# **Bourbon County Cooperative Extension Service**

## **AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES NEWSLETTER**



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### MONEY FOR ON-FARM INVESTMENTS AVAILABLE...



Applications available at: Bourbon County Extension Office 603 Millersburg Road Paris, KY 40361 (859) 987-1895 Bourbon.ext@uky.edu

All applications are scored, based on the scoring criteria set by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board.

### MONEY FOR YOUTH AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS



#### **Bourbon County Extension Office**

603 Millersburg Road Paris, KY 40361 859-987-1895 Bourbon.ext@uky.edu

Applicants must be 9-18 years old and meet all requirements as stated in program guidelines. All eligible approved applicants are eligible for prorated funding at completion of program.

### COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM (CAIP)

Applications will be available for Bourbon County's CAIP to assist farmers in making important on-farm investments.

#### Application Period:

September 21<sup>st</sup> – October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 No applications will be accepted after October 13th

#### Application Availability:

Bourbon County Extension Office Monday – Friday (8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. closed for lunch 12:30 - 1:30 daily).

#### For More Information:

Contact Belinda Graves at 859-707-7893 or email: blgbag1984@yahoo.com.

#### No Informational Meeting

## 2023 YOUTH AGRICULTURAL **INCENTIVE PROGRAM (YAIP)**

Program focus is for youth to develop agriculture projects and strength partnerships with school ag programs, cooperative extension & 4-H/FFA organizations.

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# 4-H Youth Development Community and Economic Development

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# 33rd Annual ELITE BRED HEIFER SALE®

Presented by Bourbon County Livestock Improvement Association WEBSITE: <u>www.eliteheifer.com</u> Virtual Sale Available (Download Form on Website)

# Monday, November 6, 2023 Sale 6:00 PM E.D.T.

Inspection 1:00-5:00 PM E.D.T.







 Approximately 300 heifers available - approximately 150 AI (Angus & Angus X, Charolais X, Simmental X, Red Angus)

- ✓ All heifers calfhood vaccinated
- $\checkmark$  All heifers have tested negative for **BVD**, **PI**
- $\checkmark$  Sale lots will be grouped to calve in 45 days
- ✓ Lots can be viewed online at www.eliteheifer.com
- ✓ Heifers bred to calving ease bulls with EPD's available, some bred AI
- ✓ Heifers have met minimum pelvic measurement requirements
- ✓ Heifers have met target weight requirements for their breed types
- ✓ Fall health work completed (Bovi Shield Gold 5 FPL5 & Pour-on wormer, 45 days before sale)
- ✓ All heifers meet Large or Medium frame
- ✓ No shorts, bad eyes, no horns, no rat tails (Inspected by Ky Dept of Ag)
- ✓ All heifers are Source Verified AND Electronically Identified
- ✓ FREE DELIVERY OF 10 OR MORE HEAD, UP TO 500 MILES
- ✓ Heifers owned and managed under Elite Heifer guidelines since 12/1/2022
- ✓ All heifers guaranteed pregnant 60 days post sale. Heifers may be palpated by a licensed veterinarian up to 60 days post sale and buyer be refunded \$5.00/head for heifers palpated
- ✓ Heifers qualify for CAIP Program

Sponsored by: Southern States – Paris Purina Select Sires Zoetis Sale Location: Paris Stockyards US 68 North Sponsored by: Central KY Ag Credit Farm Credit Mid-America Peoples Exchange Bank Traditional Bank

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Bourbon County Extension Office – 859-987-1895 or Toll Free 1-888-317-2555 SALE DAY PHONE: 859-987-1977

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# Beef Cattle SEDSTOCK SYMPOSIUM

INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE

OCTOBER Fayette County Kentucky Extension Office, Lexington, KY 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

OCTOBER Barren County Kentucky Extension Office, Glasgow,

> KY 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

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Middle Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center, Spring Hill, TN 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

MORE INFORMATION

This program is designed for seedstock producers that are marketing bulls to commercial and/or other seedstock producers. The cost for each location is \$25. To register for the Lexington, KY event please go to https://www.eventbrite.com/e/70 9667262887?aff=oddtdtcreator

College of Agriculture, Food and Environment

To register for the Glasgow, KY event please go to https://www.eventbrite.com/e/70 9673651997?aff=oddtdtcreator

To register for Spring Hill, TN event please go to https://www.eventbrite.com/e/70 9676941837?aff=oddtdtcreator

Eventbrite will have more information for each location.

