

# Bourbon County Cooperative Extension Service

## AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES NEWSLETTER

### Upcoming Dates

March 8th– Special Forage Seminar  
March 11th- National Ag Day Volunteer Training  
March 15th- National Ag Day presentation to schools  
March 17th- Cattle Handling & Care/BQA Training  
April 12th- Advanced Grazing School  
April 27th- CPH Sale Delivery  
April 28th- CPH Sale, Paris Stockyards  
May 1st- Phase I Cost Share Deadline  
May 9th– Farm Bureau Scholarship Application Due



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### KY Farm License Plate Voluntary Donation

The Kentucky 4-H Foundation is proud to be part of the Kentucky Farm License Plate Voluntary Donation Program. When renewing their license plates, Kentucky farmers can make a \$10 donation. In February 2012, Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture James Comer announced that for the first time, the proceeds from the program would be divided equally among Kentucky 4-H, FFA, and Kentucky Proud. The 4-H share for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 was \$180,119.05. These funds benefit all levels of Kentucky 4-H. The Kentucky 4-H Foundation splits the donations equally between the county from which the funds originated and the Foundation itself. The Foundation uses its half to support state level programs. The other half supports county programs where the donation originated, making this a great opportunity for local 4-H councils, clubs, and members to increase financial support for their program.

*Please consider making a \$10 donation as you renew your Kentucky Farm License Plates.  
Your support is greatly appreciated! Thank you!*

### Tobacco GAP Certification 2016

The Tobacco GAP training for Bourbon County was held in conjunction with the tobacco meeting in Harrison County. This training is required for anyone that plans to sell tobacco in 2016. If you were not able to attend this training and have not received your 2016 Tobacco GAP Training please contact the office to let us know. A video training will be available later this month and a training will be scheduled at a later date. To receive this information it is important to sign up with the office.

### Cattle Handling & Care, BQA

**Bourbon County Fairgrounds**

**March 17th 5:30-7:30 PM Cost: \$5 per person**

**Training will update your BQA certification and cover your educational requirement for the CAIP program.**

**Registration is required by March 14th, as a meal will be served**



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## Cost Share Update

As you complete your Phase I projects, please remember the cost share deadline is **May 1<sup>st</sup> 2016**. The Ag Development Council will meet monthly to review projects and present to fiscal court for payment. The next Ag Development Council meeting is scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup> and applications will go before fiscal court on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

If you have already submitted your project, it is being processed at this time.

If you do not plan to use your cost-share funds, please contact the office to let us know. As always, if you have questions regarding program requirements it is always best to call and ask ahead of time. The May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline is quickly approaching!

### Reminders for turning in completed projects:

- Projects must be complete in order to be approved by Ag Development Council.
- Required documents are listed on the front page of each program guideline sheet and available at the office.
- *Cancelled checks are required.* Banks typically do not mail physical checks anymore, however; you may get a copy of the check once it has cleared at a bank location or print a copy from your online banking portal
- If you do not have a smart phone or digital camera, I am happy to visit your farm and take pictures of your completed project for you. Call to schedule a farm visit! You can email pictures of your completed project to [kimberly.poe@uky.edu](mailto:kimberly.poe@uky.edu)

## Soil Testing

If you have not already taken soil tests for the year now is the time to do so. Soon, the lab will be busy with the spring rush. Soil test bags are available at the Extension Office.

Along with your sample, we will ask you for additional information including: sample name, number of acres, previous crop, crop you are planting and drainage. Most soil in Bourbon County is Moderately Well Drained.

Reminder: Soil testing is free for Bourbon County farms.

## National Ag Day

National Ag Day is a day to celebrate Agriculture!

This year National Ag Day is March 15<sup>th</sup>. In Bourbon County we celebrate National Ag Day in a big way. Bourbon County Farm Bureau and the Bourbon County Extension office works with volunteers and various organizations throughout our community to visit over 30 classrooms, reaching nearly 700 students at every grade school.

Volunteers visit each classroom to read a book and follow a lesson plan about a different agriculture entity each year. This year, the topic is 'Farmers Market'. A book will be provided to each classroom and students will get to experience a lesson provided by homemakers, 4H leaders, Farm Bureau members and mostly importantly, Farmers in our community.

If you would like to volunteer to read a book, lead a lesson or simply be a helper in a classroom, please contact the extension office. I am coordinating volunteers for the entire day and your help making this year a success would be greatly appreciated! A volunteer training will be provided on March 11<sup>th</sup> for anyone interested and needing additional guidance.

# Livestock Indemnity Program Information

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to eligible producers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather and attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law. LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to hurricanes, floods, blizzards, wildfires, extreme heat or extreme cold.

