

# Agriculture and Natural Resources Newsletter

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## Notes from the Agent

Spring is finally around the corner! Now is a great time to start taking care of your soils to replenish them from this winter and to prepare for spring! As always, soil probes are available to check out here at the office, and soil samples are sent to the UK soils lab for FREE. Get ahead of the rush and submit your samples now!



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More information on soil testing is available on the Washington County Extension Office website on both the Agriculture and Natural Resources and Horticulture page.

# IMPORTANT DATES

## March

- 1st-3rd: Kentucky Beef Expo, Louisville
- 4th: Master Cattlemen, Lebanon
- 5th: BQCA Trainings
- 12th: Cow/Calf Profitability Conference, Elizabethtown
- 20th: Kentucky Local Food Systems Summit, Lexington
- 21st: Farm Services Night
- 23rd: Washington County Livestock Judging Contest
- 24th-30th: National Ag Week
- 25th: Master Cattlemen, Springfield

## April

- 6th: Good Ideas Field Day
- 22nd: On-Farm Hay Field Day

## Weeds to spray in March



THISTLES:  
BULL, MUSK,  
PLUMELESS



DOCK  
CURLY OR BROADLEAF



HENBIT



PURPLE DEADNETTLE



BUTTERCUP



POISON HEMLOCK



CHICORY



BURDOCK

 COST-SHARE APPROVED

# 2024 FARM SERVICES NIGHT

Come and learn about the various resources available to producers at the local, regional, and state level!

## SPEAKERS



**FSA**

*Myron Mattingly, Sarah Smith & Debbie Wakefield*



**Extension**

*Taylor Graves*



**NRCS**

*Dana Shewmaker & Paul Veech*



**KADF**

*Cost-Share Updates*

## Key Discussions & Insights

-  Program Updates
-  Who to Contact
-  Available Opportunities
-  And More!

**CALL NOW  
TO RSVP**



**March 21st, 2024 at 6 PM**



More information  
**859 336 7741**



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# LORETTO MOTHERHOUSE FARM

## Good Ideas Field Day

Get a closer look at how the Loretto Motherhouse Farm manages livestock with innovative approaches to fencing, water & manure management, and soil and water stewardship.

Loretto Motherhouse Farm | 515 Nerinx Rd, Nerinx, KY

Saturday, April 6, 2024

9 am - 12 pm

Registration is FREE but required!

Scan QR code or contact Angela Rakes by email at [arakes@lorettomotherhouse.org](mailto:arakes@lorettomotherhouse.org) or text/call 270-692-8906.

Topics will include:

- innovative approaches to fencing
- water & manure management
- soil & water stewardship



Locally sourced lunch provided

\*Attendees are encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle.

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This project is funded in part by a grant from the U.S. EPA under cooperative agreement MX - 00D87719 and §319(h) of the Clean Water Act.

# BARN QUILT PAINT PARTY

**Tuesday May 14th, 2024**

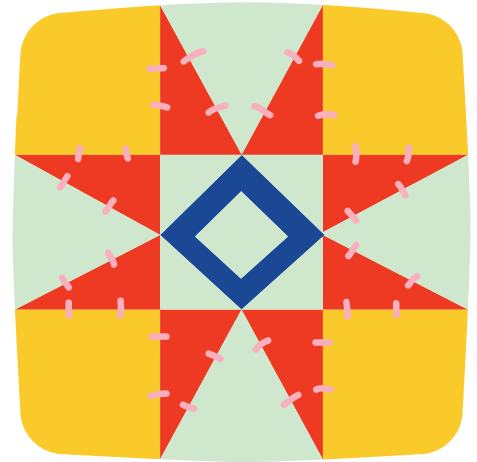
**Hosted by Washington County Extension Office**

**9 AM - 3 PM**

**Choose from 6 designs to create your own outdoor barn quilt!**

**2'X2' = \$130 & 3'X3' = \$190**

**Call (859)336-7741 to register or if you have any questions!**



## FORAGE TIMELY TIPS



- 1. Continue feeding hay until adequate forage exists in the pasture for grazing.**
- 2. Spring seeding of grasses should be done in early to mid-March (but fall is preferred).**
- 3. Provide free choice high-magnesium mineral to prevent grass tetany on lush spring growth.**
- 4. Begin smoothing or re-seeding hay feeding and heavy traffic areas.**

## FARMERS STEAK DINNER

**Saturday, March 16th, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

**Hosted by The River of Life Church**

**Speakers:**

**Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell  
& Dale Dobson, KDA**

**RSVP @ 859-336-7604 by March 8th**



# COW CALF PROFITABILITY CONFERENCE

Topics to include: key profit drivers, managing hay production costs, breeding stock depreciation, reducing fertilizer use, keys to cow herd management, tax management strategies, bale grazing & stocking rates.

