhibited in basket)
- 106. Best general collection of vegetables grown by exhibitor.
  - (Exhibitor to furnish table)



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#### Save the Date



# Twilight Tour

Horticulture Research Farm-









July 22, 2025 6-8pm 4321 Emmert Farm Ln, Lexington, KY 40514

Details and registration info to come.







JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30PM OWEN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

Learn how to attract and identify common backyard birds to liven up your windowsills!

CALL (502) 484-5703 TO RSVP





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4-Hers get to build their own birdhouse to enter into the County Fair! Materials are provided.

Birdhouse Building:

4:30-6:30pm

CALL (502) 484-5703 TO RSVP



Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM at Owen County Public Library Activity Room Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at Owen County Cooperative Extension Service



**YAIP 2025** 

Youth Agricultural Incentive Program

APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE MAY 29TH AT THE INFORMATIONAL MEETING APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE BEGINNING MAY 30TH SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO EXTENSION OFFICE BY FRIDAY. JUNE 20TH

#### **Project Areas:**

- Agricultural Diversification
- Animal Production
- Forage & Grain Improvement

(513)535-1617

Country Ham Projects



Questions? Emily.Godfroy@uky.edu



Owen County Extension Office 265 Ellis Road Owenton, KY 40359

Administered by Owen County 4-H Council





Discover your family's history

#### Interested in your family history?

Though a grant we were able to get an account with ancestry.com for a limited time. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity you may schedule a time to stop by and access it on our computer





**JULY 22ND** 6:30 PM **OCTOBER 24TH** IO AM **DECEMBER IST 3 PM** 

\$10 FEE (cash or check only)

**OWEN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE** MUST RSVP 502-484-5703 MAY ALSO COMPLETE ONLINE kybeefnetwork.com/beef-quality--care-assurance-bqcal.html



#### https://masterlogger.ca.uky.edu/classes/3-day



Kentucky Master Logger 3-Day Program **Registration Form** 

		Received From			
		Approved	l YES		
Mail	registra	ation form	and fee to:		

KML Office Use Date Received

Kentucky Master Logger Office

U.K. Dept. of Forestry & Natural Reso 222 T. P. Cooper Bldg

Lexington, KY. 40546-0073

#### Registration Requirements:

- All spaces must be completed.
- Print or type
- The \$85.00 registration fee must be included.
- Thoroughly review Program Information Section.
- Only one participant per registration form. (Photocopies accepted)

Registration Fee: \$85.00 per person

Make Checks or money orders payable to: Kentucky Master Logger

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#### Important Program Information:

- Registration fee is nonrefundable within five (5) working days prior to the first day of training. Participants will be prioritized for
- class space up to five (5) working days before the class. If a participant cancels within five (5) working days or misses a session, he/she will be put on a waiting list for the next available
- The participant must provide personal transportation to the field sites, as required at some locations.
- The participant must furnish personal protective equipment (PPE) hard hat. Under no circumstances will participants be allowed onto field sites without proper PPE.
- Classes are limited to fifty (50) participants, the Commonwealth of Kentucky reserves the right to cancel a program if there are not sufficient participants scheduled at a location.
- Attendance of all three (3) sessions is required for graduation.



Want to become a certified Master Logger? Register for the three day training. Must attend all three days for certification.

**Owen County Cooperative Extension Service Office** 

> Wednesday, July 16 Thursday, July 17 Friday, July 18

> > 9 AM - 4 PM

#### REGISTRATION

Click on the following link for the registration form.

You can also register by submitting a registration form as shown on the left side with check or money order to the Kentucky Master Logger Office.

\*The Master Logger Office now accepts Visa and Mastercard for payment for its programs. Please call 859-257-6230 to pay with a credit card.







Do you love the outdoors? Join us for the ForestryWorks Field Course!

#### June 22-27 **Robinson Forest & Robinson Wood Utilization Center**

- · Learn about forestry activities including protecting plant and animal habitats, harvesting timber, planting trees and manufacturing products from harvested trees
- Boost your knowledge of forestry careers
- Become certified through the Forest Worker Certificate Program











forestryworks.com/kentucky

For more information, contact Frannie Preston



Hands-On



# Pressure Canning Class Thursday, August 28, 2025

5:00 p.m.

