

The Old Farm Hand: Part II

March 2025



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Harrison County Office
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A Note from Jessica

Hello everyone! I hope this newsletter finds you and your family happy and healthy as we approach the the arrival of Spring! If you are like me, the fact that Spring is near always gives me a sense of renewal and fresh starts. I love the smell of fresh turned soil and the sight of farm equipment starting to work in the fields.

If you haven't done so already, now is the time to get those soil samples taken and submitted in order to get your results back in time for planting season. The lab at UK tends to get pretty busy the closer we get to planting so the earlier you can submit the better.

Now is the time to be thinking about high mag tubs for cattle, renovating your hay and pasture fields with new seeds, applying nitrogen fertilizers to pasture and hay fields for increased spring production and some weed control options. Feel free to reach out with any questions you may have!



REGIONAL TOBACCO GAP ANNUAL TRAINING

Please bring your GAP card with you so it can be scanned and your attendance recorded.

- Tuesday, March 11, 2025
- 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- Harrison County Extension Office
668 New Lair Road
Cynthiana, KY 41031

A MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED SO PLEASE REGISTER BY CALLING 859-234-5510



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2025

Alfalfa Grower Series



Every Thursday in March at 6:00 pm

Come join us for the Alfalfa Grower Series at the Harrison County Extension Office! Every Thursday in March 2025 beginning at 6:00pm we will learn from University of Kentucky specialists about topics related to alfalfa production and how we can improve our overall production and yield. Please, call the office to register if you'd like to attend!

- 1 March 6-Edwin Ritchey Fertility Requirements
- 2 March 13-Travis Legleiter Weed Control
- 3 March 20-Bob Coleman Producing Horse Quality Hay
- 4 March 27-Ray Smith Varieties & Considerations

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Disabilities accommodated with prior notification.

Presented by Hymer Feed and the Scott County Extension Office

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CAIP Eligible

EQUINE WELLNESS WORKSHOP

JOIN US!

March 22nd at the Scott County Extension Office, 1130 Cincinnati Rd. Georgetown, KY 40324. Starting at 10:30am with a complementary lunch at 12:00pm and more programming to follow.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Optimal Feed Strategies and Management
- Hay Nutrition Insights
- Proper Pasture Management
- Complementary Lunch
- Special Guest Industry and Educational Speakers

PLAN ON ATTENDING?

RSVP to the Scott County Extension Office by March 14th by phone or email. RSVPs are first come first serve. Spots are limited!

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BEGINNING FARMER SERIES

Harrison County Extension Service

- 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 27TH 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



Call 859-234-5510 to Register

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CATTLE TOWN HALL

JOIN US FOR AN OPEN FORMAT PANEL DISCUSSION WITH EXPERTS AND PRODUCERS IN THE CATTLE BUSINESS.

- ✓ Dr. Chris Forcherio, Purina Animal Nutrition
- ✓ Brian Hupp, Central Life Sciences
- ✓ Jacob Sparkman, Zinpro



MARCH 27, 2025 AT 12:00PM

**HARRISON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
MCCAULEY BUILDING**

**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
PLEASE RSVP:**

859-234-5510



Saturday, April 19th, 2025



9:00 AM - 4:00 PM EST
Meal provided



Harrison County Fairgrounds
2849 US HWY 27 S
Cynthiana, KY 41031

\$35



CAIP ELIGIBLE

SHEEP & GOAT BOOTCAMP

The Sheep and Goat Bootcamp, conducted by the Kentucky Sheep & Goat Development Office, will focus on parasite management and nutrition. Participants will receive hands-on FAMACHA training.

Limited to 20 participants. To register, contact the Harrison County Extension Office at (859) 234-5510. Deadline to register: March 28th, 2025



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6TH ANNUAL HARRISON COUNTY FFA ALUMNI FARM MACHINERY COSIGNMENT AUCTION



ACCEPTING EQUIPMENT
 Wednesday Mar. 26th
 Thursday Mar. 27th
 Friday Mar. 28th
 9:00AM-5:00PM each day
 No equipment accepted day of sale

March 29, 2025
10:00 AM

Harrison County Fairgrounds
 2849 US Highway 27 South
 Cynthiana, KY 41031

BRING YOUR TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE!



