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Agent Remarks

Its been a bit since I have been able to get a newsletter out.

Between traveling a bit and the normal workload of the growing season, I'm sure you all have felt that there isn't a lot of extra time. I encourage you to look over this one closely, there is A LOT here. A lot of events coming up. From the feeder calf grazing school to the horticulture field day, there is something, or some things, for everyone. As summer begins to wind down there will be an increase in programs in and around the extension office so, keep an eye out for that. You will notice that the Hay Improvement Program is top of the list of things to check out, this is more or less a continuation of last years regional hay contest. This year we are focusing less on the contest portion and more on examining and hoping to improve overall hay quality. I encourage anyone with hay that they mad or bought to call the office and get on the list to be sampled. It never hurts to know! You will also notice a couple of webinars that are available, between the Surviving High Prices and the Goats, there is some really good information to be had there. The Good Idea Shop Talks are a nice little break in the day to check out over lunch if you get the chance. If there is anything here that you want more information on just call the office or email/call me and we'll answer those questions. Enjoy the month of August and the long days while they're still here. Don't forget to go see the Cattlemen's booth at Food Truck Friday this Friday. In the meantime, call and sign up for hay testing!

Thanks!


R Owen Watkins

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2025 CENTRAL KENTUCKY HAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Testing provides nutritional value of hay to assist in balancing rations, and can result in reduced feed cost, increased animal performance, and information to improve forage stands.

Free analysis to determine hay quality and livestock needs.

**Call your local
Extension Office to
sign up.**



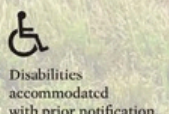
**DEADLINE TO REGISTER:
September 29**

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FEEDER CALF GRADINGSCHOOL

Join us for an engaging feeder calf program where you will gain experience in grading and evaluating feeder calves. Learn key strategies to ~~improve your marketing profits.~~

REGISTER NOW

September 8th

6:00pm at Bluegrass Stockyards

Please RSVP by Friday August 29th

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RSVP



Call your county
Extension Office



4561 Iron Works Pike,
Lexington, KY 40511



Event sponsor: CATTLE CO.



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WEBINAR SERIES



WEDNESDAYS: 2-3 P.M. ET | 1-2 P.M. CT | 12-2 P.M. MT | 11-12 P.M. PT

Join us for a 6-week series to learn about & discuss the uniqueness of the current cattle cycle so we can better understand how to help our producers manage their operations through record-high prices!

Speakers will include Extension economists and specialists from across the United States.

DATES	TOPICS
September 10	Industry Margins & Beef Demand
September 17	Differences in this Cattle Cycle & Import Dynamics
October 1	Risk Management & What To Do With Profits
October 8	Operation Resiliency & Contract Grazing
October 22	Integrated Crop-Livestock Systems & How Not to Need a Hay Baler
October 29	Defining “Better Genetics” & Economics of Reproduction Strategies

Visit this link or scan the QR Code to register: bit.ly/register-for-SHPwebinar



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SUMMER 2025 SEASON



Good Idea Shop Talks

Spend your lunch break exchanging ideas with like-minded farmers about how to improve on-farm soil and water resources, while protecting profitability.

These farmer-to-farmer meet-ups take place on the following Thursdays at 11:30am CT / 12:30pm ET via Zoom:

- August 14th
- August 21st
- August 28th

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER:
[HTTPS://GOODIDEAFARM.ORG/SHOP-TALKS](https://goodideafarm.org/shop-talks)



2025 Horses & Horsemen: Farm & Facilities Expo

Tuesday, September 16th



RSVP to Bourbon County Extension Office: 859-987-1895

Schedule:

5:00: Registration and Trade Fair

6:00: Dinner

6:15: Welcome & Farm Overview

Arena footing and maintenance - Dr. Coleman, UK Equine Extension Specialist

Pasture Walk —Central KY ANR Agents

Heavy Use Areas & Farm Infrastructure— Dr. Bob Coleman

Horsemanship Demo - Mike & Chris Stokley

Location:

Mike & Chris Stokley

Big Creek Livestock

1310 Thatchers Mill Rd

Paris, KY 40361



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All About Goats! Webinar

JOIN EXTENSION AND INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS FOR THE FALL 2025 SERIES



Goat Health and Care Sept. 22

During this session, Extension Specialist, Dr. Brady Campbell, will review proper care for goats of all ages and explain how to help keep them healthy and continue production.