Carroll County Extension Office 500 Floyd Drive, Carrollton (502) 732-7030







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#### University of Kentucky Meat Cutting School

#### **Beef Processing Workshop**

The University of Kentucky Meat Cutting School will be offering a Beef Processing Workshop. The workshop will be a hands-on experience with some formal lectures on the meats and livestock industries. This workshop is designed to introduce basic slaughter and carcass fabrication techniques. The workshop is hands-on and open to the first 6 paid participants.

When: June 16th through 18th at the University of Kentucky Meats Lab **Meeting Times:** 

Monday, June 16th, 2:00 to 4:30pm EDT

>Tour of the meats lab and pick up equipment.

Tuesday, June 17th, 8:00am to 4:00pm EDT

>Hands-on Beef Slaughter

>Classroom lectures

Wednesday, June 18th, 8:00am EDT

>Hands-on Beef Carcass Fabrication

>Ground Beef

>Discussion and workshop evaluation

Cost: \$500/person. Checks can be made out to the University of Kentucky Meat Science. Participants will receive a hat, frock, kill floor apron, a 6" boning knife, and a certificate of completion.

Who: This workshop is open to the first 6 participants (paid).

Questions/Contact: Dr. Gregg Rentfrow, Ph.D.

205 W.P. Garrigus Building Lexington, KY, 40546

(gregg.rentfrow@uky.edu; 859-257-7550)

**Hands-on Class** 





Wednesday, August 27, 2025 5:00 p.m.

Carroll County Extension Office 500 Floyd Drive, Carrollton (502) 732-7030

Registration is required by 8/22/2025 Space is limited





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**Table 20.15.** Earliest and latest planting dates in the garden in Kentucky. (If producing your own transplants, begin two to 12 weeks earlier than these listed dates. See Table 6.)

	Earliest Safe Planting Date		Latest Safe Planting Date <sup>1</sup>			
Crops	Western	Central	Eastern	Eastern	Central	Western
Asparagus (crowns)	Mar 10	Mar 15	Mar 20		(Spring only)	
Beans (snap)	Apr 10	Apr 25	May 1	July 15	July 25	Aug 1
Beans (lima)	Apr 15	May 1	May 10	June 15	June 20	July 1
Beets	Mar 10	Mar 15	Mar 20	Aug 1	Aug 10	Aug 15
Broccoli (plants)	Mar 30	Apr 5	Apr 10	July 15	Aug 1	Aug 15
B. Sprouts (plants)	Mar 30	Apr 5	Apr 10	July 1	July 15	Aug 1
Cabbage	Mar 15	Mar 25	Apr 1	July 1	July 15	Aug 1
Carrots	Mar 10	Mar 20	Apr 1	July 1	July 15	Aug 1
Cauliflower (plants)	Mar 30	Apr 5	Apr 10	July 15	July 20	Aug 5
Celery	Apr 1	Apr 5	Apr 10	June 15	July 1	July 15
Chard	Mar 15	Mar 20	Apr 1	June 15	July 15	Aug 1
Collards	Mar 1	Mar 10	Mar 15	Aug 15	Aug 20	Aug 30
Sweet Corn	Apr 10	Apr 20	May 1	June 15	July 10	July 20
Cucumbers	Apr 20	May 1	May 10	June 15	July 1	July 15
Eggplant (plants)	May 1	May 10	May 15	June 1	June 15	July 1
Garlic	-	-	-	Nov 1	Nov 7	Nov 15
Kale	Mar 10	Mar 20	Apr 1	July 15	Aug 1	Aug 15
Kohlrabi	Mar 15	Mar 20	Mar 25	July 15	Aug 1	Aug 15
Lettuce (leaf)	Mar 15	Mar 25	Apr 1	Aug 1	Aug 15	Sept 1
Lettuce (bibb plants)	Mar 15	Mar 25	Apr 1	July 15	Aug 1	Aug 15
Lettuce (head plants)	Mar 15	Mar 25	Apr 1	July 1	July 15	Aug 1
Muskmelons	Apr 20	May 10	May 15	June 15	July 1	July 15
Okra	Apr 20	May 10	May 15	July 1	July 15	Aug 1
Onions (sets)	Mar 1	Mar 10	Mar 15		(Spring only)	
Onions (plants)	Mar 15	Mar 25	Apr 1	June 15	July 1	July 15
Onions (seed)	Mar 10	Mar 20	Apr 1	June 1	June 15	July 1
Parsley	Mar 10	Mar 20	Apr 1	July 15	Aug 1	Aug 15
Parsnips	Mar 10	Mar 20	Apr 1	June 1	June 15	July 1
Peas	Feb 20	Mar 1	Mar 15		(Spring only)	,
Peppers (plants)	May 1	May 10	May 20	June 15	July 1	July 15
Irish Potatoes	Mar 15	Mar 15	Mar 20	June 15	July 1	July 15
Sweet Potatoes	May 1	May 10	May 20	June 1	June 10	June 15
Pumpkins	Apr 20	May 5	May 10	June 1	June 15	July 1
Radishes	Mar 1	Mar 10	Mar 15	Sept 1	Sept 15	Oct 1
Rhubarb (crowns)	Mar 1	Mar 10	Mar 15		(Spring only)	
Rutabaga	Mar 1	Mar 10	Mar 15	July 1	July 10	July 15
Southern Peas	Apr 20	May 5	May 10	June 15	July 1	July 15
Snow Peas	Feb 20	Mar 1	Mar 15	July 20	Aug 1	Aug 8
Spinach	Feb 15	Mar 1	Mar 10	Aug 15	Sept 1	Sept 15
Summer Squash	Apr 20	May 10	May 15	July 15	Aug 1	Aug 15
Tomatoes (plants)	Apr 20	May 5	May 15	June 1	June 15	July 1
Turnips	Mar 1	Mar 10	Mar 15	Aug 1	Aug 10	Aug 20
Watermelons	Apr 20	May 5	May 15	June 15	July 1	July 15
Winter Squash	Apr 20	May 10	May 15	June 15	July 1	July 15

