


NIKKI'S NEWSLETTER

Marshall County's Agriculture & Natural Resources Update

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Hello friends, I am pleased to share my upcoming programs with you but since there are so many opportunities to learn, I didn't have a ton of room for articles this month. I summarized some timely information that I feel is important below and included QR codes so you can easily access the full articles.

A quick lesson in QR codes. QR codes look like this:  Simply turn your smartphone camera on and focus it on the QR code. When promoted, click on the link that pops up and it will take you to the linked article.



One topic I wish I could elaborate on is the **High Pathogenic Avian Influenza**. Two snow geese with HPAI were found in Henderson County. HPAI can be found in many wild birds and poultry. If you have chickens, be on the lookout for symptoms, limit traffic to and around your coop and keep wild birds out if possible. For more information use the QR code provided.



Another topic for discussion is **beekeeping**. The EPA recently released an advisory to clarify which pesticides beekeepers can use to control varroa mites in their hives. If you are a beekeeper and are treating for varroa mites, please read the article provided by the UK entomologist by accessing the QR code provided. Remember, the label is the law and don't shoot the messenger! haha



Yet another hot topic is the **KY cattle EID tag regulations** currently being debated. My understanding is that this topic is fluid and the news will likely change while this newsletter is in the mail. Therefore, I just wanted to make sure you all are aware of the topic and hopefully have time to research and decide your stance on this controversial topic. Again, don't shoot the messenger!

Happy farming!

-Nikki Rhein

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Raising the Steaks Breakfast

Marshall County's Annual Beef Production Meeting

Join us for a big "o" breakfast including ribeye steaks, eggs,
all the "fixins" & an educational presentation on the
hottest beef production topic!

Topic:
**Livestock Risk
Protection Insurance**
Dr. Burdine, UK Economist

Meal graciously provided by:



Wednesday, March 20th
8:30 am
*Marshall County
Extension Office*

MUST RSVP @
270-527-3285



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Grain Grower's Night Out

Marshall County Extension Service's annual grain production update. Join us for dinner and discussion on some of the hottest topics facing grain growers in 2024!

**Soybean
Diseases and
Fungicides**
with Dr. Carl Bradley

**February 26th
5:30pm**

**Marshall County
Extension Office**
*1933 Mayfield Hwy.
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Meal graciously
provided by:





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2024 Winter Ag Conference

FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 9th
7:45 AM

LOWRY FARMS
5183 KY-94 W
WATER VALLEY, KY

“Drones: Farming on the Fly”

Farmer Representative on Drone Uses
Drone Technology in Ag and Natural Resources
Drone Licensing and Sizing
Using Drones for Custom Aerial Applications
Panel Discussion

Josh Lancaster
Jeremy Sandifer
Josh Jackson
Jack Tearman
Above Speakers

*****Sponsored Lunch and Product Vendors on Site*****
KY & TN Pesticide and CCA CEU's are pending



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Call Your County Office to Register:
Carlisle: 270-628-5458
Calloway: 270-753-1452
Graves: 270-247-2334
Fulton: 270-236-2351
Marshall: 270-527-3285
McCracken: 270-554-9520
Hickman: 270-653-2231



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Adult Farmer Grain Series

This program is a collaboration between Jeff Futrell with the Adult Agriculture Program and Nikki Rhein with the Marshall County Extension Service. Please join us for grain production classes every Monday night at 6:30pm at the MC Extension Office. Questions? Contact: Jeff Futrell 270-703-8306 or Nikki Rhein 270-527-3285

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- ~~1/15 Input Prices and Outlook- Todd Greshan~~
 - ~~1/22 Budgeting- Jeff Futrell~~
 - ~~1/29 Agronomy Issues- Jessie Little~~
 - 2/ 5 Weed Control & Chemical Experiment- Dr. Travis Legleiter
 - 2/12 Corn Diseases & Fungicide Update- Dr. Kiersten Wise
 - 2/19 Grain Marketing Outlook- Lauren Gibson
 - 2/26 "Grain Grower's Night Out"
Soybean Diseases & Fungicide Update- Dr. Carl Bradly
 - 3/4 Agronomy Issues with Jessie Little (@ MC Library)

*February 26th will be Nikki's annual "Grain Grower's Night Out." That night, a dinner will be provided by Peel & Holland. You must rsvp for the dinner by calling 270-527-3285.



Pesticide Private Applicator

2024 Trainings

Who needs this certification?

Anyone who sprays "restricted use" pesticides privately (not for compensation.) Those who spray for compensation need a commercial applicator license from the KDA.

How long does it last?

It's valid for 3 years and expires on Dec. 31st of the final year.

What if you absolutely cannot attend?

Contact the Extension Office to schedule a one-on-one training.

Two Chances:

Tuesday
Feb. 20th
8:30am

Monday
March 18th
8:30am



Land Rent Considerations

Tuesday, Feb. 27th

6:00pm

Graves County
Extension Office

Join us as Jenifer Rogers from the Purchase Farm Analysis Group discusses what to consider when working through land rental agreements.