#### QUESTIONS

If you have any questions or would like a paper registration email Maggie.Ginn@uky.edu.





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### **Grazing Conference** Low Stress Livestock Handling for Serious Graziers October 31, 2023 November 1, 2023 Elizabethtown Lexington Hardin County Extension Office Fayette County Extension Office 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM EDT 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM CDT **Reducing Livestock Stress in Grazing Systems** Curt Pate, Curt Pate Stockmanship Fencing for Multi-Species Grazing Lewis Sapp, Stay-Tuff Fence **Designing Flexible Watering Systems** Jeff Lehmkuhler, University of Kentucky **Designing Livestock Handling Facilities for** Existing Structures Chris McBurney, McBurney Livestock Equipment Local Producers and Spokesperson Contest **Optimizing Resources with Multi-Species** Grazing

Greg Brann, Greg Brann Consulting

For more information please visit KFGC.ORG



### Organized and Sponsored by the Kentucky Forage and Grassland Council, UK Cooperative Extension Service, and the Master Grazer Program

This program is designed for producers and agricultural professionals to learn the newest fencing methods and sound fencing construction through a combination of classroom and hands-on learning

WHEN:	November 7-Scott County, KY November 9-Caldwell County, KY		N
WHERE:	Scott County Extension Office 1130 Cincinnati Road Georgetown, KY 40324		02
	Kentucky Soybean Board Office 1000 Highway 62 West Princeton, KY 42445		3 Ke
COST: \$3	5/participant includes notebook, refreshments, safety		
gl	asses, hearing protection, and catered lunch	High tensile and	t
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Registrati	on by U.S. Mail: Christi Forsythe UK Research and Education Center P.O. Box 469 Princeton, KY, 42445	Space is LIMITED	ncii
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Kentucky Master Grazer Educational Program



# 2023 Kentucky Fencing School Agenda

7:30	Registration and Refreshments	
8:15	Welcome and Overview of the Day – Chris Teutsch, UK	
8:30	Fencing Types and Costs - Morgan Hayes, UK	
9:00	Fence Construction Basics – Eric Miller and Payton Rushing, Stay-Tuff	
	Perimeter fences vs. cross fences	(PPI)
	<ul> <li>Fencing options on rented farms</li> </ul>	Bar
	Proper brace construction	4
	Line posts and fence construction	
9:45	Break - visit with sponsors and presenters	
10:15	Electric Fencing Basics - Jeremy McGill, Gallagher	
	<ul> <li>Proper energizer selection and grounding</li> </ul>	
	Proper high tensile fence construction and wire insulation	
	Electric offset wires for non-electric fences	-
	<ul> <li>Underground wires and jumper wires</li> </ul>	
11:00	Innovations in Fencing Technologies - Josh Jackson, UK	
	Wireless fences, fence monitoring, fence mapping	
11:30	Overview of Kentucky Fence Law - Clint Quarles, KDA	
12:15	Catered Lunch - visit with sponsors and presenters	
1:00	Hands-on Fence Building	11.12
	<ul> <li>Safety, fence layout, and post driving demo - Jody Watson and Tucker LaForce, ACI</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>H-brace construction - Jeremy McGill, Gallagher &amp; Eric Miller and Payton Rushing, Stay-Tuff</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Knot tying, splices, and insulator installation - Jeremy McGill, Gallagher &amp; Eric Miller &amp; Payton Rushing, Stay-Tuff</li> </ul>	a later
	<ul> <li>Installation of Stay-Tuff Fixed Knot Fence - Eric Miller and Payton Rushing, Stay-Tuff</li> </ul>	and the second
	<ul> <li>Installation of High Electrified Tensile Fencing - Jeremy McGill, Gallagher</li> </ul>	
4:30	Questions, Survey and Wrap-up	









