

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AGRICULTURE

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For questions about a specific event, please use contact information provided with each event or announcement.

Did you know...?

March 10-16 is Groundwater Awareness Week in Kentucky

The Kentucky Division of Water (DOW) is recognizing Groundwater Awareness Week by emphasizing the importance of groundwater to communities, as well as actions Kentuckians can take to protect this vital natural resource.

Groundwater Awareness Week is an excellent time to become informed on local groundwater and watershed issues. Collaboration among individual citizens, local governments and industry is the key to effective management of our groundwater resources. Find ways you can become part of the solution to protect and improve water resources in Kentucky.



For more information about groundwater, well maintenance, groundwater protection plans and wellhead protection, visit <http://water.ky.gov/groundwater>.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUNDING :: GROWING KENTUCKY AGRICULTURE UPDATE

Growing Kentucky Agriculture is an effort of the Kentucky Center of Agriculture and Rural Development (KCARD), supported in part by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund.

The following funding notices were shared by Growing Kentucky Agriculture. They remind potential applicants to review all funding opportunities carefully to ensure that the organization's and applicant's goals, interests and objectives are aligned.

Conservation Innovation Grants (deadline April 26): Designed to stimulate the development, adoption and evaluation of innovative conservation approaches and technologies related to water quality, soil quality and agriculture energy. State and local government agencies, nonprofits and individuals are eligible applicants. <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ky/programs/financial/cig/>

Farm to School Grants (deadline April 24): Provides competitive grants to assist eligible entities in implementing farm to school programs that improve access to local foods in eligible schools. Must register with and apply through grants.gov. http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/f2s/f2_2013_grant_program.htm

To sign up for notices from Growing Kentucky Agriculture, contact Aleta Botts, project facilitator, at botts@growkentuckyag.com.

RESOURCES :: NEW LOAN GUIDE AVAILABLE

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has just released a new guide to help people understand the loan programs it offers to farmers.

To view or download the guide, visit http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/fsa_br_01_web_booklet.pdf

SCHOLARSHIPS :: BTGCA STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

DEADLINE: April 1, 2013 (postmark)

The Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association is offering four \$1,000 scholarships to students for the 2013-2014 school year. Applicants with a tobacco farming background will receive preference. Awards will be announced April 25. Rules and application are available on-line at www.burleytobacco.com/news.shtml or by calling the BTGCA office at (859) 252-3561.

USDA :: NONINSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP) DEADLINES APPROACHING

Deadlines: March 15, 2013

NAP helps producers reduce their risk when growing food and fiber crops, specialty crops, and crops for livestock feed. These benefits are only available for crops for which crop insurance is not available. Contact your local FSA Service Center for additional information.

Crops with March 15 as the application deadline for NAP are beans, beets, broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupe, carrots, cauliflower, corn, corn-hybrid seed, cucumbers, eggplant, gourds, greens, herbs, lettuce, onions, peas, peppers, popcorn, potatoes, pumpkins, radish, sorghum, sorghum-grain, soybeans, squash, strawberries, sunflowers, sweet potatoes, tobacco-burley, tobacco-dark air, tobacco-fire cured, tomatoes, turnips and watermelons.

2013 EVENTS

March 9

Bluegrass Beekeeping School

Kentucky State University, Bradford Hall, Frankfort (8 a.m. registration; 9 a.m. program EST): Thirty-one different beekeeping topics will be offered at this one-day event. The event also includes a vendors' trade show, as well as a wide range of complimentary activities offered by the Capital City Beekeepers Association for attendees and their families. **Cost:** \$30 per person at the door, includes lunch. For the program or directions, visit http://www.ksbabeeking.org/?page_id=54.

