

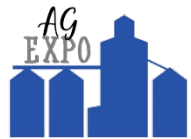


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AG EXPO – JAN. 25TH IN OWENSBORO



OWENSBORO
CONVENTION
CENTER

The 49th Annual Ag Expo will be held tomorrow at the Owensboro Convention Center.

The format for this years' program has changed, with no breakout sessions, but all educational sessions will be held in Expo Hall 1.

Topics to be covered include:

- Grain Markets & Profitability Outlook – Dr. Greg Halich, U.K. Farm Management
- Soybean Pre-Harvest Dessication – Dr. Chad Lee, U.K. Grain Specialist
- Factors That Improve Herbicide Performance – Dr. JD Green, U.K. Weed Science
- Corn Fungicide: Once, Twice, Small or Tall – Dr. Kiersten Wise, U.K. Crop Diseases

After lunch, there will be a "Top Tier Management Panel Discussion", with Dr, Steve Issacs, U.K. Ag Leadership Program; Mr. Joseph Sisk, Christian Co. Grain Farmer & President of Ky Corn Growers Association and Mr. Steve Allard, Retired Chief Credit Officer of Farm Credit Mid-America.

The program is free and open to all grain producers in the area.



KY DEPT. OF AG – NUISANCE WEED SPRAYING PROGRAM

Each spring the Ky Dept. of Agriculture coordinates a nuisance weed control program for Kentucky producers. Under the program, a producer can spray 10 acres of grassland for weeds having a negative impact, such as thistles or buttercup. The KDA provided the chemical and boomless sprayer and the producer must provide the tractor, water and labor for spraying.

There is a maximum of 7 participants allowed per county. Participants may only apply every 36 months. To apply, go to the KDA's nuisance weed website at :

<https://www.kyagr.com/consumer/nuisance-weed-spraying-program-application.aspx>

You can only apply from February 1 thru February 28th.

BACKYARD POULTRY PRODUCTION WEBINARS

Backyard chicken flocks are popular in urban and suburban communities throughout the country. Most owners raise them for eggs, meat, controlling pests and sometimes, just as pets. Preparation is essential for a thriving backyard flock.

The U.K. College of Agriculture, Food and Environment is leading a series of webinars throughout the coming year on various aspects of raising backyard poultry, in conjunction with the Universities of Wisconsin, Florida, Minnesota, Ohio State University, and Utah State University.

U.K will host 10 FREE, Zoom webinar sessions in 2023 on everything from reproductive issues to managing poultry flocks on pasture. The sessions include:

- "Reproductive Issues with Small and Backyard Poultry Flocks"
(February 7, 2023 @ 2:00 p.m. CT)



- “Raising Turkeys in Small and Backyard Flocks”
(March 7, 2023 @ 2:00 p.m. CT)
- “Daily Management of a Home Poultry Incubator”
(April 4, 2023 @ 2:00 p.m. CT)
- “Hatching Waterfowl Eggs in a Home Incubator”
(May 4, 2023 @ 2:00 p.m. CT)
- “Doing Fecal Flotations for the Identification of Intestinal Parasites in Poultry”
(June 6, 2023 @ 2:00 p.m. CT)

The date is subject to change due to the availability of the speaker

- “Sanitizing in a Poultry House”
(August 1, 2023 @ 2:00 p.m. CT)
- “Organizing a County Poultry Show”
(September 5, 2023 @ 2:00 p.m.)
- “Respiratory Issues with Poultry”
(October 3, 2023 @ 2:00 p.m. CT)
- “Designing a Small Flock Poultry House”
(November 7, 2023 @ 2:00 p.m. CT)
- “Managing a Poultry Flock on Pasture”
(December 5, 2023 @ 2:00 p.m. CT)

Suburban poultry has made a comeback over the past several years and skyrocketed when COVID-19 hit. With schools closed and workers laid off, furloughed or working remotely, many Americans saw starting a backyard flock as a rewarding project for the weeks or months of confinement at home. Chickens are beneficial for several reasons, but most importantly they produce colorful eggs with rich, nutritious, orange yolks that beat any grocery store egg in flavor and beauty.

To register for a session go to <https://poultry.extension.org/webinars>, click on the title for the session you wish to register. This will provide a more detailed description of the program and you can register for the session. You will need to register for each session you wish to view.

You can find recordings of past webinars posted at:

<https://poultry.extension.org/webinars/past-webinars/>

You can also follow U.K. Extension Poultry on

Facebook at :

<https://www.facebook.com/poultryextension>

And you can find additional backyard poultry videos on their YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRMPDhvzuDXb2sjDTF3Tj7w>

FORAGE VARIETY TRIAL INFO

Are you looking for an excellent red clover variety to frost seed in February? Or maybe you need to re-seed and orchardgrass hayfield? Then, you need to review the information in the Forage Variety Trial reports for 2022.

Forage Variety Testing

<http://www.associatedag.com/>
<http://www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/forage/>
<http://agconomy.ifas.ufl.edu/ForagesofFlorida>



The 2022 UK Forage Variety Trials reports are now available on the Forages Extension website at :

https://forages.ca.uky.edu/variety_trials . Reports cover forage species such as tall fescue, orchardgrass, alfalfa, red and white clover, summer annual grasses and more. The reports include yield, seedling vigor and persistence.

For an overview of the best varieties from 20 years of UK forage testing, refer to the “2022 Long-Term Summary of Kentucky Forage Variety Trials (PR-826)”, at the same website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 25 – Ag Expo (formerly Grain Day); Owensboro Convention Center, Owensboro
- Jan. 30 – Ohio Co. Extension District Board Meeting; Ohio Co. Extension Center; 8:00 a.m.
- Feb. 9 – Ky Crop Health Conference; National Corvette Museum, Bowling Green
- Feb. 15-18 – National Farm Machinery Show; Louisville
- Feb. 16 – G.R. CPH Sale; Kentuckiana Livestock Market; 6:00 p.m.
- Feb. 21 – Ky Alfalfa & Stored Forage Conference; Cave City Convention Center
- Feb. 21&22 – Mid-South Stocker Conference; WKU Ag Expo Center, Bowling Green
- March 8 – IPM School; McCracken Co. Extension office