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Hello Horticulturalists!

Welcome to March, which will officially welcome Spring! I know there's a lot of folks ready to see winter pass, and bring on the warmer temps and the longer days! Just don't forget, it's still winter and too early to plant much. Use these next couple of weeks to order seeds you'd like to grow, wash off your old planting containers, go ahead and purchase potting mix, and design your garden layout. All things that will help you be ready when the better weather finally gets here!



CONTAINER GARDENING: VEGETABLES

Monday, March 24th
10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Harrison County Extension Office
Please call 859-234-5510 to Register



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BEGINNING FARMER SERIES

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- Recently purchased farmland and not sure what to do with it?
- New to farming?
- Diversifying your current farm?

This Free Series could be for you!



JANUARY 28TH 6:00 P.M.
Business Planning and
Record Keeping with
KCARD



FEBRUARY 21ST 6:00 P.M.
Local Funding Opportunities
with Extension, FSA, and Soil
Conservation



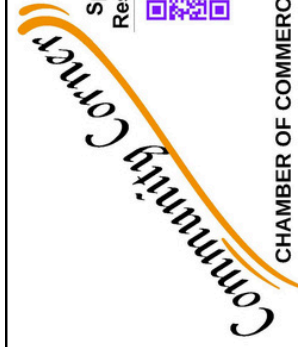
MARCH 25TH 6:00 P.M.
Farm Design and Layout
with Dr. Steve Higgins



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Sign up to receive the Horticulture Newsletter via Email

Currently, the only way to receive the Horticulture Newsletter is to have one mailed to your home. We are now going to offer the option to receive the newsletter via email instead of through the mail. If you would like to receive the Horticulture Newsletter via email, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/mttaj43u> or scan the QR code to the right, and fill out a quick survey.



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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.

HC EXTENSION





Growing TOMATOES



Monday, April 21st
10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.



We will discuss:
Site Requirements
Varieties
Growing Needs
Pest Management

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The Language of Flowers

Tuesday, April 29th
10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

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Discover the meaning behind many popular flowers.
Many flowers and many colors indicate a sentiment.

Learning this symbolism can help you decide what to plant, what to own, and what to give.

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Asparagus Ham Quiche

1 pound fresh asparagus, trimmed and cut into ½ inch pieces
1 cup, finely chopped ham
1 small finely chopped onion
2 (8 inch) unbaked pie shells

1 egg white, slightly beaten
2 cups shredded reduced fat cheddar cheese
4 large eggs
1 container (5.3 ounces) plain Greek yogurt

½ cup 1% milk
¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper

Preheat oven to 400 F. **Place** asparagus in a steamer over 1 inch of boiling water and **cover**. **Cook** until tender but still firm, about 4-6 minutes. **Drain** and **cool**. **Place** ham and onion in a nonstick skillet and **cook** over medium heat until lightly browned. **Brush** pie shells with beaten egg white. **Spoon** the ham, onion and asparagus into pie shells, dividing evenly between the 2 shells. **Sprinkle** 1 cup shredded cheese over the mixture in each shell. In a separate bowl, **beat** together

eggs, yogurt, milk, nutmeg, salt and pepper. **Pour** egg mixture over the top of the cheese, dividing evenly between the 2 shells. **Bake** uncovered in a preheated oven until firm 25-30 minutes. Allow to cool approximately 20 minutes before cutting.

Yield: 16 slices

Nutritional Analysis: 200 calories, 11 g fat, 4.5 g saturated fat, 65 mg cholesterol, 370 mg sodium, 14 g carbohydrate, 1 g fiber, 3 g sugars, 10 g protein.



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

Table 20.11. Crops for the spring garden.

Vegetable	Seeds	Transplants	Days to Maturity ¹
Beets	x		55-60
Bibb lettuce	x	x	60-80
Broccoli		x	40-90
Brussels sprouts		x	80-90
Cabbage		x	60-100
Carrots	x		60-80
Cauliflower		x	50-100
Celery		x	100-130
Chinese cabbage	x	x	43-75
Collards	x		75-90
Endive	x	x	60-90
Kale	x	x	50-60
Kohlrabi	x		50-70
Leaf lettuce	x	x	40-50
Mustard greens	x		35-60
Onions ²	x	x	40-120
Peas	x		60-80
Potatoes ³			90-140
Radishes	x		20-30
Spinach	x		40-70
Swiss chard	x	x	55-60
Turnips	x		40-60
Turnip greens	x		30-50

¹ Days given are for the early to late varieties.

² Onions are also available in sets.

³ Potatoes are available as seed pieces.

The Spring Garden

The spring garden contains cool-season crops that are planted and harvested from late winter to late spring. The seed of some of these crops can be planted directly in the garden soil, while others will need to be started in a greenhouse or other suitable growing area and then transplanted to the garden (Table 20.11).

Spring garden plants grow best with relatively cool air temperatures (50° to 65°F) and are raised either for their leaves, stems or flower buds. Peas are grown for their immature fruits. These crops produce their vegetative growth during spring's short, cool days. If they are planted too late in the spring, summer heat reduces their quality by forcing some to flower and form seeds (bolt), and others to develop off flavors, bitterness, poor texture and low yields.

**Information for The Spring Garden and Table 20.11 was taken from the UK Publication, Home Vegetable Gardening in Kentucky.