March 9

30th Annual Fayette County Farm Bureau Farm Equipment Consignment Auction

Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington (9:30 a.m. EST): All proceeds from the auction benefit the Fayette County scholarship program. Since 1996, Fayette County Farm Bureau has awarded 28 scholarships to high school seniors, totaling more than \$587,000 in scholarship monies. Tractors, boats, hay balers, trailers, and a wide array of farm, lawn and garden equipment will be on sale at the auction. A \$5.00 Parking Fee will be charged by the Horse Park the day of the sale. For more information, contact Carrie Johnson at the Fayette County Farm Bureau by calling (859) 253-0023 or "Like" Fayette County Farm Bureau on Facebook for information updates.

March 10

Daylight Saving Time Begins (2 a.m.)

Visit <http://www.greenwichmeantime.com/time-zone/rules/usa/> to learn more about Daylight Saving Time.

March 11

U.S. Tobacco GAP training

Christian County Extension Office, Hopkinsville (1 p.m. CDT): U.S. Tobacco GAP training covers topics that ensures farmers are utilizing sound agricultural practices that promote environmental stewardship, enhance worker safety, and maintain production efficiencies all while continuing to produce a high-quality tobacco crop. This streamlined program will be accepted by all tobacco companies, ensuring all growers only have to attend one training per year.

Training is conducted by UK Extension Service, mainly tobacco extension specialists; the training is being offered in multiple times in various locations across the state. For more information about this session, call (270) 886-6328. Visit <http://www.uky.edu/Ag/Tobacco/> for additional dates, locations and information about tobacco production.

March 12

U.S. Tobacco GAP training

Logan County Extension Office, Russellville (2 p.m. CDT): U.S. Tobacco GAP training covers topics that ensures farmers are utilizing sound agricultural practices that promote environmental stewardship, enhance worker safety, and

maintain production efficiencies all while continuing to produce a high-quality tobacco crop. This streamlined program will be accepted by all tobacco companies, ensuring all growers only have to attend one training per year. Training is conducted by UK Extension Service, mainly tobacco extension specialists; the training is being offered in multiple times in various locations across the state.

For more information about this session, call (270) 726-6323. Visit <http://www.uky.edu/Ag/Tobacco/> for additional dates, locations and information about tobacco production.

March 13

Ag Legacy Field Day: High Tunnel Workday and Fish Fry

10494 Battlefield Memorial Highway, Berea (noon – 3 p.m. EDT): Learn how and help to install plastic on a high tunnel and participate in a workshop on high tunnel production led by Janet Meyers of Berea College Gardens. **Cost:** lunch cost based on donations. All proceeds benefit Veterans Community Garden Projects in Berea. RSVP to Carolyn@cfaky.rog.

March 14

U.S. Tobacco GAP training

Hart County Fairgrounds Agricultural Center, Rowletts (5 p.m. CDT): U.S. Tobacco GAP training covers topics that ensures farmers are utilizing sound agricultural practices that promote environmental stewardship, enhance worker safety, and maintain production efficiencies all while continuing to produce a high-quality tobacco crop. This streamlined program will be accepted by all tobacco companies, ensuring all growers only have to attend one training per year. Training is conducted by UK Extension Service, mainly tobacco extension specialists; the training is being offered in multiple times in various locations across the state.

For more information about this session, call (270) 524-2451. Visit <http://www.uky.edu/Ag/Tobacco/> for additional dates, locations and information about tobacco production.

March 21

Kentucky: Here We Grow Business

Buffalo Trace Area Development District, 201 Government Street, Suite 300, Maysville (9 a.m. - noon EDT): The Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development is partnering with a number of local, state and federal organizations to host a series of free seminars designed to educate small business owners and entrepreneurs on resources available to help them start, grow and sustain their businesses, including exporting, accessing loans, tax credits and government procurement. **Cost:** Free; registration at the door. For more information, call (800) 626-2930.

Information on available development sites, workforce training, incentive programs, community profiles, small business development and other resources is available at www.ThinkKentucky.com.