Based on average of early maturing varieties. Mid-season and late-maturing varieties need to be planted 15 to 30 days earlier than latest date. Nearly all of the fall-planted garden crops will require irrigation during dry periods. Additional insect controls may be necessary for these tender young plants.

# OWEN COUNTY FARM & CRAFT MARKET



LOCATED AT 430 ROLAND AVENUE OWENTON, KY 40359

ocfacm@gmail.com

First opening Day is May 9th, and reoccurring every Friday from 10AM-1PM located behind KY Farm Bureau in pavilion.

APRIL 11TH
APPLICATIONS DUE

APRIL 18TH

VENDOR MEETING- FARM BUREAU AT 10AM

APRIL 25TH
PRODUCE BEST PRACTICES TRAINING
EXTENSION OFFICE AT 2 PM

MAY 9TH

OPENING DAY JUDGE EXECUTIVE COOKOUT

MAY 23RD

20TH YEAR CELEBRATION

MAY 30TH

KIDS DAY- PETTING ZOO

JUNE 13TH

SENIOR APPRECIATION DAY

JUNE 19TH THURSDAY NIGHT MARKET - TBA

JUNE 27TH

KIDS VENDOR DAY

JULY 17TH

THURSDAY NIGHT MARKET - TBA

JULY 25TH

KIDS DAY- FIRST RESPONDERS

AUGUST 1ST CUSTOMER APPRECIATION

AUGUST 21ST THURSDAY NIGHT MARKET - TBA

AUGUST TBA
FARM TO TABLE DINNER

# GARDENING FOR POLLINATORS

June 11, 6 PM - \$15 per person.

Create a vibrant haven for pollinators! This class covers planting for bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds—plus, you'll take home native plants to start your own oasis.

