



Ohio County Farm & Home News

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AGRICULTURE & FARM ENERGY GRANTS WEBINAR



The Southeastern Kentucky Small Business Development Center will host a webinar on navigating agriculture & farm energy grants for farmers, on **Friday, February 23rd, at 11:00 a.m. CST**. This event is a unique opportunity for farmers and agricultural entrepreneurs to gain valuable insights into upcoming Agriculture Grants and Farm Energy Grants.

Speaker include:

- **Agriculture Grants:** Cara Stewart from the Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development will share crucial information about upcoming agricultural grants, providing you with the knowledge needed to access funding opportunities for your farming endeavors.
- **SAMs Registration:** Eric Byrd from Ky APEX Accelerator will guide you through the SAMs Registration process, ensuring you are equipped with the tools to navigate the system effectively.
- **Farm Energy Grants:** Carrie Ray from the Mountain Association will delve into Farm Energy Grants, shedding light on how you can leverage these grants to enhance energy efficiency on your farm.

This event is tailored to empower farmers with the latest information on grants and energy opportunities. By registering, you ensure your access to expert insights that can significantly impact your agricultural pursuits.

Don't miss out on this chance to stay informed and take advantage of available resources.

You can secure your spot now by registering at :
<https://kysbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/9959>

BEEF MANAGEMENT TIPS

→→→ Spring Calving Cow Herd

- Study the performance of last year's calf crop and plan for improvement. Plan your breeding program and consider a better herd sire(s). Select herd sires which will allow you to meet your goals and be willing to pay for superior animals.
- Consider vaccinating the cows to help prevent calf scours.
- Keep replacement heifers gaining to increase the probability of puberty occurring before the start of the spring breeding season.
- Start cows on the high magnesium mineral supplement soon. Consider protein supplementation if hay is less than 10% crude protein. If cows are thin, begin energy (grain) supplementation now. Cows must reach a body condition score of 5 before calving to maximize their opportunity for



reproductive success. Supplementation now allows adequate time for cows to calving in adequate body condition score.

- Get ready for the calving season! See that all equipment and materials are ready, including obstetrical equipment, record forms or booklets, ear tags, scales for obtaining birthweights, etc. Prepare a calving area where assistance can be

provided easily if needed. Purchase ear tags for calves and number them ahead of time if possible. Plan for enough labor to watch/assist during the calving period.

- Move early calving heifers and cows to pastures that are relatively small and easily accessible to facilities in case calving assistance is needed. Keep them in good condition but don't overfeed them at this time. Increase their nutrient intake after they calve.

→→→**Fall Calving Cow Herd**

- Provide clean windbreaks and shelter for young calves.
- Breeding season continues. Keep fall calving cows on accumulated pasture as long as possible, then start feeding hay/grain/supplement. Don't let these cows lose body condition!
- Catch up on castrating, dehorning and implanting.
→→→**General**
- Feed hay in areas where mud is less of a problem. Consider preparing a feeding area with gravel over geotextile fabric or maybe a concrete feeding pad. Bale grazing is an option for producers to help control mud while spreading nutrients across pastures.
- Increase feed as the temperature drops, especially when the weather is extremely cold and damp. When temperature drops to 15°F, cattle need access to windbreaks.
- Provide water at all times. Cattle need 5 to 15 gallons per head daily even in the coldest weather. Be aware of frozen pond hazards. Automatic waterers, even the "frost-free" or "energy-free" waterers can freeze up in cold weather.
- Consider renovating and improving pastures with legumes, especially if they have poor stands of grass or if they contain high levels of the fescue endophyte. Purchase seed and get equipment ready this month.

KY MASTER LOGGER PROGRAM – FEB. 27TH



There is still time to register for the "Logger Web TV" program next **Tuesday February 27th**. The program allows Master Loggers to get enough continuing education (CE) hours to renew their certification for the next three years.

Every three years, U.K. Forestry Specialist, host the "**Logger Web TV**" to assist a large number of Master Loggers in fulfilling their CE. This program covers information important to Master Loggers, such as updates on regulations, best logger practices and highlights various timber industries across the state.

This year's program will be held on **February 27, 2024** at multiple locations across the state, one of these being the **Ohio County Extension Office**. The program will run from **8:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. CT**, with lunch on your own from 11:00 a.m. till noon.

This program allows you to get 6 hours for your CE's to renew your certification, whenever it expires, in one location, in one day!!!

Registration is \$50 and if you need to renew your license, an additional **\$25 renewal fee**. You can register by using by contacting Beth Williams, with U.K., at 859-257-6230 or stop by the office for a mail-in registration sheet. They can accept credit card payments by mail or over the phone.

PRIVATE PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TRAINING

The last opportunity to renew your "Private Pesticide Applicators" license is coming up soon. So, be sure to mark your calendar and attend if needed:

- **Monday, March 4 – 6:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m.**

Check your cards to be sure you have a valid certification for 2024. Cards expire on December 31 of the year of expiration. The "Private Pesticide Applicator" training is free and open to anyone wanting to attend, whether you are renewing your



certification or need to receive your certification for the first time.

PUB OF THE MONTH



As temperatures begin to warm, many people start to plan their vegetable garden. Do you have questions about growing vegetables in the garden? How to fertilize or when to plant? One of the best resources for answering your questions is the publication "Home Vegetable Gardening in Kentucky (ID-128)".

Just about any question you may have can be found in this publication. You can get a copy by dropping by the Ohio Co. Extension Office or you can download a copy online at:

<https://www2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs/id/id128/id128.pdf>

UPCOMING Events

- Feb. 23 – Navigating Agriculture & Farm Energy Grants Webinar; hosted over Zoom; 11:00 a.m. CT
- Feb. 24 – Union Co. Bull Sale; Union Co. Fairgrounds, Sturgis; Bulls on display at 10:00 a.m.; Sale starts at 1:00 p.m.
- Feb. 27 – Master Logger TV Webinar; Ohio Co. Extension Center; 8:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.
- March 4 – Private Pesticide Applicators training; Ohio Co. Extension Center; 6:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m.
- March 11 – Cow-Calf Profitability Conference; Warren Co. Extension Office, Bowling Green
- March 12 – Cow-Calf Profitability Conference; Hardin Co. Extension office, Elizabethtown
- March 16 – Cowman's Kind Bull Sale; Ky-TN Livestock Market, Guthrie; Noon
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