Grayson County Cooperative Extension Service

# Agriculture Extension

# NEWS

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- Nov 15 | KSBA Fall Conference, Owensboro
- Jan 11- 13, 2026 | Fruit & Vegetable Conference, **Bowling Green**
- Jan 15, 2026 | KY Commodity Conference, **Bowling Green**
- Jan 15-16, 2026 | KY Cattlemen's Convention, Owensboro
- Feb Mar 2026 | marketing for all 3.0 course, Leitchfield

#### loan items

castration banders & bands cattle chute\* cattle scales freeze branding materials grain moisture tester hay moisture probe hay probe pH meter sheep shears soil penetrometer soil probe windrow moisture tester

#### monthly meetings

**Grayson County** Beekeeper's **Association**:

last Thursday of each month

**Grayson County** Cattlemen's **Association:** second Thursday of each month

Master Gardener **Association** of Grayson County: third Monday of each month

#### seasonal Information

- Plant Pathology **Publications**
- **Navigating Carbon Market Resource**
- Sanitation Practices for Disease Management in **Commercial Specialty Crop Production**
- **KY Grain Crops Website**
- **KY Bull Assessment Tool** (CAIP)
- **KY Pest News**

Is there a program or topic that you would like to learn more about? Contact us today to request pro



Whitney Carman, Grayson County Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources

#### Cooperative **Extension Service**

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## KY State Beekeepers Association Annual Fall Conference

November 15, 2025 | 8 AM - 5 PM CT

**Owensboro Community** & Technical College 4800 New Hartford Rd. Owensboro KY 42303

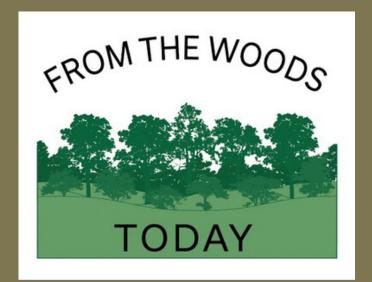
Cost: \$20 for KSBA and CKHP Members; \$30 for non-members

To register, scan the QR code, or visit

https://kybees.org/2025-Fall-Conference

### From the Woods Today

is a weekly internet show co-hosted by Renee' Williams and Billy Thomas and the UK Forestry and Natural Resources Extension team. From pest prevention while outdoors to wood expos, to mushroom varieties, to all variety of flora and fauna found in Kentucky, Williams and Thomas cover a wide range fascinating topics related to Kentucky's Natural Resources.



To tune in live or watch past episodes, visit

Full episodes can also be found on YouTube at

https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvOmkebY7k2XComjEPXPIIVnWOMV\_fCQh&si=8grb8wCV8qFkL\_IT

### **UK Beef Management Webinar Series**

November 13 | December 11 | January 8 | February 12 | March 12

Webinars start at 7 am CT

To register, email dbullock@uky.edu with subject line "Beef Webinar Series". Include your name and county in the message to receive a Zoom link and password the morning of the webinar. Those who have previously registered do not need to re-register.



Winter Feeding Approaches: Matching Strategy to Your Herd and Resources - Dr. Katie VanValin, Assistant Professor, **University of Kentucky** 

#### December 11

Shooting the Bull: Answering all your Beef-Related Questions! -Updates and Roundtable discussion



#### January 8

Making the Most of the Good Years: Profits, Reinvestment, and Tax Management in Beef Cattle - Jonathan Shepherd, Agricultural Extension Specialist, University of Kentucky



#### February 12

Impact of Bull Nutrition During Development on Semen Quality -Dr. Pedro Fontes, Associate Professor, University of Georgia



#### March 12

Bull Selection Practices in Kentucky: What are we Doing Right and What Could we Improve! - Dr. Darrh Bullock, Extension Professor, **University of Kentucky** 

