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HARRISON COUNTY HORTICULTURE NEWSLETTER



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Freebie Fridays!

SEED GIVEAWAY

Stop by the office each Friday to select some free seeds to take home and grow!

February 17 - **Cole Crops and Leafy Greens** (broccoli, cabbage, lettuce, kale, etc.)

February 24th - **Roots, Tubers, and Bulbs** (onion, beets, radish, carrots, etc.)

March 3rd - **Legumes** (beans, peas, etc.)

March 10th - **Solanaceous** (tomatoes, peppers, eggplant)

March 17th - **Cucurbits** (cucumbers, zucchini, squash, etc.)

March 24th - **Cucurbits** (watermelon, cantaloupe, pumpkins)

March 31st - **Miscellaneous** (okra, swish chard, corn, etc.)

April 7th - **Herbs**

April 14th - **Flowers**

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Spring is here and Horticulture and the Extension Office is in full swing! This newsletter is packed with dates of upcoming events, classes and meetings and information for starting your garden! Be sure to check out each page to not miss out! Happy Gardening!

Licking Valley Honey Bee Society

Next Meeting: April 11th

Beginning Session beginning at 5:30 p.m.

**General Beekeeping Club Meeting
beginning at 6:30 p.m.**

at the Harrison County Extension Office

The 2023 Annual
Home and Garden
Show will be held at
Harrison County
Middle School,
320 Webster Ave.

The Cynthiana
Democrat
19th Annual

home & garden show



SAT APRIL 29
9am-4pm

SUN APRIL 30
noon - 4pm

We're back and working hard to make this our best and biggest show yet.

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with prior notification.



GOOD BUG, BAD BUG

Come learn about common garden pests and best practices to keep ones there, and bad ones away!

Thursday, April 13th at 5:30 p.m.

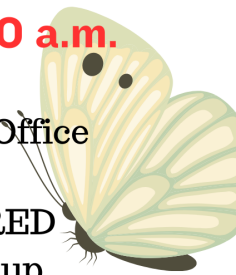
or

Friday, April 14th at 10:30 a.m.

Harrison County Extension Office

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Call 859-234-5510 to sign up



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Market Scale Certification

If you need scales certified for the Farmers Market or a roadside stand, they can be dropped off at the extension office **BY April 18** and can be picked up on **April 20**.

Farmers Market Meeting!

The next Farmers Market meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 26th at 6:00 p.m.**

This will be the last meeting before Opening Day, so it is very important for members to attend!

Also, all of the trainings for WIC market vouchers, Senior market vouchers, and Produce Best Practices Training will be taking place.

The Harrison County Farmers Market now has a website! Scan the QR code below to take you right to it!



Harrison County Farmers Market Schedule

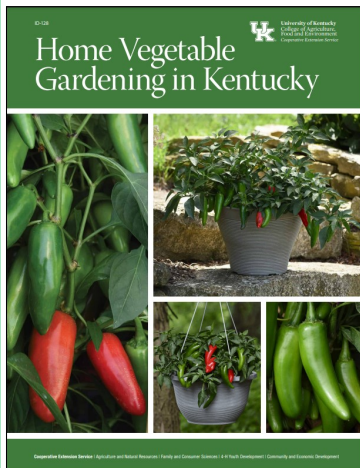
Come See Us!



<p>May 6</p> <p>Opening Market Day: Flat Run Veterans Park 9am-1pm</p>	<p>May-October</p> <p>Every Saturday Morning: Flat Run Veterans Park 9am-1pm</p>	<p>June 13</p> <p>Special Event Pop Up Market: Flat Run Veterans Park 4pm-8pm</p>
<p>July 11</p> <p>Special Event Pop Up Market: Flat Run Veterans Park 4pm-8pm</p>	<p>August 8</p> <p>Special Event Pop Up Market: Flat Run Veterans Park 4pm-8pm</p>	<p>September 16</p> <p>Harvest Festival: Flat Run Veterans Park 9am-3pm</p>

When Can I Plant My Vegetable Garden?

With the beginning of spring, this is the question on a lot of people’s minds! The answer is, it depends on what you want to plant! The chart below has some very helpful dates that you can use as a guideline when deciding when to plant. The chart comes out of the “Home Vegetable Gardening in Kentucky” publication, which is a wonderful resource for all home gardeners! Stop by the office to pick up a hard copy, or it is also available online at <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs/id/id128/id128.pdf>



For more helpful information on all things Kentucky Horticulture, check out the **new Podcast, Hort Culture!** This podcast is hosted by horticulture extension agents right here in central Kentucky!



Table 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.)

Crops	Earliest Safe Planting Date			Latest Safe Planting Date ¹		
	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

¹ 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.

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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.



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4-H Horticulture Club

The 4-H Horticulture club is open to any 4-H member interested in horticulture! The meetings are held on the third **Wednesday (April 19th)** of the month, 3:30—4:30 at the Harrison County Extension Office. Students can ride the bus after school to the office. For more information or questions, call the office at 859-234-5510



Start your day with Extension!

9:10 a.m. Stacey Stephens with NEP:
1st Monday of the month

Jessica Wells with Horticulture:
1st Wednesday of the month

Shannon Farrell and Holly Laytart with 4-H:
2nd Wednesday of the month

Shelley Meyer with FCS: 4th Thursday of the month



New Potato^{and} Asparagus Soup

2 tablespoons olive oil
2 medium size, boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1 medium diced onion
1 teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon garlic powder
zest and juice of 1 lemon
2 cups new potatoes
3 cups vegetable broth
1 cup low fat milk

1 pound fresh asparagus
½ cup reduced fat sour cream
Fresh ground black pepper

- Pour** oil into a large saucepan over medium heat.
- Remove** fat from chicken breasts and cut chicken into ½ inch pieces.
- Cook** chicken and diced onion in the oil for about 5 minutes or until chicken is done and onions are golden.
- Stir** in salt, garlic powder, lemon zest, and ½ of the lemon juice.
- Cut** potatoes into ½ inch chunks, leaving the skin on.
- Add** potatoes and vegetable broth then simmer, stirring occasionally, until potatoes are tender.
- Stir** in the milk.
- Trim** and cut asparagus into 1 inch pieces and add to mixture.
- Simmer** over medium heat, partially covered and cook until the asparagus is tender, about 15 minutes.
- Stir** in ½ cup sour cream and season with salt and pepper to taste.

Yield: 8, 1 cup servings.
Nutrition Analysis: 270 calories; 7 g fat; 2 g saturated fat; 0 g trans fat; 30 mg cholesterol; 760 mg sodium; 36 g carbohydrate; 4 g fiber; 8 g sugar; 16 g protein.

Buying Kentucky Proud is easy. Look for the label at your grocery store, farmers' market, or roadside stand.

