

# Ohio County Farm & Home News

## FARM SUCCESSION SEMINAR – JULY 23<sup>RD</sup>

The U.K. College of Agriculture, Food & Environment and area Cooperative Extension Offices will host the “Kentucky Farm Succession Seminar: Building the Bridge to Your Farm’s Future” from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CDT on July 23rd, at the Owensboro Convention Center.

With support from the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund, the Kentucky Farm Succession Seminar will bring national, state and local experts to help farm families prepare for the future and handle challenges in sustaining the farm business and protecting valuable farmland.

Farmland preservation and farm transitions were identified as the most critical issues facing Kentucky agriculture in the recent Strategic Roadmap for Kentucky Agriculture: 2025-2030. The need to keep farms and farmland in operation was made evident by the most recent Census of Agriculture, which reported Kentucky’s loss of 500,000 farm acres and more than 6,000 farms from 2017 to 2022.

Farmland continues to be sold and developed at an alarming rate, and that, in part, can be due to farm families not having a clear vision of how to allow the next generation to continue the operation. While age and health challenges are inevitable, farm families can also experience divorce, prolonged production losses or the stress of workforce shortages. It is more important than ever to encourage these conversations long before a health, family or financial issue arises. Farm transition is the one

absolute, unavoidable task facing every farm family.

Speakers include Successful Farming magazine columnist Jolene Brown, UK farm management specialist and extension professor Steve Isaacs, Kentucky Farmland Transition Initiative coordinator Aleta Botts and University of Missouri farm and ranch transition specialist Wesley Tucker. Estate law, farm business management and financial advisors are also scheduled for an advisory panel discussion.

The cost to register for the seminar is \$35-40 per person, depending on payment method. Registration is required, and lunch will be provided. Contact the Daviess County Cooperative Extension Service at 270-685-8480, or visit <https://www.ca.uky.edu/event/kentucky-farm-succession-seminar> for more information.

## U.K. COMMODITY & BEEF/FORAGE FIELD DAYS TO BE HELD JULY 22<sup>ND</sup>

The U.K. College of Agriculture, Food & Environment and Cooperative Extension Service will host their annual “Corn, Soybean and Tobacco Field Day” and “Beef & Forage Field Day” on July 22, at its UK Research and Education Center at Princeton, on the same day. The Corn, Soybean, and Tobacco Field Day will be held on Tuesday morning, and the “Beef and Forage Field Day” will begin following a shared lunch.

“As the Research and Education Center marks its 100th anniversary this year, we saw this milestone as a meaningful opportunity to welcome more regional farmers to Princeton and highlight the impactful research and extension education taking place at these facilities,” said Chad Lee, UK professor and director of the Grain and Forage Center of Excellence, headquartered at UKREC.



Wagons will roll at 8 a.m. CDT for the "Corn, Soybean and Tobacco field tour. Tours will include:

- IPM
  - Corn Disease Concerns for 2025 ; Familiar & New Soybean Diseases in 2025; Emerging Insect Pest in Field Crops
- Agronomics & Economics
  - Economic Update; Round Bale Economics; Weed Science Update; Corn Need for Nitrogen & Sulfur Following Cover Crops; Foliar Fertilizer Rarely Increases Yield
- Soils
  - NRCS Soil Health Update; Corn N Rate Recommendation; Current Status of Sulfur for Row Crop Production
- Tobacco
  - Red Leaf Burley Demonstration; UT Tobacco Research Update; Optimizing Plant Populations for Burley; Assessing Quadris Effectiveness in Target Spot

Lunch will be held from noon till 1:30 p.m., then the "Beef & Forage Field Day will begin. Tours will include:

- Forage Plot Tour
  - Fall Armyworm Update & Alfalfa Weevil Resistance; Red Clover for Mitigating Fescue Toxicosis; Summer Annual Forage Mixtures
- Innovative Beef Feeding Strategies
  - Mineral Feeder Design: Does It Matter; Smart Scales for Smart Decisions; Winter Feeding Systems

Both field days are free and open to all persons' interested. Registration will be open

from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 300 Extension Farm Road, off Hopkinsville Street in Princeton, Kentucky. Pre-registration is not required.

Certified crop advisor and pesticide applicator continuing education credits have been approved for the corn, soybean and tobacco field tour:

- Grain Crop Soils / IPM Session
  - CCA Credits – 1 CEU for Nutrient Management, 1 CEU for Integrated Pest Management
  - Pesticide Credits – 1 CEU for Category 1a (Agricultural Plant), 1 CEU for Category 10 (Research and Demonstration)
- Grain Crop Agronomic and Economic Talks
  - CCA Credits – 1.5 CEUs for Crop Management
  - Pesticide Credits – 1 CEU for Category 1a (Agricultural Plant)
- Tobacco Session
  - CCA Credits – 1 CEU for Integrated Pest Management, 1 CEU for Crop Management
  - Pesticide Credits – 1 CEU for Category 1a (Agricultural Plant), 1 CEU for Category 10 (Research and Demonstration)

For more information, call 270-365-7541 or visit <https://ukrec.ca.uky.edu/events>.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- July 22 – U.K. Corn, Soybean & Tobacco Field Day; U.K. Research & Education Farm, Princeton; 8:00 a.m. till noon
- July 22 – Beef & Forage Field Day; U.K. research & Education Farm, Princeton; 1:30 p.m. till 4:00 p.m.
- July 23 – Farm Succession Seminar: Building the Bridge to Farm's Future; Owensboro Convention Center, Owensboro; 8:00 a.m. till 4:30 p.m.