

# The Old Farmhand: Part Two

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## A Note from Jessica

Happy New Year everyone! I hope that each of you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year holiday. If you were like my family and I, you spent a few days with some sickness in your household but it seems like we are all finally on the mend now. I hope that you were able to ring in 2023 happy and healthy and refreshed to begin a new year and new growing season.

The cold snap we had on Christmas weekend was definitely one to remember and hopefully not one that we repeat any time soon. I hope that you and your livestock were able to make it through that spell and come out on the other side okay.

I know many started feeding hay earlier than usual because of the drought and we went through quite a bit through the recent cold snap for bedding and just extra consumption from the cattle. If you haven't already, it would be a great time to assess your hay supply and see if you need to look at purchasing some to get through the remainder of the winter before it gets hard to find quality hay.

As always, please let me know if you have any suggestions or needs for programming throughout the year! We are always looking for new ideas or interests that the producers of Harrison County have!



## Annual Tobacco GAP Training

The Annual Regional Tobacco GAP Training will take place in person at the Harrison County Extension Office on **February 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm**. If you will be marketing tobacco for the 2023 season, then you will need to attend an annual training in order to update your GAP card. If the training here in Harrison County does not fit your schedule, you can find other opportunities at [gapconnections.com](http://gapconnections.com) under the "What We Do" tab and "Annual Grower Training".

Remember to **bring your GAP card with you** the night of the training so that your card can be scanned and your training recorded. If you are a new grower, we will need to know your basic information in order to have a card issued to you.

Please RSVP at 859-234-5510 if you plan to attend the meeting so we have an accurate count for the meal that will be provided. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me.

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## Conservation Corner

Happy New Year! With the elections of 2022, the HC Conservation District is welcoming 2 new board supervisors. Now is a great time to share with you all 7 members of the Board of Supervisors and their positions for 2023.

Chairperson – Paul Tucker  
Vice- Chair – Jennifer Burgan  
Secretary – Nick Farmer  
Treasurer – Russell Gray

Board Member – William (Bill) Roberts  
Board Member – Shawn Sorrell (NEW!)  
Board Member – Leslie Bebensee (NEW!)



Previous board members Eddie Million and Megan Conway opted to step down from their conservation district board positions at the end of 2022, but our office would like to extend our thanks and gratitude for their years of service to the Harrison County Soil & Water Conservation District! They will both be missed.

If you are interested in applying for any conservation cost-share programs, please call our office at 859-234-5876 ext 3 or feel free to send an email to [Kayleigh.evans@ky.nacdnet.net](mailto:Kayleigh.evans@ky.nacdnet.net) or [paul.wilson@ky.nacdnet.net](mailto:paul.wilson@ky.nacdnet.net). Check our website for occasional program updates at [www.harrisoncountyconservationdistrict.com](http://www.harrisoncountyconservationdistrict.com) and like us on Facebook!

## Harrison County Beef Cattle Association Annual Meeting

You are invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Harrison County Beef Cattle Association on January 23 at 6:00 pm. The dinner and meeting will be held at the Harrison County Fairgrounds in the McCauley Building. You must RSVP to the Harrison County Extension Office in order to attend so we have an accurate count for the meal. If you have cattle on your operation or you just have an interest in the beef industry we would love to have you join us on January 23rd and become a member of the Harrison County Beef Cattle Association!

## Private Pesticide Applicator Training & Certification

There will be a Private Pesticide Applicator training at the Harrison County Extension Office on **February 20, 2023** in the small classroom. There will be two sessions that day, one at **10:00am** and another at **6:00pm**. If your pesticide card is expired or you need a new certification then you only need to attend one of the sessions. Please call 859-234-5510 ahead of time to sign up for the class so we are sure to have enough materials available to you.

## Soil Testing

If you haven't already it is time to start taking soil samples for the 2023 growing season. By submitting your soil tests early, you can be sure to have your results back before planting time. 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!



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Country Side Industries  
859-421-1867**



**Topics include:**

- 1. Leadership roles for farmers**
- 2. Watersheds 101 Why should you care?**
- 3. On-farm conservation practices**

**TAP YOUR POTENTIAL:  
GROWING FARMER  
LEADERSHIP IN HINKSTON  
CREEK AND BEYOND**

**JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> & 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2023**

**6:00PM-8:30PM**

**(MEAL PROVIDED)**

**Harrison County Extension Office  
668 New Lair Rd, Cynthiana, KY**

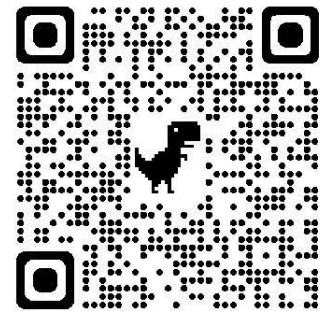
This class is designed to help you understand watersheds, improve soil and water resources in your local watershed, and become a leader for the benefit of your farm, your community, and KY.