10% COMMISSION - NO BUYERS PREMIUM

Marshall Tingle
 Principal Auctioneer
 859 - 553 - 1908

David Mullen
 859 - 983 - 5574

Danny Vallandingham
 859-340-0009

Community Corner

Spanish Resources



MCTC



LIBRARY



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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



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Harvest Peace of Mind and PLANT the Seeds of Security
 -Join Our Estate Planning Seminar

P.L.A.N.T.
 Preparing Land & Assets for Next-Generation Transitions

Estate Planning Seminar

- MAR 5** **Planting the Future:** The Importance of Estate Planning & Farmland Transition
- MAR 12** **Building a Strong Foundation:** Understanding KY Estate Laws & Key Estate Planning Tools
- MAR 19** **Honoring Wishes:** Navigating Difficult Conversation & Creating a Compassionate End-of-Life Plan
- MAR 26** **No More Guesswork:** Why Documenting and Communicating Your Life's Details Matters

All programs will be at the Pendleton County Extension Office at 6:30 PM. Participants who attend ALL sessions will receive a special gift.

Call the Pendleton County Extension Office to register 859.654.3395



Scrumptious Strawberry Salad

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| <p>5 cups spinach
 ½ large cabbage head, chopped
 1 cup golden raisins
 1 cup halved red grapes
 1 pint sliced strawberries
 ½ small red onion, sliced
 ½ cup toasted and chopped pecans (optional)</p> | <p>Dressing
 ¾ cup plain non-fat Greek yogurt or plain regular yogurt
 3 tablespoons honey
 6 tablespoons apple cider vinegar</p> | <p>3 tablespoons olive oil
 ½ teaspoon Dijon mustard
 1 teaspoon poppy seeds
 1 teaspoon salt
 ½ teaspoon pepper</p> |
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Combine all salad ingredients together in a large bowl. Prepare salad dressing by **mixing** all ingredients together in a jar, **cover**, and **shake** well to combine. **Pour** dressing over salad mixture and **toss** to combine.

Yield: 8, 2-cup servings
Nutritional Analysis:
 240 calories, 10g fat, 1g saturated fat, 0mg cholesterol, 340mg sodium, 33g carbohydrate, 4g fiber, 27g sugar, 6g added sugars, 5g protein



Private Pesticide Applicator Certification

The next Private Pesticide Applicator certification will be held on Monday, March 31 at either 9:00am or 6:00pm at the Harrison County Extension Office. If you have never been certified or need to renew your license in order to purchase Restricted Use pesticides, please try to attend one of these sessions if possible. This training is only for Private Applicators-meaning you are only spraying for yourself and are not hired out. If you are being hired to spray then you would need to look at getting a Commercial Applicator certification. If you have questions or are unsure if you need to renew your certification, feel free to give us a call at 859-234-5510.



Harrison County Solid Waste Center – Update!

Expanded Recycling & Disposal Items Accepted - Beginning March 4th

Recycling Compactor (located left of the scales)

Items accepted: Plastic bottles, fruit cups, yogurt containers, tubs, & cartons. Glass bottles and jars (any color). Paper, cardboard, and metal cans. Spray bottles (remove nozzle before disposal)

Trash Disposal (located right of the scales – Dumpsters)

Instructions

Drive onto the scale to weigh your vehicle

Unload trash into the designate dumpsters (NOT beside them or into the pit)

Return vehicle to the scale for final weight and payment.

Cost: \$0.06 per pound (minimum of \$15)

Metal & Large Appliance Drop-Off (located at truck past Recycling Compactor)

Free Disposal

Items Accepted: Dryers, dehumidifiers, humidifiers, microwaves, ranges, refrigerators, washers, dishwashers, scrap metal, steel, copper, and aluminum. CRT televisions, monitors, UPS/Battery backups, fire extinguishers, propane tanks and oxygen tanks.

Electronic Recycling (Gaylords on Skids – Inside or in Front of Garage)

Beginning Tuesday March 4th, available every Tuesday & Thursday from 9 am to 3:30 pm.