Register at 502-695-9035 or franklin.ext@uky.edu 101 Lakeview Ct., Frankfort KY















**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** 



Lexington, Kentucky

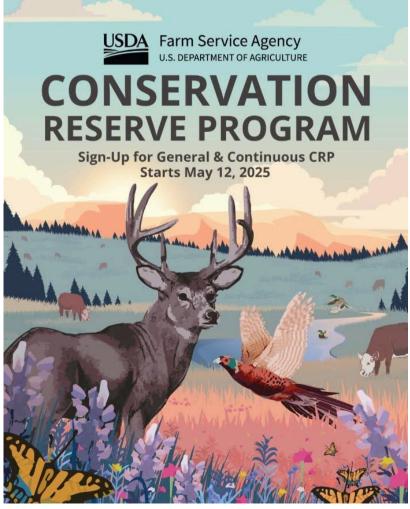
# The Drone Pilot Certification Workshop is a 2-day prep course taught by Mandy Briggs, Institute of Aviation at Parkland College. (Mandy's students have over 99% Briggs, Institute of Aviation at Parkland College. (Mandy's students have over 99% Briggs, Institute of Aviation at Parkland College. (Mandy's students have over 99% Briggs, Institute of Aviation at Parkland College. (Mandy's students have over 99% Briggs, Institute of Aviation at Parkland College. (Mandy's students have over 99% Briggs, Institute of Aviation at Parkland College. (Mandy's students have over 99% Briggs, Institute of Aviation at Parkland College. (Mandy's students have over 99% Briggs, Institute of Aviation at Parkland College. (Mandy's students have over 99% Briggs, Institute of Aviation at Parkland College. (Mandy's students have over 99% Briggs, Institute of Aviation at Parkland College. (Mandy's students have over 99% Briggs, Institute of Aviation at Parkland College. (Mandy's students have over 99% Briggs, Institute of Aviation at Parkland College. (Mandy's students have over 99% Briggs, Institute of Aviation at Parkland College. (Mandy's students have over 99% Briggs, Institute of Aviation at Parkland College. (Mandy's students have over 99% Briggs, Institute of Aviation at Parkland College. (Mandy's students have over 99% Briggs, Institute of Aviation at Parkland College. (Mandy's students have over 99% Briggs, Institute of Aviation at Parkland College. (Mandy's students have over 99% Briggs, Institute of Aviation at Parkland College. (Mandy's students have over 99% Briggs, Institute of Aviation at Parkland College. (Mandy's students have over 99% Briggs, Institute of Aviation at Parkland College. (Mandy's students have over 99% Briggs, Institute of Aviation at Parkland College. (Mandy's students have over 99% Briggs, Institute of Aviation at Parkland College. (Mandy's students have over 99% Briggs, Institute of Aviation at Parkland College. (Mandy's students have over 99% Briggs, Institute of Aviation at Parkland College. (Mandy's





## KENTUCKY FARM SUCCESSION SEMINAR: Building the Bridge to Your Farm's Future



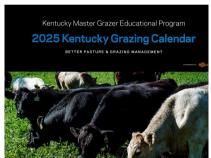


#### **CALENDARS 2025**

Now available at the Extension Office.











## University of Kentucky BBQ Basics Friday, July 25th, 2025

#### 2:00pm EDT to 7:00pm EDT

Do you want to step-up your BBQ game or do you want to learn how to BBQ? The University of Kentucky BBQ Basics is the program you need to go from grilling to BBQing and become the King/Queen of the Cul-de-sac. Take a tour of the major BBQ regions of the country and never leave the W.P. Garrigus Building parking lot. Learn from our local experts and sample the BBQ. Come hungry and leave full.

Where: University of Kentucky Meat Science Laboratory and B52 of the W.P. Garrigus Building.

#### **BBQ Tour:**

Make your own BBQ rub — learn about BBQ rubs, how to pair your seasoning rub with the meat you're cooking and then make your own BBQ Rub.

California Tri Tip – Californians love their Beef Tri Tip, learn the proper way to prepare the Golden State's favorite beef cut.

Memphis Pork Ribs – Memphis is known for Dry Rub Ribs, learn the proper way to make ribs as well as other styles including the 3-2-1 ribs.

North Carolina Pulled Pork – The local grocery store has Pork Boston Butts on sale, time to make pulled pork, North Carolina – Style.

Kansas City Burnt Ends – Kansas City is the hub of BBQ and hosts the Super Bowl of BBQ competitions, the American Royal BBQ Competition. However, people come from all over to enjoy KC Burnt Ends.

