

# Ohio County Farm & Home News

## BEEF QUALITY & CARE ASSURANCE TRAINING – MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>



Consumers have become more conscientious of where their food comes from and how it is produced – thus every agricultural producer must work diligently to make sure we are producing the safest, most wholesome food products in the world.

We will have a **“Beef Quality & Care Assurance (BQCA)” training Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., at the Ohio Co. Extension Center.** BQCA training provides beef producers best management practices which ensure the wholesomeness and quality of their beef. BQCA certification is also a requirement of participating in CPH sales and the “Large Animal” area of the CAIP program.

Be sure to check your certification card to see if yours has expired. If so, join us on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

## FORAGE TIPS FOR MARCH

- ✓ Sign up for a KY Grazing or Fencing School
- ✓ Continue pasture renovation by no-tilling seeding legumes.
- ✓ Place small seed at 1/4 to 1/2 inch deep and check depth several times during planting; slow

down for more precise seeding.

- ✓ Continue feeding hay until adequate forage exists in the pasture for grazing
- ✓ Spring seeding of grasses should be done in early to mid-March (but fall is preferred)
- ✓ Begin smoothing and re-seeding hay feeding and heavy traffic areas
- ✓ Graze pastures overseeded with clover to reduce competition from existing grasses but pull off before grazing new clover plants.
- ✓ Provide free choice high-magnesium mineral to prevent grass tetany on lush spring growth.
- ✓ Early March is an ideal time to control many broadleaf weeds including: buttercup, poison hemlock, chicory, dock, and biennial thistles.

## DRONE SPRAYER TRAINING – MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>

The Ky Agricultural Training School will hold a “Drone Sprayer Training” on March 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Lyon Co. Extension Office in Eddyville. The program will run from 8:30 a.m. till noon CT.

This program will be in-class training designed for ag professionals and producers to learn about the latest information on drone spray application, efficiency, and safety.



Topics to be covered include:

- Results of Drone Sprayer Applications
- Application Accuracy with Drones
- UK Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) Overview & Updates
- Category 11 Aerial Application

Refreshments and lunch are included. If you have questions or to register, please contact Lori Rogers (lori.rogers@uky.edu 270-365-7541 ext 21317)



## SOIL BUILDING FIELD DAY – MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>



Do you have fragipan soils on your farm? Have you ever considered there may be a way to improve this situation?

The U.K. Cooperative Extension Service will host a “Soil Building Field Day” on March 13<sup>th</sup>,

starting at 9:00 a.m. CT. The field day will be held in Calloway Co. at the Paschall Ag Operation (1434 Billy Paschall Rd. in Murray).

Dr. Lloyd Murdock, retired Extension Soil Specialist has done research on using ryegrass to mitigate fragipan soil for over 10 years. At this field day you will see firsthand how a local producer completely **eradicated the fragipan** in a field using a **ryegrass cover crop**—and Dr. Murdock will be on-site to explain the process and demonstrate the results.

They will have soil pits dug so you can get an up-close look at the soil layers—both in the treated field and in an adjacent field with **no history of ryegrass cover**. You’ll be able to see the difference with your own eyes!

After viewing the soil pits, a **free lunch** will be provided, followed by a short session on the history of this research and how you can apply these methods to your own operation.

The field day is free and open to all interested farmers. They do ask you to RSVP to the Calloway Co. Extension Office at (270)753-1452, so they may make plans for lunch.

## BULL SALE UPCOMING

Don't forget the Ky-Tenn Cowman's Kind Bull Sale this Saturday

- Kentucky-Tennessee Cowman's Kind Bull Sale – March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Ky-TN Livestock Market in Guthrie. The sale starts at Noon. Sale includes 30 bulls, including Angus, Hereford, Simmental, Sim-Angus, and Balancer breeds.

This is just one of the many bull sales occurring this spring. If you need more information, contact the Ohio Co. Extension Office.



- March 11 – Beef Quality & Care Assurance Training; Ohio Co. Extension Center; 6:00 p.m.
- March 13 – Soil Building Field Day; Paschall Ag Operations, Murray, Ky; 9:00 a.m.
- March 15 – Ky-Tenn Cowman's Kind Bull Sale; KY-TN Livestock Market in Guthrie
- March 20 – Drone Sprayer School; U.K. Research & Education Center, Princeton For information and registration for KATS Workshops visit [kats.ca.uky.edu](http://kats.ca.uky.edu) or contact Lori Rogers [lori.rogers@uky.edu](mailto:lori.rogers@uky.edu) 270-365-7541 ext 21317.
- March 27 – Italian Ryegrass Control Field Tour; Caldwell Co. Extension office, Princeton; 8:30 a.m till 11:30 a.m.

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