This program is brought to you by UK Cooperative Extension Service and Bluegrass Greensource.

Registration is free but please register at:  
<https://forms.gle/rc7NLi6CGA5UJLow8>

For more details, contact Amanda Gumbert at  
[amanda.gumbert@uky.edu](mailto:amanda.gumbert@uky.edu) or 859-257-6094

Register Here:



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FOR BEGINNERS

# Charcuterie Board & Summer Sausage

January 26, 2023

Fairgrounds McCauley Building

10am - Noon -OR- 5:30-7:30pm

Call to sign up 859-234-5510  
Space is limited!



# MICRO

GROW YOUR OWN

# GREENS

Join us on Tuesday, January 17  
at 10:00 a.m. or 5:30 p.m.  
to learn how to grow your own microgreens!

Harrison County Extension Office

Call to Register - 859-234-5510

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23  
10:30 & 5:30

# HOME FRUIT PRODUCTION

Harrison County Extension Office

Learn the basics about growing fruit at home for your family - strawberries, brambles, grapes and tree fruit

Call the office to Register 859-234-5510



# Winter Weather Safety

## For Rural Communities



Winter can bring with it a wide variety of potentially dangerous weather. From impacting travel, outdoor activities, infrastructure and more, being prepared for any eventuality can bring you and your family some peace of mind this winter season.



### 5 Things to Know about Winter Weather Forecasts

Snow or ice totals can vary over short distances. A heavy snow band may form, dropping more snow in one location, while significantly less snow falls just a few miles away.

Focus more on the winter storm's impacts, rather than focusing too much on exact numbers.

Forecasts can change frequently. Forecasts may change as new model data becomes available. Always check for the latest information.

Rely on a dependable source for weather info. Choose your information sources wisely.

Know your winter weather terminology.

Will there be rain, ice or snow? The graphic below explains how having different layers of warm and cold air between the clouds and the ground determines the type of precipitation that hits the ground. (Blue = Below 32° F/Frozen precipitation; Orange = Above 32° F/Liquid precipitation)



A great way to keep ahead of a winter storm is with NOAA Weather Radio (NWR), a small battery powered receiver that provides continuous broadcasts of the latest weather information from the nearest National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



#### Winter Storm Watch

Issued when there is the potential for significant and hazardous winter weather usually within 48 hours.

**Be Prepared!**

#### Winter Weather Advisory

Issued for any amount of freezing rain and/or snow that is expected to cause a significant inconvenience, but not serious enough to warrant a warning.

**Exercise Caution!**

#### Winter Storm Warning

Issued when a significant combination of hazardous winter weather (freezing rain and/or snow) is occurring or imminent.

**Take Action!**



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# Winter Weather Safety

## For Rural Communities

Prepare! Don't Let a Winter Storm Take You by Surprise!

### Before The Storm

Stock up on supplies such as:

- Candles, or a flashlight and batteries
- Battery powered NOAA Weather Radio
- Water and food, especially food that requires little preparation
- Extra medicine and first aid supplies
- Heating fuel
- Pet/livestock supplies

When preparing for an Ice Storm:

- Trim weak or damaged branches around the home
- Move items out from underneath trees

Concerning livestock...

Move animals to sheltered areas. Windbreaks, properly laid out and oriented, are better protection for cattle than confining shelters, such as sheds.

Haul extra feed to nearby feeding areas.

Have water available. Most animals die from dehydration in winter storms.

If traveling, prepare an emergency supply kit, including items like:



Water and snacks



Flashlight



First aid supplies



Snow shovel and brush



Warm clothes and blankets



Flares

### During The Storm

To more efficiently conserve heat:

- Close off any rooms not in use
- Put towels or blankets in cracks under doors
- Keep blinds or curtains closed

If traveling:

- Let someone know where you are going and what time you expect to make your destination
- Keep an emergency supply kit packed
- Check conditions along the route
- Check the latest forecast

### After The Storm

Check on your home and contact family and isolated neighbors

Stay informed on travel conditions and be aware of roadway hazards such as:

- Black ice, even if the roadway has been cleared of snow
- Potholes, which can be difficult to see and cause significant damage