Items Accepted: AC adaptors, analyzers/test equipment, calculators, cameras, camera equipment, CD players, DVD/VHS/Blu-Ray Players. Cell phones, telephones, office phones, computers, laptops, tablets, and all-in-one systems. Copiers, printers, scanners, fax machines, electronic exercise equipment, lawn equipment, electronic toys, gaming devices/consoles, hard drives, household electronics, ink/toner, keyboards, LCD monitors, mainframes, and medical devices. Mice, security equipment, servers, shredders, stereo equipment, vacuums, wires/cables/cords.

Items NOT accepted: Batteries, Fuel containers, gasoline, oil, oil-based paint, mercury-containing devices, syringes, medical waste, medication, tires.

Harrison County Solid Waste Center

155 Ky Hwy 32 W (Connersville Pike), Cynthia, KY 41031

Hours: Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 3:45 pm, Saturday 7:30 am – 11:45 am

For questions, call 859-298-2149 or Solid Waste Coordinator Michael Aldridge at 859-588-1780 during weekday business hours.



Harrison County Conservation District
Local Cost Share Application
103 Rodgers Park Drive
Cynthiana, KY 41031
859-234-5876 ext. 3

Backyard Conservation Program

The purpose of this program is to help Cynthiana/Harrison County homeowners promote the wise use of our soil and water resources. Rain barrels are an effective way to manage storm-water runoff and reduce the amount of pollutants that end up in our waterways; as well as reduce the demand on municipal water supplies because the water they store can be used for watering flowers, gardens and lawns, even in times of drought. Compost Bins are a great way to decrease the amount of yard trimmings and food waste going into landfills. Compost is a soil conditioner made up of decomposed organic material; it improves the soil's physical condition and fertility, and as a result improves aeration, root penetration, and water infiltration. Other conservation items may qualify for cost share such as: raised garden beds, bee hives, rain gardens, pollinator gardens, etc.

Eligibility

- 50/50 Cost Share Rate not to exceed \$200.00 (reimbursed 50% of expenses, up to \$200)
- One application per household

Requirements

- Application must be approved before starting project
- Project must be completed and receipts turned in by June 6, 2025
- Items may be purchased or constructed independently.
- Notify district when project is completed for a checkout, prior to reimbursement
- Submit receipts for payment request

Applications accepted until April 10, 2025; to be returned to the conservation district office at 103 Rodgers Park Dr. (USDA Service Center), Call Kayleigh Evans at 859-234-5876 or email at harrisoncountyconservationdist@gmail.com for any questions.

Applicant Information, all areas required.

Name (Please Print): _____ Phone#: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Planned Conservation Project Request: _____

I agree to the terms outlined above:

Applicant Signature

Date

Conservation District Signature

Date Received

App #

For Office Use Only

Amount Spent: \$ _____ Eligible Reimbursement (50% /\$200): \$ _____

Check # _____ Received by: _____ Date: _____



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Gateway and Barn Access Erosion Control Program

The purpose of this program is to help Harrison County landowners with the necessary means to repair gateways/barn entrances to reduce degradation, soil erosion and pollution.

Eligibility

- 50/50 Cost Share Rate not to exceed \$500.00 (Reimbursed 50% of expenses, up to \$500)
- One application per FSA farm number, Landowner, and/or Household
- Must have an active Ag Water Quality Plan
- Only gateways and barn access points eligible. Does NOT cover driveways

Requirements

- Application must be approved before starting project
- Project must be completed within 90 days after approval
- Must use Non-woven filter fabric
- Must install at least 6 inches of stone to secure fabric
- Ensure full coverage of filter fabric by the rock
- Notify district when project is completed for a checkout
- Submit receipts for a payment request
- Maintenance must be provided for 10 years

Applications Accepted until June 30, 2025; to be returned to the conservation district office at 103 Rodgers Park Dr. (USDA Service Center). Call Kayleigh Evans at 859-234-5876 ext 3 or email harrisoncountyconservationdist@gmail.com for any questions.

Applicant Name (please print)

FSA Farm #

Address City & Zip

Phone #

Email:

I agree to the terms outlined above:

Applicant Signature

Date

Conservation District Signature

Date Received

App #

For Office Use Only

Amount Spent: \$

Eligible Reimbursement (50% /\$500): \$

Check # Received by: Date: