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To: Ohio County Producers

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MAILING ISSUES

Mailings from Ohio Co. currently route through the USPS regional distribution center in Louisville. Unfortunately, mail is experiencing serious delays. For example, recent mailings from the Extension Office are taking up to 2 weeks or longer to be delivered.

I am not sure how long these delays will continue, but to keep you informed I would strongly encourage you to sign up for our email newsletter. To sign up, simply send me an email or call the Extension Office (270)298-7441 and provide your email. Also, you can follow Extension events on Facebook @ Ohio County Cooperative Extension Service or through our website <http://ohio.ca.uky.edu/>.

BEEF/FORAGE MEETING – FEB. 18TH

We will hold a “**Beef/Forage Meeting**” on **February 18th** at the Ohio Co. Extension Center, starting at, with a beef dinner.

Guest speakers will be:

- Dr. Kenny Burdine, U.K. Extension Livestock Economist, discussing the current beef markets and an outlook on how the 2025 beef markets should perform.
- Dr. Chris Teutsch, U.K. Extension Forage Specialist, discussing repairing pasture & hayfields after last year's delayed cuttings and last season dry weather.

This program should be an excellent opportunity for you to get started into 2025 with valuable management information for your operation, along with great fellowship with other county producers.

See you on the 18th!!!

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PESTICIDE SAFETY EDUCATION TRAININGS

For many year's the "Pesticide Safety Education Training" was considered only for people using restricted-use pesticides, but with today's pesticide products **all** pesticide users producing crops for consumption, should attend one of the trainings. Pesticide products are safer than they have ever been, but if not used properly, they can be harmful to not only the user, but the environment, as well.

I have set up "**Pesticide Safety Education Trainings**", at the Ohio Co. Extension Center, for this year:

- **Tuesday, Feb. 11 – 8:00 a.m. till 11:00 a.m.**
- **Thursday, Feb. 20 - 8:00 a.m. till 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m.**
- **Thursday, March 6 – 6:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m.**

Check your cards to be sure you have a valid certification for 2024 or we can check when your card expires by calling the Extension Office . Cards expire on December 31 of the year of expiration. The "Pesticide Safety Education" 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.

KY MAPLE DAY – FEB. 15TH AT HITCHEL FARM

Be sure to bring your family to Hitchel Farm on **Saturday, February 15th for "Ky Maple Day"**, to see how maple syrup is collected from trees and turned into "REAL" maple syrup.

Kentucky Maple Days is a great winter agritourism opportunity to get the family out to visit some of Kentucky's maple producers and see how this industry is making a comeback in the state.

You can visit **Hitchel Farm, at 4735 Rob Roy Rd. near Cromwell**. They will open their farm to visitors on Saturday, February 15th, from **9:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.** They will have tours to the sugarbush (where they collect the sap from trees) and sugar shack (where they cook the sap into syrup), live demonstrations, fresh maple syrup and a "Sweet Shop" with various goodies made from maple syrup.

The Ky Maple Day program represents a unique opportunity for Kentucky families to get their hands on pure Kentucky maple syrup and learn how it is made.



BEEF QUALITY& CARE ASSURANCE TRAINING – MARCH 11TH

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 on **March 11th at 6:00 p.m., at the Ohio Co. Extension Center**. BQCA provides 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 11th.

KY MASTER LOGGER PROGRAM

The Kentucky Forest Conservation Act states that Kentucky Master Loggers must obtain six hours of Continuing Education (CE) every three years from the date their card was issued, in order to renew and maintain their Master Logger status. Continuing Education is important because it enables individuals to stay current on new innovations, laws and regulations, best management practices and other topics related to timber harvesting resulting in more efficient and environmentally sound logging operations.



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 25, 2025** 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 3:00 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, on ONE

day!!!

You can register by using by contacting Beth Williams, with U.K. Forestry, at 859-257-6230.

SOIL, FORAGE & SEED TESTING THRU EXTENSION OFFICE

A major change was implemented in soil, forage and seed tests through the Ohio Co. Extension Service, last year. **All soil, forage, and seed tests brought to the Extension Office are now FREE !!!** After discussions with the Extension District Board, we decided to cover the cost of tests, as a benefit, to farmers and homeowners.

Remember, you should take soil tests to monitor the pH and fertility needs, every 3 years. The soil test will provide a recommendation for nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium and lime (if needed). You can use this recommendation each year for the next 3 years, then take a new soil sample to monitor pH and fertility changes.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- February 8 – Union Co. Bull Sale; Union Co. Expo Center, Sturgis; sale starts at 1:00 p.m.
- February 11 – Pesticide Safety Education Training; Ohio Co. Extension Center; 8:00 a.m. till 11:00 a.m.
- February 15 – Maple Day at Hitchel Farm; Hitchel Farm near Cromwell; 9:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.
- February 18 – Beef/Forage Meeting; Ohio Co. Extension Center, Hartford; 6:00 p.m.
- February 20 – Pesticide Safety education Training; Ohio Co. Extension Center; 8:00 a.m. till 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m.
- February 25 – Master Logger Web TV; Ohio Co. Extension Center, Hartford; 8:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. CT
- March 6 – Pesticide Safety Education Training; Ohio Co. Extension Center; 6:00 till 9:00 p.m.
- March 11 – Beef Quality & Care Assurance Training; Ohio Co. Extension Center; 6:00 p.m.
- March 20 – Drone Sprayer School; U.K. Research & Education Center, Princeton
For information and registration for KATS Workshops visit kats.ca.uky.edu or contact Lori Rogers 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.