**Texas Brisket** – Beef Brisket is its own food group in Texas. Master this cut of beef and all other BBQ meats are a piece of cake.

Cocktail Hour – BBQ and adult beverages go hand in hand. Learn how bourbon, bourbon – inspired cocktails, and local beers pair with BBQ.

Cost: \$75/person, limit to 30 people. Checks can be made out to: University of Kentucky Meat Science or Eventbrite.com; University of Kentucky BBQ Basics (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/university-of-kentucky-bbq-basics-tickets-1389485551689?aff=oddtdtcreator).

Questions/Contact: Dr. Gregg Rentfrow, Ph.D.

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Lexington, KY, 40546

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# June Update

On April 26th we officially finished our 2025 calving season. It was a tough year to be calving in February, but we do it to ourselves, right?

This year we had less cows to calve than in recent years past. Last September we preg checked 114 head and ended up with 99 bred females (87% total herd conception). However, given the abnormally dry conditions of that time and the rising cull cow market, we choose to sell some of the older bred cows that had cullable traits. This ultimately got us down to 82 bred females to calve in 2025.

The heifers started calving first on Feb 21st. We had two of the first five calves born dead, both of which appeared to be very small. We also lost one calf that was born alive, but the heifer laid down and spit him out under a gate onto a sheet of ice. We found him but could not get him warmed up enough and unfortunately, he perished as well.

Of the 17 first calf heifers, 13 of them had an AI calf (we AI bred 18 heifers, so that's 72% AI conception). The cows AI conception is not able to be calculated because we sold 16 bred cows and we do not know how many of them were bred AI. However, we did get 39 AI calves on the ground from the cows.

Our calving window continues to be relatively short. If you remember we keep the cleanup bulls in for just two heat cycles after AI. This gives the cows three chances to get bred. Our total calving season this spring was 64 days. We had 61 calves (75%) in 30 days, and 74 calves (90%) in 40 days, and all but two were born in 54 days. In all we ended up with 39 steers and 36 heifers, and one set of twins.

Calving season is always a challenge, but it goes much smoother with good help. I want to thank our Farm Manager, Greg Cole for his numerous hours of checking, walking, tagging, feeding, and doctoring it takes to get a calf crop on the ground successfully. Without his efforts we wouldn't be able to do this work at Eden Shale Farm.



Joseph Walter Wyles, passed away on May 24, 2025, at the age of 81 in Paris, Kentucky. Born on January 4, 1944, on Greenwich Pike in Lexington, Kentucky.

Joe dedicated nearly four decades of loyal service to the University of Kentucky at Eden Shale Research Farm in Owen County. He served as farm manager from 1979 until his retirement at 2005. He believed in the power of faith and hard work and stood as an example to others in both his professional and community roles. His leadership was evident in the various organizations he served: the Southern States Co-op Board in Owenton, Owen County Fair Board where he was Superintendent of the Beef Show for many years, as well as

supporting the local 4H and FFA chapters.





Cultivating Excellence The Next Chapter in Pawpaw Development

September 9-11, 2025 Frankfort, Kentucky

Sponsored by
Kentucky State University Land
Grant Program,
the North American Pawpaw
Growers Association,
and the Ohio Pawpaw Festival

# JOIN US ALL YEAR FOR THIRD THURSDAY THING

January 16th: Farm Safety & Disaster Recovery

February 20th: Organic Agriculture

March 20th: Natural Resource Management

April 17th: Grow, Buy, Eat Local

May 15th: Aquaculture

June 19th: Juneteenth/ Business Planning

July 17th: Cattle & Poultry

August 21st: Agri-technology & Vertical Farming

September 18th: Horticulture & Urban Agriculture

October 16th: Small Ruminants

November 20th: Small, Limited-Resource, Minority Farmers Conference

If you would like to join our Small Farms Programming email list please email Savanna Frye at: savanna.frye1@kysu.edu



The Kentucky Beef Network is seeking two passionate and motivated individuals to join our team as Facilitators in the Northcentral and Northeast regions of Kentucky.

These positions offer the opportunity to work directly with cattle producers, support on-farm innovation, and help strengthen Kentucky's beef industry.