For 2016, eligible losses must occur on or after Jan. 1, 2016, and before December 31, 2016. A notice of loss must be filed with FSA within 30 days of when the loss of livestock is apparent. Participants must provide the following supporting documentation to their local FSA office no later than 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year for which benefits are requested: Proof of death documentation, Copy of grower's contracts, Proof of normal mortality documentation.

Producers who suffer livestock losses in 2016 must file both of the following: A notice of loss the earlier of 30 calendar days of when the loss was apparent or by January 30, 2017 and an application for payment by January 30, 2017.

To be eligible for LIP, a livestock producer must have legally owned the eligible livestock on the day the livestock died. The livestock must have died as a direct result of an eligible adverse weather event occurring, no later than 60 calendar days from the ending date of the applicable adverse weather event. Livestock must have been maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation on the day they died and. Excluded livestock includes wild free roaming animals and pets or animals used for recreational purposes, such as hunting, roping or for show.

Livestock owners should record all information of livestock death losses due to bad weather and attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law. Documentation of the number and kind of livestock that have died can include photographs or video records to document the loss, dated if possible, Purchase records, veterinarian records, production records, bank or other loan documents, written contracts, records assembled for tax purposes and private insurance information. The quantity and kind of livestock that died as a direct result of the eligible event may be documented by rendering truck receipts or certificates and production records as well.

For more information on this program, please contact your local FSA office. Farm record and calving pocket record books are available at the Extension Office.

# Kentucky Grazing School

*Austin Sexten, Master Grazing Coordinator, University of Kentucky*

This year the spring grazing school will be held on **May 17-18, 2016** at Woodford County Extension Office and the Oran C. Little Research Center in Versailles, KY. This two-day program will include hands-on exercises, such as building temporary paddocks and watering systems, assessing pasture production, and designing your own grazing systems. Classroom sessions include a variety of topics regarding forages, animal management, and grazing systems. Emphasis will be on spring and summer grazing management for ruminant species.

Anyone interested in this program may apply, but a limited number of applicants will be accepted, so apply early. Past participants have included new farmers to experienced grazers and all have gained new information and practical skills to implement on their operations. All grazing school participants have indicated that attending this program motivated them to make changes to their grazing systems to improve their operations and increase production.

*Pre-registration* is required for the grazing school as enrollment is limited to the first 45 who register.

The \$50.00 registration fee includes all materials, grazing manuals, breaks, and lunch both days. Contact Austin Sexten, Master Grazer coordinator to register at (859) 257-7512 or [austin.sexten@uky.edu](mailto:austin.sexten@uky.edu).

# Bourbon County Farm Bureau Scholarship

Applications and details for the Bourbon County Farm Bureau Scholarship are available at the Extension Office. The deadline for this scholarship will be **Monday, May 9th.**



# Special Forage Seminar

## *New Forage Varieties: Application on Your Farm*



Tuesday, March 8, 2016

6:30pm

### Keynote: Dr. Joe Bouton

Dr. Joe Bouton is known worldwide for his practical approach to forage breeding. His focus has been to develop varieties that are adapted and persistent and that make a profit for farmers across the southeast. Through his work at the University of Georgia and the Noble Foundation, he has released more groundbreaking forages varieties than any other breeder in the last 25 years, including Alfragraze alfalfa, MaxQ tall fescue and Durana and Patriot white clover. Chris Agee will emphasize the importance of seed quality for novel tall fescue varieties and Dr. Smith will show how to select proven forage varieties for Kentucky farms.



**Location:** E.S. Good Barn  
1451 University Drive  
Lexington, KY 40546



#### Schedule:

- 6:30 Registration and refreshments  
*Sponsored by Pennington Seed and Kentucky Forage and Grassland Council*
- 7:00 Welcome
- 7:10 Dr. Joe Bouton  
*Professor Emeritus, UGA*
- 8:00 Chris Agee  
*Research Director, Pennington Seed*
- 8:30 Dr. Ray Smith  
*Forage Specialist, University of Kentucky*

RSVP to <http://ForageSeminar.Eventbrite.com> or 859-257-0597



### BASIC BUDGET BITES

Use these tips *after* grocery shopping:

- Store food right away in the refrigerator or freezer to keep it fresh and safe.
- If you buy a large amount of fresh food, such as meat, poultry, or fish, split it into meal-size packages, label the food, and freeze for later use.
- Use foods with the earliest use by dates first.

Source: USDA Eat Right When Money's Tight

### SMART TIPS: STORE FOOD SAFELY



Follow these simple tips to keep food safe when storing:

1. Always refrigerate perishable food within 2 hours — 1 hour when the temperature is above 90 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Cook or freeze fresh poultry, fish, ground meats, and variety meats within 2 days.
3. Cook beef, veal, lamb, or pork within 3 to 5 days.
4. To keep quality when freezing meat and poultry in its original package, wrap the package again with foil or plastic wrap that is designed for the freezer.

Source: USDA



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