March 21

Kentucky: Here We Grow Business

FIVCO Area Development District, 32 FIVCO Court, Grayson (1 – 4 p.m. EDT): The Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development is partnering with a number of local, state and federal organizations to host a series of free seminars designed to educate small business owners and entrepreneurs on resources available to help them start, grow and sustain their businesses, including exporting, accessing loans, tax credits and government procurement. **Cost:** Free; registration at the door. For more information, call (800) 626-2930.

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March 21

Strategies for Maximizing the Grazing Season

Anderson County Extension Office, 1026 County Park Road, Lawrenceburg (8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. EDT): Extension Forage Specialist Dr. Garry Lacefield will moderate the session. Topics to be covered include extending the grazing season, minimizing stored feed, nutritional value of alternative forages and much more. **Cost:** \$10, includes lunch. For more information, call your local cooperative extension office.

March 22

Grant Workshop

Morehead State University Farm, Morehead (9 a.m. – 3 p.m. EDT): Hosted by KCARD's Ag. Grant Facilitation Program, this event will cover preparation strategies and opportunities for Kentucky agricultural producers and rural

businesses. This workshop is for anyone interested in learning more about how to find and secure funding opportunities; how to prepare strong applications; or how to connect with other resources available. **Cost:** FREE, lunch provided. **Pre-registration required.** For more information or to pre-register, contact Aleta Botts at (859) 951-8328 or botts@growkentuckyag.com.

To learn more about the Kentucky Agribusiness Grant Facilitation Program, visit www.growkentuckyag.com.

April 4

UK Climate Change Forum: Values, National Security & Free Enterprise

UK Student Center Ballroom, Lexington (7 p.m. EDT): Featured speakers for the event are Katharine Hayhoe, associate professor at Texas Tech University; Brigadier General (retired) Steven M. Anderson, chief marketing officer at Relyant; and Bob Inglis, director of Energy and Enterprise Initiative. Hosted by the UK College of Agriculture, the Tracy Farmer Institute for Sustainability & the Environment, the Student Sustainability Council, the UK Invasive Species Working Group and the Kentucky Exotic Pest Plant Council.

The event will be live-streamed at <http://ustream.tv/kyclimateforum>. For more information about the conference surrounding this event, visit http://www2.ca.uky.edu/environment/enviro_event_2013.

April 9

FDA, USDA Public Meeting: Food-Animal Producers, Veterinarians

Bowling Green, Ky.: The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS) are jointly sponsoring a series of public meetings to provide opportunities to discuss and provide critical feedback on the challenges faced by livestock producers and veterinarians as FDA phases in veterinary oversight of the therapeutic use of certain medically important antimicrobials. The meetings are intended to provide a forum to discuss potential challenges faced by animal producers in areas that may lack access to adequate veterinary services and to explore possible options for minimizing adverse impacts.

For the full announcement, visit <http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/NewsEvents/CVMUpdates/ucm342478.htm>.

FDA will also seek public input and additional feedback through other forums, such as webinars, as it works collaboratively with USDA, veterinary and producer organizations to address this important issue. Comments also may be made to the FDA Docket No. FDA-2012-N-1046 at any time.

April 18

Kentucky: Here We Grow Business

Gateway Area Development District, 110 Lake Park Drive, Morehead (9 a.m. - noon EDT): The Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development is partnering with a number of local, state and federal organizations to host a series of free seminars designed to educate small business owners and entrepreneurs on resources available to help them start, grow and sustain their businesses, including exporting, accessing loans, tax credits and government procurement. **Cost:** Free; registration at the door. For more information, call (800) 626-2930.

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April 18

Kentucky: Here We Grow Business

Kentucky River Area Development District, 917 Perry Park Road, Hazard (2 – 5 p.m. EDT): The Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development is partnering with a number of local, state and federal organizations to host a series of free seminars designed to educate small business owners and entrepreneurs on resources available to help them start, grow and sustain their businesses, including exporting, accessing loans, tax credits and government procurement. **Cost:** Free; registration at the door. For more information, call (800) 626-2930.