# **Do Smoky Skies Reduce Crop Yield?**

Smoke from forest fires in Canada recently produced hazy conditions in parts of the Midwest, the East and the Mid-South. Smoke and haze reduce the solar radiation reaching the earth's surface. Will this reduction reduce crop yields? This is a logical question given that photosynthesis produces yield and the energy to drive photosynthesis comes from solar radiation. Reducing solar radiation should reduce yield right? It's not that simple. Yes, the reduction in solar radiation will reduce photosynthesis, but that doesn't automatically translate into lower vield. First, the relationship between solar radiation levels and photosynthesis is not a straightline relationship (to put it another way, the relationship curves over as solar radiation increases), so the decrease in photosynthesis is less than the decrease in solar radiation. For example, in a field experiment with soybean, 63% shade (much much greater than reductions from smoke and haze) from planting to maturity only reduced the yield by 50%. The solar radiation – photosynthesis relationship in corn is closer to a straight line, but still the reduction in photosynthesis from a 20% reduction in solar radiation, for example, would by less than 20%. Secondly, smoky conditions increase the proportion of solar radiation that is diffuse (as opposed to direct radiation). Diffuse radiation occurs when the radiation from the sun bounces off the dust, smoke particulate matter, and other pollutants in the air and arrives at the surface from all directions (direct radiation comes in a straight line from the sun). Diffuse radiation penetrates farther into the plant canopy resulting in a more even distribution of radiation over the leaves and higher photosynthesis. The benefits of diffuse radiation may be larger on the relative compact soybean canopy compared with the more upright leaves in the corn canopy. Finally, reduced solar radiation will reduce water use (evapotranspiration, ET), which could be a positive effect for fields experiencing drought stress. The first step in the ET process is the conversion of water from a liquid to vapor which requires energy from the sun, so reducing solar radiation could reduce ET. Any reduction in ET would probably be relatively small and may be important only in marginal situations when the

crop is just beginning to experience drought stress. Reductions in photosynthesis during vegetative growth rarely carry over to yield unless there are large reductions in plant size. Lower photosynthesis during vegetative growth will reduce plant size and leaf area; if this reduction is large enough to reduce solar radiation interception during reproductive growth, yield will be reduced. If not, the smaller plants will not result in lower vield. When we shaded sovbean communities (30 and 63% shade) in the field from planting to growth stage R1 (initial bloom), total plant dry weight at R1 was reduced by 20 (30% shade) and 42 (63% shade) %, but there was no effect on yield. The smaller plants still intercepted all of the solar radiation, so size did not affect yield. The overall effect of smoky skies on crop vield is the result of one negative effect (less solar radiation and less photosynthesis), one positive effect (more diffusive radiation and higher photosynthesis) and one possible positive indirect effect (reduction in drought stress). The combined effect on yield is hard to predict as it depends on how much smoke and haze is in the sky (how much the solar radiation is reduced and the proportion of diffuse radiation is increased), the water status of the crop and how long and when (before or after flowering) the smoke and the reduction in photosynthesis occurs. At this point in the growing season, most of the smoky days occurred during vegetative growth, so, my best guess is that yield potential of corn and soybean has not been affected. I don't think smoke is worth worrying about unless we get a lot more smoke later this summer and, even then, its usually better not to worry too much about things we can't control. Practicing up on your rain dance might be a better strategy this year if you are going for maximum yield.



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# Plate It Up Kentucky Proud Recipe



## Fall Spiced Pumpkin Bread

½ cup all-purpose flour
1¼ cup whole-wheat flour
1½ teaspoons baking powder

1 teaspoon baking soda

2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice ½ teaspoon salt ½ cup melted margarine ½ cup sugar

on salt <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup olive oil Ited **2** eggs le **7**/<sub>3</sub> cup chopped yar walnuts and cover with foil. Return to oven and bake an additional 20 minutes

1/2 cup honey

2 cups pumpkin puree

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Mix flours, baking powder, baking soda, pumpkin spice and salt; set aside. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together margarine, sugar, honey, pumpkin puree and olive oil. Blend in eggs. Add flour mixture. Stir until dry ingredients are moistened. Spray a 8-by-4 inch loaf pan with non-stick cooking spray. Pour batter into pan; sprinkle walnuts on top of batter. Bake for 1 hour. Remove from oven

and **cover** with foil. **Return** to oven and **bake** an additional 20 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. **Cool** for 10 minutes and **remove** from pan.

Yield: 16 slices

Nutritional Analysis: 220 calories, 13 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 30 mg cholesterol, 270 mg sodium, 26 g carbohydrate, 1 g fiber, 14 g sugars, 4 g protein.



