

Ohio County Farm & Home News

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BULL VALUE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – OCT 10 & 17TH



The Extension Offices in Ohio, Hancock, Daviess, McLean Grayson & Breckinridge counties are hosting the “Bull Value Assessment Program (BVAP)”. The program is a two-part educational program designed to assist producers in better understanding how to assess bulls and to get the best value for the producers’ money, when attending bull sales.

The BVAP program will be in two sessions – the first session, “Tips on buying and managing your bull” - will be in a classroom format. Areas to be discussed are:

- Targeting Selection on Specific Markets
- Bull Reproductive Considerations & the Importance of Breeding Soundness Exams
- Tools for Selection: Breed Differences, EPD’s & Crossbreeding
- Proper Bull Nutrition & Health Programs: How to Manage the Bull you Purchase
- Matching Genetics to Cow Herd & Management

The second session will be a mock auction, where participants will be responsible for buying a bull, based upon an assigned scenario. Producers can view videos of the bulls and ask questions of the sales team.

Each bull will be given an economic index, based upon its’ value for each scenario. At the conclusion of the auction, the sales team will discuss which bulls best fit the various scenarios, identify the producer which purchased the highest value bull in each scenario and discuss common mistakes/missed opportunities.

This should be a valuable opportunity for all cow/calf producers to improve their management skills.

To participate, you **MUST** pre-register by contacting the Ohio County Extension Office at (270)298-7441. There is a \$25 registration fee, which cover meals for the two nights and materials for the program. The registration fee can be paid when you register or brought to the first night of the program.

“HEART OF AMERICA GRAZING CONFERENCE” – OCT 15, 16, & 17



The University of Kentucky is proud to announce the 2024 Heart of America Grazing Conference in Elizabethtown, Kentucky! The three day event will take place throughout Central Kentucky and include some dynamic speakers on all things regenerative agriculture. The Heart of America Grazing Conference is an annual conference rotated around the mid-Atlantic and southeast region.

On Tuesday, October 15, you can attend a “Pasture Ecology Workshop” at Glenmar Farms, in Cecelia, Kentucky.



We will be doing a deep dive into all things related to ecological systems and welcoming Dr. Matt Poore from North Carolina State University. Also on Tuesday, October 15 we will be having the Heart of America banquet. We look forward to recognizing individuals dedicated to promoting regenerative agriculture and supporting our mission.

Wednesday, October 16, will be the “Heart of America Grazing Conference” at the Hardin County Extension Office in Elizabethtown. You will hear from many industry and University experts discussing all things regenerative agriculture, soil health, and pasture ecology. Topics to be covered are:

- “Healing the Land with Grazing” – Ray Archuleta
- “Soil Health – Separating Fact from Fiction” – Alan Franzlebbbers, USDA Ag Research
- “Bale Grazing for Biological Fertility & Healthier Pastures” – Greg Halich, U.K.
- “My Regenerative Journey” – Sam Kennedy, Kettle Mills Livestock, TN
- “Build It & They Will Come – Managing Soil Life” – Chris Teutsch, U.K.
- “Putting It All Together” – Matt Poore, North Carolina State University

On Thursday, October 17, you can visit Greg Brann’s Big Springs Farm in Adolphus, Kentucky. Join us to see a well-established multi-species grazing operation with one of the nation’s foremost experts on soil health.

Come to any one or all three of the events. Go to the UK Forage Website and click under Events or use this direct link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-heart-of-america-grazing-conference-tickets-920965361187>

“RINSE & RETURN” PESTICIDE CONTAINER RECYCLING – SEPT. 18TH

We will have our second “Rinse & Return” Pesticide Container Recycling program this Wednesday, September 18 at AgriGro Farm Center, from 9:00 a.m. till 11:00 a.m.

This is an excellent program for disposing of your 5 gallon and smaller pesticide containers. By recycling the containers’, new products can be made from the plastic.

To participate simply:



- Triple rinse the containers as you empty the chemical, so residue is removed
- Remove label and container caps and dispose of them. The caps are a different type of plastic.
- Tie a string thru 15-20 containers for easy loading and it prevent the containers from blowing out of the pickup
- Bring containers to collection on September 18TH .

KY DIVISION OF FORESTRY TREE SEEDLING SALES

The KDF offers seedling trees for sales starting around Sept. 1st each year for anyone wanting seedlings for planting.

The Kentucky Division of Forestry operates two seedling nurseries for the purpose of planting on public and privately-owned land. These nurseries are located at Gilbertsville in Marshall County near the Kentucky Dam and at



Grassy Creek in Morgan County near the town of West Liberty.

The nurseries offer different species of hardwoods and conifers for sale for planting on open crop or pasture land, developing a Christmas tree plantation, enhancing wildlife habitat, improving urban areas and reclaiming surface mining sites.

Sales for seedlings, to be delivered from January thru April of 2025 are now available. To order, visit the KDF website at:

<https://eec.ky.gov/Natural-Resources/Forestry/state-nuseries-and-tree-seedlings/Pages/default.aspx>

UPCOMING Events

- October 10 - Bull Value Assessment Program – Session 1; Hancock Co. Extension office; 6:00 p.m.
- October 15 – Pasture Ecology Workshop, Glenmar Farm, Cecelia, KY
- October 16 – Heart of America Grazing Conference; Hardin Co. Extension Office, Elizabethtown; 7:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. ET
- October 17 – Bull Value Assessment Program-Session 2; Hancock Co. Extension office; 6:00 p.m.
- October 17 – Pasture Walk – Gregg Branns Big Springs Farm; Adolphus, KY
- October 19 – Ky Sheep & Goat Producers Association Annual Meeting; Fleming Co. Extension Office, Flemingsburg; 8:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. ET
- November 21 – Bull Breeding Soundness Evaluation Clinic; Stone Veterinary Clinic, Sturgis; 8:00 a.m. till noon