Farm Business and Management Oct. 6

Extension Specialist, Eric Richer, and Extension Educator, Pressley Buurma, will help guide participants in farm management strategies and provide options for enterprise budgeting and record keeping as it relates to goat production.

Goat Processing Oct. 20

Throughout this presentation, Extension Specialist, Dr. Lyda Garcia, will explain the cuts of a carcass and how to process a goat at home.

Livestock Marketing Nov. 3

Join us as Extension Specialist, Garth Ruff, discusses the ins and outs of the goat market. He will also discuss how to market goats to fill the current wants and needs of the customers.

Hay and Grain Production Nov. 17

Throughout this session, Extension Educator, Jordan Penrose, will present tips and tricks on hay and grain production for goats as well as what type of crops would work best for your production system.

Coyote Management Dec. 1

This session is going to focus on how to manage interactions between coyotes and goats. Experts will also explain the current status of coyote research in Ohio.

Open Forum: Ask Me Anything Dec. 15

Have a burning question that was not answered during one of our past webinar sessions? Join Extension Educators and Specialists to get your questions answered!

Webinars are hosted via Zoom (7-8 p.m. EST). Register at:

go.osu.edu/allaboutgoats25



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KENTUCKY MECHANICAL WEED CONTROL FIELD DAY

UK Horticulture
Research Farm

Lexington, KY

SEPT 23

8 AM - 4 PM EST



"Investing in new equipment without seeing it in action is daunting. This was a great opportunity to get up close and learn about the finer points of various tools."

-KY Farmer, Midwest Mechanical
Weed Control Field Day



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Update your Agriculture Water Quality Plan

If you own 10 or more acres in agricultural production (crops, livestock, or harvestable trees) in Kentucky, you must develop and implement a water quality plan. The plan documents the use of Best Management Practices (BMPs) to protect water resources.

You can use a web-based planning tool to answer questions about your operations

Benefits

- ✓ Documents proper water protection
- ✓ Protects surface and groundwater
- ✓ Safeguards health (human and animal)
- ✓ Lowers drinking water treatment costs



KENTUCKY SELLING FARMER TAX CREDIT



KENTUCKY SELLING FARMER TAX CREDIT ENCOURAGES CONTINUED USE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND FOR FARMING

The Kentucky Selling Farmer Tax Credit program grants tax credits to selling farmers who agree to sell agricultural land and assets to beginning farmers or actively engaged farmers who commit to keep farmland in agricultural production.

Farmers wanting to sell agricultural land and assets may be eligible for a Kentucky income tax credit up to 5% of the purchase price of qualifying agricultural assets, subject to calendar year and lifetime credit caps.

- Sales to beginning farmers may qualify for enhanced tax credit incentives.
- Sales involving immediate family members do not qualify for tax credit consideration.

Prior to completing a sale of agricultural assets, applicants should review the Kentucky Selling Farmer Tax Credit Guidelines for more detailed program information and eligibility requirements.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Visit

[newkentuckyhome.ky.gov/](http://newkentuckyhome.ky.gov/Entrepreneurship/KSFTC)

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for complete details.

For more information or other assistance for small businesses in Kentucky, please visit

newkentuckyhome.ky.gov/entrepreneurship,

email cedsbsd@ky.gov or call

800-626-2930.