Job Descriptions:

https://www.kycattle.org/now-hiring

KEY:

CES- County Extension Service

- **UPI- United Producers Stockyard**
- Y- Yes it counts for CAIP education credit
- N- No it doesn't count for CAIP education credit
- P- Prior approval needed to count for education credit (Kendal, Bowman@uky.edu or (502) 484-5703 and you will need to contact the sponsoring entity to RSVP

Date	Time	Program	CAIP	Location
6.5.2025	6:30 PM	Bugged Out! Tackling Pest Indoors & Out	Υ	Owen CES (265 Ellis Road, Owenton, KY)
6.5.2025	6 PM	Crop & Garden Pests	Р	Oldham CES (205 Parker Dr. LaGrange, KY)
6.7.2025	9:30 AM	Small Ruminant Workshop	Р	(2496 Taylor Mill Road Flemingsburg, KY)
6.10.2025	1 PM-4 PM	OAK: First Five Years of an Organic Market Garden	Р	DreamTime Market Gardens, Lexington, KY
6.10.2025	4-6:30 PM	Raised Bed Blueberry Workshop	Р	UK Horticulture Research Farm
6.16-6.18.2025	2 PM	Beef Processing Workshop	P	UK Meats Lab (205 W.P. Garrigus Building, Lexington, KY)
6.18.2025	11:30 AM	Smart Irrigation Solutions for Your Garden	Р	Franklin CES (101 Lakeview Court, Frankfort, KY)
6.19.2025	10 AM	KSU Third Thursday Thing: Business Planning	Р	KSU Farm (1525 Mills Lane, Frankfort, KY)
6.21.2025	12 PM-4 PM	Small Farm Planning & Designing Making for Tools & Equipment	Р	KSU Farm (1525 Mills Lane, Frankfort, KY)
6.22-6.27.2025		Forestry Works	Р	Robinson Forest & Robinson Wood Utilization Center
6.23.2025	4 PM-7 PM	OAK: Learnings From Rural Community -Supported AG	Р	Old Homeplace Farm (Oneida, KY)
6.30-7.1.2025	8AM-4 PM	Drone Pilot Certification Workshop	Р	Madisonville Community College (2000 College Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431)
7.7.2025	9 AM- 12 PM	Owen County Fair Entry Day	N	OC Fairgrounds (355 Ellis Road, Owenton, KY)
7.5-7.12.2025		Owen County Fair Week	N	OC Fairgrounds (355 Ellis Road, Owenton, KY)
7.10.2025	5 PM- 8 PM	Franklin County Farm City Field Day	Р	KSU Farm (1525 Mills Lane, Frankfort, KY)
7.16.2025	11:30 AM	Botanical Sleuthing: Expert Tips on Plant Identification	Р	Franklin CES (101 Lakeview Court, Frankfort, KY)
7.16-7.19.2025	9 AM-4 PM	Master Logger	Υ	Owen CES (265 Ellis Road, Owenton, KY)
7.17.2025	10 AM	KSU Third Thursday Thing: Cattle & Poultry	Р	KSU Farm (1525 Mills Lane, Frankfort, KY)
7.22.2025	6 PM - 8 PM	Twilight Tour	P	(4321 Emmert Farm Lane, Lexington, KY 40514)
7.22.2025	6:30 PM	BQCA	N	Owen CES (265 Ellis Road, Owenton, KY)
7.23.2025	8:30AM-4:30 PM			
7.24.2025	6 PM	Save It, Sow It, Share It	P	Franklin CES (101 Lakeview Court, Frankfort, KY)
7.24.2025	6/6:30 PM	Owen County Cattlemen's Meeting		TBA
8.14-8.24.2025		Kentucky State Fair	N	KY Expo Center (37 Phillips Lane, Louisville, KY)
8.21.2025	10 AM	Agriculture-Technology & Vertical Farming	P	KSU Farm (1525 Mills Lane, Frankfort, KY)
8.27.2025	5 PM	Water Bath Canning	Р	Carroll CES (500 Floyd Drive, Carrollton, KY)
8.28.2025	5 PM	Pressure Canning Class	Р	Carroll CES (500 Floyd Drive, Carrollton, KY)
9.2025		Free BQCA Month Online	N	Online
9.17.2025	8:30 AM	Brunch & Learn: Livestock Critter Management	Υ	UPI (86 Bramblett Rd, Owenton, KY)
9.18.2025	10 AM	Horticulture & Urban Ag	Р	KSU Farm (1525 Mills Lane, Frankfort, KY)
9.19-9.20.2025		Kentucky Wood Expo	P	Lexington, KY
9.20.2025	9 AM	Beef Bash		UK Farm (1051 Midway Road, Versailles, KY)
9.23.2025	6:30 PM	Sheep & Goats: Facal Egg Counts, Parasites, & Nutrition	Y	Owen CES (265 Ellis Road, Owenton, KY)
9.23.2025	TBA	KY Mechanical Weed Control Field Day	Р	UK Horticulture Research Farm
10.15.2025	8:30 AM	Brunch & Learn: Fall Cattle Market Outlook	Υ	UPI (86 Bramblett Rd, Owenton, KY)
10.16.2025	10 AM	KSU Third Thursday Thing: Small Ruminants	Р	KSU Farm (1525 Mills Lane, Frankfort, KY)
10.23.2025	6 PM	Owen County Cattlemen's Meeting		ТВА
10.24.2025	10 AM	BQCA	N	Owen CES (265 Ellis Road, Owenton, KY)
11.13.2025	6:30 PM	DOT Farm Regulations	Υ	Owen CES (265 Ellis Road, Owenton, KY)
11.20.2025	10 AM	Small Farm Conference	Р	KSU Farm (1525 Mills Lane, Frankfort, KY)
12.1.2025	3 PM	BQCA	N	Owen CES (265 Ellis Road, Owenton, KY)
12.2.2025	6:30 PM	Winter Horse Hay & Diet Considerations	Υ	Owen CES (265 Ellis Road, Owenton, KY)
12.4.2025	8 AM	KFB Commody Edu. Sessions	Р	Galt House (140 N Fourth Street, Louisville, KY)
12.10.2025		CAIP Receipts Due		Owen CES (265 Ellis Road, Owenton, KY)