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Need more coverage for your event?

Visit the Kentucky Department of Travel's industry site (www.KentuckyTourism.com/industry) to upload brief information about your activities and attractions. Travel depends on those in tourism and agritourism to populate their events listings, so this is a great opportunity to cross promote to the travel market. Click on the above link and the click on the "extranet" link on the right and follow the directions.

FARMERS' MARKET NEWS

Have news about your community farmers' market to share? E-mail sandra.gardner@ky.gov for an opportunity to list your market's information here.

BLUEGRASS FARMERS' MARKET, INC.

We are closed for the 2012 season. We would like to thank all our customers who helped make this a wonderful market season. We anticipate reopening on April 13, 2013 in the parking lot of "Pedal the Planet" and "Fast Signs," at 3450 Richmond Road, in Lexington (between "Glenn Auto Mall" and Squires Road). As the season progresses, we anticipate opening a second market site near the Mill Pond Center (Man 'O War Blvd. and Boston Rd.), based on customer requests and vendor availability.

We are a "100% KY PROUD grower/producer market." The market is WIC and Sr. FMNP approved. Resale of purchased or out-of-state products or produce is not allowed. Please DO NOT expect to find produce that is not yet available at this stage of the Kentucky growing season!

WE HAVE OPENINGS FOR NEW VENDORS! Our market web site is at <http://www.bluegrassfarmersmarket.org/> and our market blog is available at <http://www.localharvest.org/blog/29529>. For more information, or to learn how to join our market, please contact Judi Blake, caludib@windstream.net or (859) 229-2787 or (859) 333-4943.

RADIO/TV BROADCASTS

"Across Kentucky" with Mike Feldhaus

This daily, 3-minute radio show is heard on 125 stations.

Listen to each daily program on-line at <http://kyfbnewsroom.com/category/podcasts/across-kentucky/>.

Jean-Marie Ag Show

Join host Jean-Marie Lawson for the most up-to-date news in agriculture, especially as it affects south central Kentucky. Mondays at 8:30 a.m. on WKCT 930 AM and WCLU 1490 AM.

Listen on-line at www.93wkct.com. For more information visit <http://lawsonmarketingconsultants.com/jean-marie-ag-show.html>.

Kentucky Proud Farmers' Market Report

Join Bob Perry and Mike Graves for what's going on in Kentucky's farmers markets and cooking tips. Airs on WUKY (91.3 FM) Fridays at noon and Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.

Sheep & Goat Show (Radio)

America's Web Radio (noon on Thursdays): Join Kentucky's very own Ray Bowman, executive director of the Kentucky Sheep & Goat Development Office, as he hosts the Sheep & Goat Show on Web radio. Visit [America's Web Radio](#) to listen in each Thursday.

Ag Connections

John hosts Joanna Coles and Joe Duncan for the latest news and issues facing the agriculture community on the local, state and national levels. Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. on WKCT 930 AM .

Listen on-line at www.93wkct.com.

Jeff Nalley's Daily Farm Broadcast

Listen to Farm Director Jeff Nalley's Daily Farm Broadcast, to better serve farmers in Kentucky on Cromwell Ag Radio Network Stations including:
WBIO Owensboro WKMQ Elizabethtown
WHHT Glasgow WHOP Hopkinsville
WSON Henderson

For more information on the 11 stations broadcasted in western Kentucky e-mail Jeff Nalley at jeffnalley@earthlink.net.

KFB's Bluegrass & Backroads

Sundays

KETKY 7:30 a.m. and 10 p.m. ET

Tuesdays

KETKY 12:30 p.m. ET

Wednesdays

(beginning May 2) RFD-TV 2:00 p.m., 12:00 a.m. ET
KET 12:30 a.m. ET

Thursdays

KETKY 8:30 p.m. ET

Fridays

KETKY 7:30 a.m. ET

Saturdays

KET2 5:30 p.m. ET

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