### **Tri-County Winter Grain Day**

December 9, 2025 | 9 AM - 1 PM ET

To register, scan the QR code or call/text: 270-765-4121



#### Marketing Plans Risk Management

Dr. Grant Gardner Ag Economist, Grain Crops UK College of Ag Food & Environment



#### Seed & In-Furrow **Treatments Grain Update**

Dr. Chad Lee Grain Crops Specialist UK College of Ag Food & Environment



#### Ag Laws Right - of - Way **Pesticide Laws**

Clint Quarles Legal Counsel Kentucky Department of Agriculture

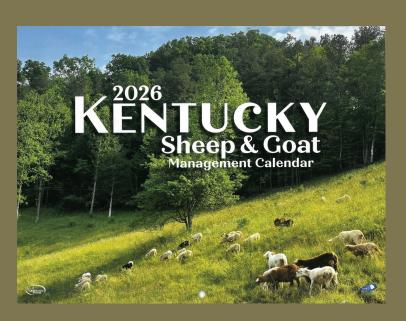


Register Here by December 5th: Or call/text: 270-765-4121 Lunch provided by Hardin County Grain Committee Hardin Co. Extension Office **111 Opportunity Way** Elizabethtown, KY 42701

#### **Limited Quantities Available**

A new batch of 2026 Kentucky Sheep and Goat Management Calendars have arrived at the Extension Office. Quantities are limited and available on a firstcome-first-served basis.

Pick up yours today at the Grayson County Extension Office



### **Grayson County Soybean Survey**

Survey open until 8am on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

With the recent announcement of China's agreement to buy more US soybeans, Chad Lee, the Director of Grain and Forage Center for Excellence at the University of Kentucky is hoping to gather information on how many Kentucky farmers have already harvested their soybean crop and how many have the ability to store soybeans on farms within their own county.

Your answers will provide UK with knowledge regarding how effective this new agreement will be in helping Kentucky farmers.

Take the Survey Here: <a href="https://uky.az1.qualtries.eom/jfe/form/SV\_1BP31Kf7w4jSbNe">https://uky.az1.qualtries.eom/jfe/form/SV\_1BP31Kf7w4jSbNe</a>

## master your marketing with

# marketing for all 3.0

Join the Center for Crop

Diversification for our 6-week

marketing course to develop and

refine your skills as a direct-to
consumer small-business marketer.

Farm Branding | 02-19-2026

Product & Brand Photography | 02-26-2026

Graphic Design for Marketing | 03-05-2026

Web Presence & Design | 03-12-2026

Online Sales & Strategies | 03-19-2026

Email Marketing | 03-26-2026

This course is designed to give you dedicated time to work on your farm marketing alongside the Center for Crop Diversification team and other growers in your area. It is designed to work for people at any stage of their farm business.

# Are you ready to take your marketing to the next level?

This in-depth marketing course is for Kentucky producers at any point in their business.



Lunch: 11:30 AM CST Educational Program: 12:00 - 2:00 PM CST

Grayson County Extension Office | 64 Quarry Road | Leitchfield, KY 42754

Contact: Whitney Carmen whitney.carman@uky.edu tel:12702593492





#### KENTUCKY SOYBEAN BOARD - FREE SOYBEAN CYST NEMATODE TESTING

Beginning in the Fall of 2019, the Kentucky Soybean Board funded a pilot program for free soybean cyst nematode (SCN) testing for Kentucky soybean farmers. This program is continuing for the 2021/2022 growing season. The Kentucky Soybean Board is working closely with University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension to implement this program. With this program, each county has a limited number of free samples. Farmers must contact their local County Extension Office for information on how to receive free SCN testing for one of their fields.

### HOW TO COLLECT SOIL SAMPLES FROM A FIELD FOR SOYBEAN CYST NEMATODE TESTING:

- Use a soil probe to collect soil 6 to 8 inches deep from at least 20 locations within the sampling area (i.e. 20 sub-samples).
- Follow a "zig-zag" pattern when sampling.
- If you are sampling a field that has most recently been in soybean, collect the soil cores from the soybean root zone area.
- Once the sub-samples have been collected, mix the contents in a bucket and immediately
  place at least one pint in a soil testing sample bag or in a double-plastic bag and then seal
  the bag.
- Mark the field name / sample number on the bag.
- Protect the sample from extreme heat. If not sending for analysis immediately, refrigerate sample until sending for analysis. Do not freeze sample.
- <u>Use the special Kentucky Soybean Board sample submission form for the free soybean</u> cyst nematode samples
- Send samples to: University of Illinois Plant Clinic, S-417 Turner Hall, 1102 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana, IL 61801. Tel: 217-333-0519.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SOYBEAN CYST NEMATODE VISIT:

The SCN Coalition at www.thescncoalition.com

<u>UK's Plant Pathology Resource at</u>

https://cropprotectionnetwork.org/publications/an-overview-of-soybean-cyst-nematode