### **New Equipment to Check Out!**

Seeders and transplanters 1 week check out \$50 refundable deposit



## Owen County Farm and Craft Market Farm to Table Dinner

August 23, 2025 6pm

The Ebony at Slippery Rock 1370 Slippery Rock Road Owenton, KY 40359

Tickets available weekly at the market or email ocfacm@gmail.com

Tickets:
\$45 - single
\$80 - couple
\$125 - family four pack



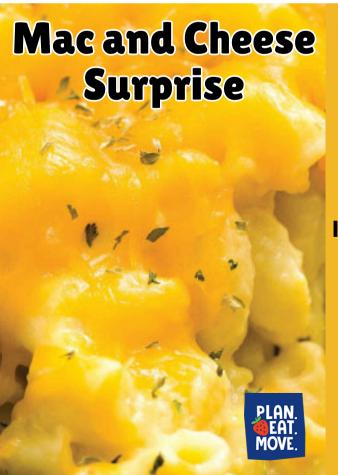


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## **Ingredients:**

- 1 large summer squash, chopped
- 1½ cups elbow macaroni
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- ½ cup skim milk
- 1 tablespoon Neufchatel cheese (reduced-fat cream cheese
- ½ cup shredded cheddar cheese, divided
- 1 teaspoon salt

#### **Instructions:**

- 1. In a covered vegetable steamer or saucepan with boiling water, steam squash for 7 minutes or until tender. Drain and place squash in a blender or food processor. Puree until smooth and set aside.
- 2. Cook macaroni according to package instructions and drain.
- 3. In large saucepan over medium heat, melt butter. Add flour and whisk nonstop for 1 minute. Gradually add milk and stir until bubblu.
- 4. Add squash puree to the milk mixture and stir until combined. Add Neufchatel cheese, ¼ cup cheddar cheese and salt. Stir until cheese is melted.
- 5. Pour sauce over macaroni and stir until coated. Sprinkle remaining cheddar cheese on top and serve.