Please RSVP!
Call 270-247-2334



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Mushrooms

**Join Dr. Ellen Crocker, UK Forest Health Specialist,
as she discusses the wild mushrooms
found in our region and how to identify them!**

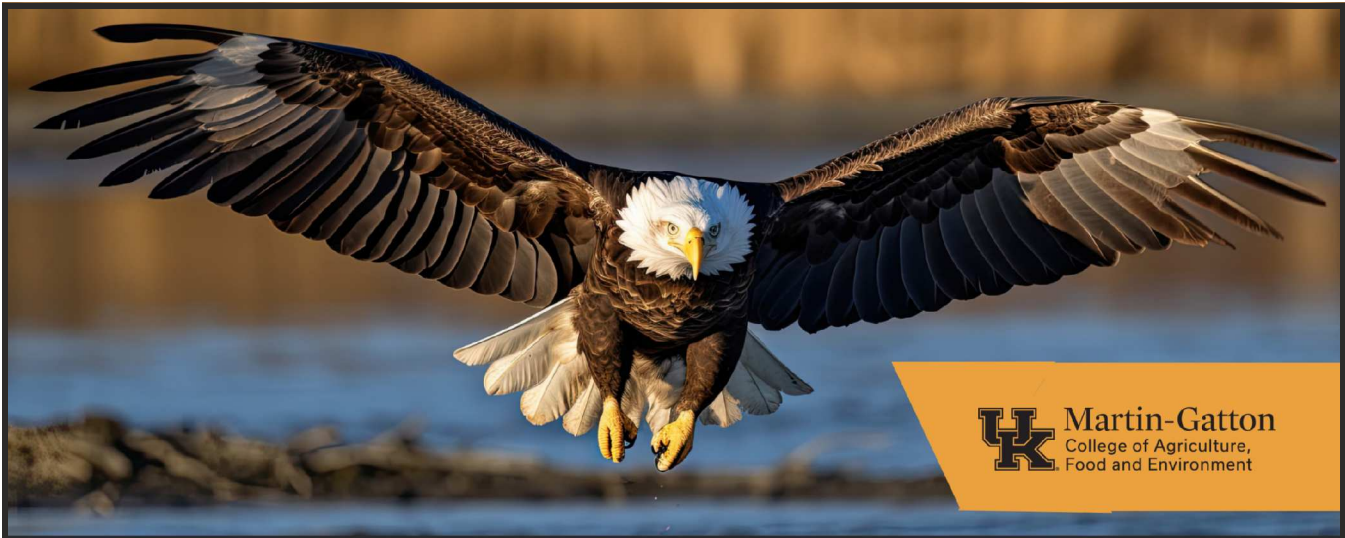
**3:30pm
March 5th, 2024
Marshall County Extension Office
RSVP by calling 270-527-3285**


Program provided by the Marshall, Livingston & Calloway County Extension Offices

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All About Eagles

Join LBL (Land between the
Lakes) conservationists as
they share the conservation
history of eagles and offer
tips for successful local
eagle watching! 

Two Chances:

February 21st

10:00am

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February 26th

5:30pm

McCracken County

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Lunch Break Gardening Series

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March's Topic:
**Invasive
Plants**



Join UK Specialist, Dr. Ellen Crocker, as she shares information on invasive plants to avoid and why!

Join us during your lunch
break for a gardening
workshop!

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Includes a boxed lunch
from a local restaurant

1st Wednesday Monthly
12:15-12:45pm
at the Marshall County
Extension Office



RSVP by March 1st
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Marshall County Conservation District's

Highlight of the Month:

Local Student Wins Art & Writing Contest



Each year, the Marshall County Conservation District sponsors the Jim Claypool Conservation Art and Writing Contest. Elementary students are eligible for the art contest, while middle and high school students may participate in the writing portion. The Conservation District awards cash prizes to students and to schools with 100% participation. This year 1,985 students county-wide participated in the art portion of the contest. The county winner for the 2022 Jim Claypool Conservation Art Contest is Austyn Medley from South Marshall Elementary School. Thank you to his teacher Ginny Harper for assisting him in the process.

Recipe of the Month

BBQ Venison Meatballs

Ingredients:

Meatballs

1 pound ground venison (may substitute elk or beef)
½ cup 2% milk
¾ cup rolled oats
½ cup minced fresh onion
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon black pepper

Sauce

*1 cup ketchup
*½ cup water
*½ cup grated onion
*2 tablespoons vinegar
*¼ cup brown sugar
*¼ teaspoon black pepper

Directions:

Combine venison, milk, oats, onion, salt, and pepper in a large bowl. Use a sturdy spoon or clean hands to mix well. Shape meat mixture into 12 1-inch balls, and place in a shallow 9-by-13-inch baking pan.

*Combine all the sauce ingredients in a bowl and stir well. Pour sauce over meatballs. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees F for 1 hour, turning over twice.

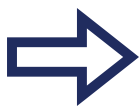
Yield: 10, 1-cup servings

Adapted from: "Fish & Game Cookbook" Bonnie Scott. 2013.

Nutrition Facts per Serving: 160 calories, 3g total fat, 1g saturated fat, 0g trans fat, 65mg cholesterol, 220mg sodium, 14g total carbohydrate, 1g dietary fiber, 6g total sugars, 3g added sugars, 20g protein, 0% DV vitamin D, 4% DV calcium, 15% DV iron, 6% DV Potassium



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