March 11th - Warren County Extension Office

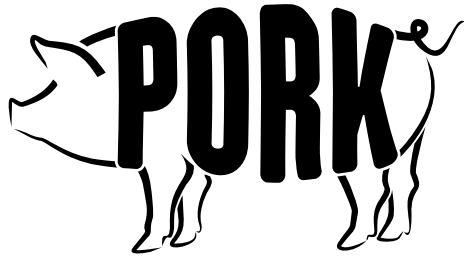
March 12 - Hardin County Extension Office

March 14 - Madison County Extension

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.(EST). Doors will open at 8 a.m., and lunch will be served. Call the Extension Office that is the location of the session you plan to attend to RSVP.



## P.O.R.K CLASS



**P – Promoting. O – Opportunities. R – Revitalizing. K – Knowledge.**  
Are you involved in the pork industry and looking to strengthen your personal and professional leadership skills? Apply to be a part of the inaugural KY & TN P.O.R.K. Class!

**Must be between the ages of 21 and 40.**

**In and out of state trips centered around the pork industry.**

**Application and additional details can be found at [kypork.org/events](http://kypork.org/events).**

**Deadline to apply is Monday, March 11. Tag a pork advocate in your life who would benefit from this program!**

## KENTUCKY CATTLEMEN'S FOUNDATION LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Throughout the two-year program, participants take part in six seminars that work to improve leadership and communications skills, provide an understanding of the beef industry, and excite interest in the political and economic facets of the industry. This year, the Leadership Development Program will welcome it's 10th class. The program is structured for 25 participants, 22 years or older, from all areas of Kentucky. Each participant can be sponsored by their local cattlemen's association, extension office, or local business. Applications are due April 12th, 2024. For more information scan the QR code.



# Ag Tag

## SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL 4-H AND FFA.

In 2023, Washington County raised \$2,130 through the Ag Tag Voluntary Donation program. That's money that goes directly to Kentucky 4-H, Kentucky FFA and Kentucky Proud to support our agriculture community (and its future) here locally and across the Commonwealth.

Of that money, \$710 went to the Washington County 4-H Program to support local activities. We have over 300 4-H members participating in activities like 4-H Camp, Horse Club, Livestock Club, Shooting Sports, Sewing Club, and Cooking Club.

Agriculture is vital to the livelihood of every Kentuckian and it is through programs like Kentucky 4-H and Kentucky FFA that we continue to instill these values in youth. Each simple \$10 donation made when renewing an Ag Tag culminates to have a major impact on the youth of County.

As we look to March for 2024 Ag Tag renewals, we ask that you remember to make your voluntary donations on each farm license plate you renew.



# ASIAN SALAD DRESSING

## Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 3 tablespoons vinegar
- 2 teaspoons low-sodium soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder

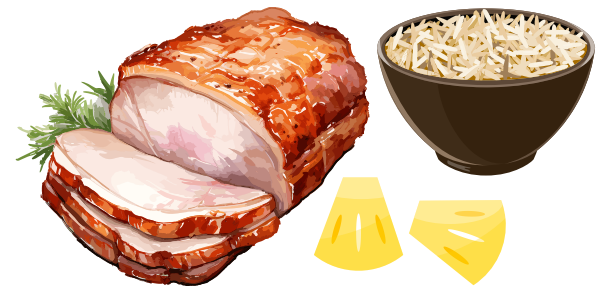
## Directions:

1. Place all the ingredients in a jar or bottle with a lid.
2. Place lid on jar, shake well.
3. Chill in the fridge for at least 1 hour before serving
4. Shake or stir before using.
5. After serving, keep any leftover dressing in the refrigerator.



## Make it a Meal:

- Small garden salad with Asian Salad Dressing
- Grilled or baked pork loin Pineapple chunks
- Brown rice



## 2024 WHEELBARROW SERIES

*Helping Gardeners Grow*



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