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IN TAX CREDITS
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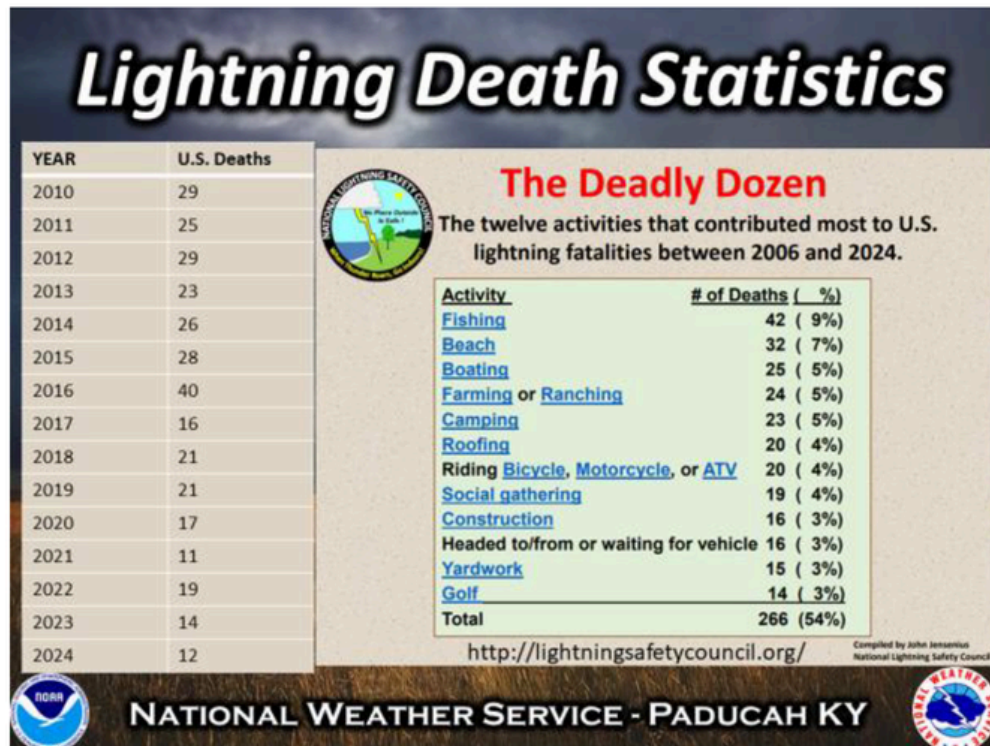
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Lightning Safety

By Derrick Snyder - National Weather Service Paducah, KY

While the risk for severe thunderstorms that produce tornadoes, large hail, and damaging winds is greatest during the spring across most of the country, the dangers of lightning can occur during all times of the year. Every year, hundreds of people are seriously injured from lightning strikes. The good news is that lightning deaths have trended downward in recent years thanks to greater preparedness and education. However, numerous people are still killed every year. Looking at the statistics for lightning fatalities, the majority of lightning deaths occurred while people were doing outdoor activities.




The deadliest activity when it comes to lightning strikes is fishing, followed by beach going, boating, camping, farming/ranching, riding bikes/motorcycles/ATVs, roofing, gathering outside, working construction, walking to a vehicle, yardwork, and playing soccer or golf. If you are caught outside during a thunderstorm, remember that there is *no* safe place outside from lightning. If a thunderstorm is occurring or nearby, seek shelter inside a sturdy enclosed structure. A hard-topped vehicle can also provide good shelter.

Keep these things in mind when it comes to lightning safety:

1. Your chances of being struck by lightning depend on how you react when storms are in the area.
2. Remember: "When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!" If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to be struck by lightning!
3. The threat of lightning increases as a storm approaches, peaks when it is overhead, and gradually diminishes as it moves away.
4. Many people wait too long to get to a safe place and then go back outside too soon before the threat is over. Wait about 30 minutes after you hear the last rumble of thunder to return outside.

Water Wisely



Water efficiently,
targeting 1-1.5 inches
per week for lawns

Water smarter: Clay soil needs
less water than sandy soil.
Always mulch with 3 inches.

Check rainfall with a rain gauge
before watering and be aware of
local watering advisories.

*Source: Rick Durham, UK Extension Horticulture Professor
An Equal Opportunity Organization.*

Reviving Cool-Season Lawns for Fall

Cool-season grasses (like Kentucky bluegrass, tall fescue) often brown out in summer but can be revived.

- **Mow High:** Keep your mower at 3-4 inches to promote deeper roots and reduce weeds.
- **Water Smart:** Water infrequently but thoroughly. Avoid overwatering.
- **Fertilize in Fall:** Conduct a soil test every 3-5 years.
- **Plant in Fall:** Mid-August to mid-September is ideal for new lawns. Cooler temps and less weed competition allow strong root development.

Visit your local county extension
office for more information!